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The Harvest Home

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day
All offences purge away;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord quickly, come
To thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified,
In thy presence to abide;
Come, with all thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

—*Henry Alford.*

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

Having attended to emergency matters during the past week and holding myself in readiness for any other emergency that might arise I came up to the Sabbath day with no appointment. In response to a desire to worship with the people of the First Church, Winston-Salem, we went in that direction. As our coming was unannounced we took them by surprise. On going into the auditorium we found a fine group of men in the men's class as taught by Bro. C. H. Smith. When the rest of the school re-assembled it was found that the attendance was gratifying. In as much as the pastor, Rev. J. L. Trollinger, did not know that I was to be there and had prepared a sermon appropriate for the beginning of the year I prevailed on him to preach, allowing me to say whatever I wanted to say to this, my former congregation. The worship service was well arranged and everything went as smoothly as clock work. A printed bulletin was used making announcements unnecessary. The congregation was reverent and entered heartily into the service. The pastor preached a very appropriate sermon on the subject, "Our Task—Our Privilege." This sermon splendidly outlined the work to be done during the year, comprehending all phases of the work, both for the local Church, and the Annual Conference and for World Service. Really, it was one of the most comprehensive programs which I have heard. After hearing this I was glad that I did not interrupt by attempting to preach.

It was a great delight to your servant and his wife to be in the services of this historic Church. Our Church in Winston-Salem has the distinction of being the first Church in our Conference to be made a station and having the all-time services of a pastor. Through all the years it has remained one of our most loyal churches. While it has not grown as rapidly as some of our churches and while it has suffered some reverses in the years gone by, it is still going strong and can be depended on to do things. The pastor, Brother Trollinger, seems to have a good hold on things and is popular with his people.

District Chairmen Appointed

Having conferred with Bro. R. M. Cox, the laymember of the Stationing Committee the following are being appointed District Chairmen, the committee not being able to work out this list before Conference adjourned: First district, W. M. Howard, Jr.; second district, T. J. Whitehead; third, E. A. Bingham; fourth, F. W. Paschall; fifth, J. Elwood Carroll; sixth, C. W. Bates; seventh, J. W. Braxton; eighth, S. W. Taylor; ninth, J. C. Madison; tenth, J. C. Auman; eleventh, C. E. Ridge; twelfth, G. L. Curry; thirteenth, J. L. Trollinger; fourteenth, T. G. Madison; fifteenth, C. G. Isley; sixteenth, H. W. Bell; seventeenth, T. M. Johnson; and eighteenth, E. L. Ballard.

We are making no changes in the districts and those wanting to know what charges are in certain districts can find out by referring to the report of the Stationing Committee as found in the 1936 *Journal.*

After this week I hope to know more definitely about my work for the next few weeks as the committee on Fellowship Crusade will have another meeting on Friday. Then I hope to be able to tell the brethren whether I can be with them in their quarterly conferences or not.

Now let me say a word about the offering for the Children's Home. It is always such a short time between the meeting of the Annual Conference and Thanksgiving that it is difficult for the pastors who move to get on the charge in time to do much for the offering. But for a number of years we have been calling upon our people for a good offering for the Home at Thanksgiving. We do not want to do less this year than we have done in former years. In fact, we ought to do more. Let every pastor do his best in regard to this offering and where the pastor has not yet moved let some laymen get busy and see to it that the thing is done. Dr. Dixon and the children are depending on us. We dare not disappoint them.

When you see this in print address the president at 834 Circle Drive, High Point, N. C.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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THANKSGIVING! THANKSGIVING!

What are your plans for getting all your people to make an offering to the Children's Home? So much depends upon your plans.

The Children's Home has a warm place in the hearts of all Methodist Protestant people, and it is because of this love that we have been privileged to provide a Christian Home for 110 children. For a long time we have been pleading every Thanksgiving for our people to help us out of debt. We are so grateful to you, and to the good God above, for helping with that. But this time we are asking you to plan wisely and well to get the Home before all your people, and secure a liberal offering to help keep us out of debt, and to provide adequately for the children here.

All orphanages look to their constituency for a good offering at Thanksgiving. Some of the groups have set large goals for their orphanage. What will ours be? How cheering it would be, and what a lift it would give us if our Thanksgiving offering from 30,000 members should be $5,000. It ought to be more. The dear Lord bless and direct in it all. He will if we permit Him.

A. G. DIXON, *Supt.*

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First Church Property, Charlotte

This was bid in last Monday by Bro. L. H. Sides, Concord; the court allows ten days for the bid to be raised; if not raised in that time, the property becomes the property of our Concord friend. The members of the First Methodist Protestant Church will be given an opportunity to take over the property, we understand.

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A Message in Verse

A GRATEFUL SONG

I am so grateful, Lord, today,
I must kneel down to pray,
To thank Thee, not alone for bread,
And for my sheltering roof, my bed,
But for a thousand splendid things
My glad heart lifts and sings;
For eyes to see the sun's good light;
For ears to hear the swift-winged bright
Voice of the birds, and the wind through trees,
The fragrance upon the breeze,
The velvet touch of leaf and flower;
Thy care about me, hour by hour;
Thy hand, unseen, that guides me through
The day's length with its work to do,
And gently, tenderly the while
Down every straight or crooked mile.
Thy Word, its promises that grow
To guide me as I go.
I am so grateful, Lord, for these,
I thank Thee on my knees.

—*Grace Noll Crowell.*

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"That They Go Forward"

In every great movement there may come periods when people become satisfied with their accomplishments and slow down, or being discouraged with their progress quit trying to advance. And the longer they tarry the more difficulty their leaders have in making them go forward. The Israelites had gotten out of Egypt but Egypt was still in them. They had gotten away from the terror of the Egyptian army, but were now afraid to face an uncertain future. In that state of mind the past was more attractive to them than the Land of Promise to which they were being led. And as they tarry at at Sinai, although in the presence of the thunderings of the Mount, they begin to doubt as they hear the voice of the agitator. It is ever thus, turn aside from your task, stop for just a short time and the deadly influence of the agitator begins. These Israelites were crying unto the Lord but were refusing to obey the Lord. They wanted deliverance but were expecting it to come from Jehovah rather than through themselves.

This scene is frequently reenacted in the modern Church. At the beginning of every new year the average pastor has to face situations very much like the one Moses faced at Sinai. The future is feared; the past is revered. The people freed from the tasks and troubles of the past year, fear to assume the responsibilities of the new; see them standing still and crying unto the Lord for help until the Lord has to speak to them much as He did to the Israelites, "Why criest unto me . . go forward." It is just too bad for the cause of righteousness when a people major in shedding tears rather than in performing their duties. It was not Israel's duty to emphasize the hazards of the way to Canaan, but to prepare themselves to advance. In fact no people ever makes spiritual progress by telling their troubles and weeping over their misspent past. It is not by emphasizing our failures that we go forward, but by arming ourselves for the conquest. They had better by far pack their troubles away in the hidden chambers of their souls and march, march. Human progress depends upon human effort and until men are ready to do their part it is useless to cry unto the Lord for deliverance from any unhappy situation. God arms us to fight His battles for Him, but we must do the fighting. God sets before each of us some fair Canaan for us to inhabit, but we must march to it. It is the will of our Heavenly Father that the world shall be redeemed, but He is waiting upon men to redeem it. His strength is poured through people's minds and lives. And it is His will today that we go forward as it was His will in the days of Moses that His people go forward.

Let us re-echo again and again the words of the Lord, "Ye have tarried at this mount long enough." We do not advance by standing still. We cannot improve our future by yearning for the pleasures of the past. Even though progress means hardship it must be endured.

St. Peter's idea of spiritual progress was growth in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. St. Paul spoke of being crucified with Christ, dead to sin, and alive unto righteousness. Our Lord said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." And so advancement in living a good life is herein set forth in plain and understandable terms that we may go forward.

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Being Thankful

To be deeply sensible of kindnesses received bespeaks a nobleness of spirit often absent in people. To appreciate the kindness of others enough to say "thank you" ought not to be uncommon. But when upon stated occasions we sit down and recount the blessings which have come into our lives from God and from our fellows and we can rise up with a high sense of gratitude and pledge our lives to nobler service, we show forth the real spirit that ought to move all of us in this year, 1937. To be alive in such an age; to be able to face the opportunities of our day; to have an increasing consciousness of the goodness of God; to have a place in His kingdom to serve; to have the fine fellowship of His people—these are some of the gifts which come from our Heavenly Father.

Like the Pilgrim Fathers we have had bountiful harvests; business has been much better than last year with many. No great plague or pestilence has swept our land. While wars and rumors of war trouble other nations, there is peace within our bounds. And there is a turning to the Church by some who had ceased to assemble themselves at the places appointed for worship. There are other evidences of a rising tide of righteous living. People are remembering the orphan child and the benevolent enterprises of the Church.

So let us join them by bringing our gifts to the Home on Thanksgiving Day or before that day. And by this token prove our love for the homeless children in our Church and state. Remember the request made by the Orphanage association of our state that we bring a gift equal to a day's income to the Home.

Doing Our Best

There is no finer objective one can set before himself for the tasks of the day than to do the best he can. While he will meet those who have set as a task to learn certain truth, others to get a certain amount of money, others still to be elected to a certain office, etc., and then to be happy over the accomplishment. But he or she who begins the duties of each day with the resolve that for that day he shall do his very best, not his second best, not the best that some one else might do, but his own very best; he has the most worthy objective. There are some very unhappy people because they cannot get so much wealth as their neighbors; some poor souls are unhappy because they do not have two or three college degrees like some of their friends exhibit on their letterheads or display a Phi Beta Kappa Key from their watch chain. They tell you, "Oh, if I could make money like so and so; could speak like so and so; could teach like so and so; could make friends like so and so; if only I could do this or that, I would be happy." And so they remain unhappy and inactive most of their lives. Pastors often meet this kind of people as they seek Church workers. But God never expects you to do as so and so. You and I are to be ourselves, do our tasks faithfully and forget how well or how poorly others do theirs. Doing our best even though it is not so good as others, doing our best even excelling others. This is our task—our best for us is our task today.

> "Give love, and love to your heart will flow,
> A strength in your utmost need;
> Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
> Their faith in your word and deed."

Some Changes in the Herald

Beginning this week, the new HERALD year, we have changed postoffice address: we are asking that all mail be sent to Box 1817, High Point, N. C. This will save the time and expense of the Editor going to Greensboro two or three times each week. You will also observe that we have added to our Editorial Staff several of the brethren who will write, from time to time over their own signature, on such topics as they think should be discussed in the HERALD. This does not imply that articles from all who desire to write shall not be welcome; nor that the Editor is trying to escape the duties of writing; it means that we believe these men will make a valuable contribution to the paper and that our readers will appreciate their services.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS

The International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, November 21, 1937

By REV. T. J. WHITEHEAD

Scripture—Acts 6:1-10; I Corinthians 3:10-15; Galatians 6:6-10; I Timothy 6:11-21.

Golden Text—"Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—Galatians 6:9.

In our last lesson we studied about the place of the Christian minister in the Church. He is the head of the congregation that he serves. But it takes more than a minister to make a Church. He must have people who are willing to work with him. The membership of the Church must be willing to work for the interests of the Kingdom of God if the Church is to be a power for good in the world.

It takes work, and a lot of it, to accomplish worthwhile things. Work is a necessity for human beings. Stearns Morse has written an article in *The Christian Century* for November 17, 1937, under the title, "What Is the Right to Work?" He states that work is both biologically and psychologically necessary for the preservation of life. He says, "Human beings need work for their health and happiness just as truly as they need escape from work: rest, relation, recreation."

Work is just as essential to the spiritual development of the life of a people. Preaching the Word calls for work. Winning souls take work. Building the brotherhood of believers into an organization requires work. The financing of the program of the Church demands work on the part of the official board and the membership. The planning and conducting of programs and services of worship should have time and effort. These things demand work just as much as agriculture, business, teaching, industry, housekeeping, etc. That is the first lesson that we should learn from today's study.

Another thing that we need to see as a result of this study is that there are different grades of work. Some work will stand the test. Other work will not. Paul informs the Christians in the Corinthian Church that the masterbuilder will build upon the one solid foundation which is Jesus Christ. (I Cor. 3:11) This was a timely message for the people in the Church at Corinth. It was a worldly, sophisticated and licentious city. The converts in the Church were being influenced by the people on the outside. They were growing careless in their thinking and acting. They were in danger of substituting things of secondary importance in the place of the one thing they needed most of all which was Jesus Christ. Theories about economics, politics, matter, and society are worthwhile. The danger we face in connection with these theories is that we will become so concerned about them that we will forget to think of them in terms of Christian ideals. The foundation of the Church to which we belong and the civilization in which we live is Jesus Christ. As Christian workers, we need to build the program of our Church, business and society upon this foundation.

There is a third idea that we want to keep in mind as we study today's lesson. It is a lesson that our generation of churchmen need. It is the thought contained in the golden text. We must not be weary in well doing. There will be discouragements in Christian work. There will be setbacks. There will be slackers and we will have to build for them as well as for ourselves. All of this will take some of the zeal out of us, but we must not be weary in well doing. On the other hand we must not be over optimistic when we are building a popular program around sensational methods. These may attract people but they will not enrich people. The things that draw the largest crowds do not always do the greatest good. It took hundreds of years to build the great cathedrals. It took about two years to build the wonderful Duke Chapel at Duke University. It takes years to grow a mighty oak. A warehouse or shed can be put together in just a few days. A mushroom springs up overnight. It takes a life time of learning, loving, giving, serving, and praying to make a great life—a life that leaves its mark in some way on the life that is to come. A person can come into a community and create a sensation over night. We as Christian workers should seek for that which abides and not that which today is and tomorrow is no more.

In conclusion may I give an outline of the qualities of a Christian leader that we discussed in the course, "The Art of Leadership," at High Point College last summer. You will have to fill in this outline in your own thinking and discussion. First, there are the personality marks of a Christian leader: 1. Experience of Christ; 2. Prophetic insight; 3. A knowledge of the history of mankind; 4. Love for all people; 5. Spirit of cooperation. Second, there are certain skills that a Christian leader and worker must develop: 1. Knowledge of all types of people; 2. Must possess a message; 3. Must have moral insight; 4. Must be able to enlist people for creative service; 5. Must teach growth; 6. Have ability to guide the growth of others; 7. Be able to cooperate; 8. Have the ability to carry his plans through; 9. Interpret the needs of mankind; 10. Have and develop patience.

Closing Word

During the past year I have prepared the Sunday School notes for every issue of The Herald. Some people have been very kind by expressing their appreciation. I thank them for their kind words. Let me assure you that I have been greatly enriched by studying these lessons and preparing them for publication. We are having some wonderful Sunday School lessons. Careful study should be made of every one of them. I wish for my successor the greatest of success in his undertaking.

Beginning with the first issue of The Herald in January I will be back with you in a series of articles on the problem of teaching. Do you have any questions that you would like to have answered in that series? If so, please write me about them. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Henderson, N. C.

Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, pastor of Grace Church, Greensboro, is conducting chapel services at Elon College this week and next.

UNITED FOR CONQUEST

(An Address by Dr. M. T. Plyler, Editor of the *N. C. Christian Advocate,* Delivered at the Annual Conference as Fraternal Messenger)

The Union of our three American Methodisms is assured. Within the next two years the formal adjustments in the three households should be finished so that we all as one family can gather about one common hearthstone. For more than fifty years forward-looking Methodists have longed for this glorious consummation; during the past decade we have moved hastily to this good day.

The followers of John Wesley were instructed to think and let think. All were taught to agree to differ. Often they differed and sometimes they divided, without being careful to live up to Wesley's instructions. So, the divisions and outgoing of groups from the Methodist household during the last two centuries have been many, to say nothing of the millions converted about Methodist altars who have gone into other Communions. But at last the tide has turned—British Methodism became one a few years ago. Now American Methodism has followed the Wesleyans of the Mother Country. Surely all this should make our hearts glow with a new sense of the Aldersgate experience and the fresh personal contacts sure to follow this new unity should qualify us for glorious conquest.

Back of Methodist Conquest

That we may compass the future we would do well to be mindful of a few essentials common to and back of the Methodist conquest.

First, there was the conviction that God is in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, and along with this went the assurance that God works in man and through man in making a new world. The Methodist doctrines were so simple they could be preached anywhere and so comprehensive that they embraced all men. That all men are sinners; that all men may be saved; and that a man when he is saved will know it, fitted in well with the experiences and longings of the masses to whom the Wesleyans made appeal. In the fields and in the forests, in the cabins of the frontier and in the long meeting houses of pioneer days, the Methodists plead and prayed and sang as they told of One mighty to save. Notwithstanding English Deism and French infidelity in America, they made God a living presence and a conscious power in the soul of man.

Second, the Methodists won and used all classes and conditions of men. From field and factory and coal-pit and counting house came their preachers. These men knew little of the schools but they were well versed in the school of Christ. Later schools and colleges developed on both sides of the water and as time went on divisions came in the Methodist family, but the spirit of the Methodist ministry through all the years has remained wonderfully true to type. Everywhere the Methodist preacher is much the same. With the coming of Methodist Union the preachers of the several Methodisms will be as to the manner born. And with the personal contacts that must follow the same will be true of the laymen. Ours is a common heritage.

Sure of Their Road

Third, the Methodists knew what they were up to and where they were going. Their business was to save men from sin and to spread scriptural holiness over these lands. For this John Wesley flamed across England and Francis Asbury rode at the head of the men on horseback in America.

John Wesley attacked, as no other had done, war, the slave trade, drunkenness, dueling, Sabbath desecration, corruption in national life and all other vices of his day. The same was true of the Methodists in America. They were crusaders for God and for righteousness in an unflagging effort to make a better world.

But these early Methodists were not tied down to the dead level of earth. This world was not their home. Clark records, ''In church and chapels, by the wayside, and in the field, in the shop and in the kitchen, in the parlor, on foot and on horseback, men learned to sing.'' On earth they sang of heaven. With Bible and hymn book in hand and a strong sense of God within, the Methodist itinerant, a pilgrim bound for the promised land, pressed forward singing of his heavenly home, ''so bright and fair.''

Such a spirit will make for the conquest of United Methodism—and the agencies of yesterday will be effective in the tomorrows.

A Few Practical Suggestions

1. With the coming of Methodist Union we should put the stress on that which is within. The organic unity of life and of religion lies at the core of existence and at the center of religion; variety belongs in all things to the region of externals. Too often we stress the fringe of being rather the core of reality. In the depth of life and of religion is that which enables human nature to remain evermore the same through the long ages and makes man at all times incurably religious. The vast variety of races and nations and tribes and tongues, wtih their numerous forms of life and religion, belong to that which is of the externals. Great men touch the core of being and are independent of time and place. ''There is neither border nor breed nor birth when two strong men stand face to face.'' Such men are limited not to the fringe and tinsel of things; they live and move and have their being largely independent of that which doth appear.

Methodism is really one at the heart. We are all alike under the skin. Our differences are truly the most superficial possible. We Methodists speak a universal language in song and prayer, in pulpit and in pew. The differences that exist are really in appearance and not in reality. They are primarily a matter of tradition and association apart from fellowship and personal contact. Through the long years as the form has been exalted above reality we have over-emphasized the non-essentials. We need as never before to be brought together in prayer and song and in breaking of bread and in fellowship as were the early Christians. The Aldersgate Commemoration, with its emphasis on a glowing religious experience, comes at an hour that should make for the oneness of our common Methodism.

Possibly nothing more is to be desired just now than the mystical element in religion to bring us to the inner core of life and religion in Methodism. The early Methodists stressed those inner experiences that made for saintliness of character. They rang the changes on the sense of God in the soul of man and in the mystical experiences of Christian life. Would that we did more of this these last days.

How well Rufus Jones, America's greatest mystic, writes of the beautiful-souled Alice Freeman Palmer: ''She had a way all through her life of making her decisions and choosing her course and giving herself in noble service 'face to face with God'; that is as though she were in his visible presence and as acting positively for the love of God. It was His presence here in the world that made it for her a beautiful and glorious world to live in. God was for her a living reality that gave every feature of life its worth and its meaning and so she lived a rich and wonderful life, shot through at every point by His life and love and made radiant and thrilling even when she was doing ordinary and commonplace things.'' As Pompilia says: ''Through such souls alone God stooping shows sufficient of His light for us in the dark to rise by.''

Fellowship and Association

2. Our immediate need is for fellowship and more intimate association on the part of all our people. Public assemblies of all our people in which the young and the old are brought together for song and prayer and fellowship should receive new emphasis. If great gatherings cannot be had let smaller groups be assembled. To this end here in North Carolina we have been moving for fifteen years. Surely this coming year should find a redoubled effort on the part of all of us. In town and country places, in school and college, in revival and missionary effort our three Methodisms should be bound together in the fellowship of a common task.

Would that God might raise up leaders for the noble work before us. Men who know something of the experiences of Paul in the storm on the Mediterranean and of his lofty exaltations in the third heaven as he talked with the heavenly intelligences there, are needed. Men with the daring and heroic spirit of Francis Asbury facing the frontiers in pioneer days would be of untold value as we face our new frontiers. But better still will be the glowing heart to fuse us into a glorious fellowship of crusaders in the cause of righteousness. The call comes anew across every sea, and a daring challenge meets us at every turn in this our own land. It is the old and ever new challenge of spreading Scriptural holiness over these lands. To this end were we born and for this cause have we come into this Union.

PIEDMONT MINISTERS MEET

All ministers within driving distance of Greensboro are invited to attend and join the Piedmont Ministers' Association when it holds its regular monthly session at Grace Church, Monday, November 22, at 10:30 o'clock. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at this time.

Correction in Subscriptions Reported

In last week's Herald the number of subscriptions for Mt. Hermon Charge was given as 38 when they had sent in 44 yearly subscriptions. While the year is closed we want to recognize the fine service Pastor Anderson and his people did for The Herald.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Is Our Education Earth-bound?

General education, I think, is tied too close to the earth. It spreads out in every direction, but fails to reach up high enough. It is earth-bound. The gardener will tell you that a plant set in a small vessel soon becomes pot-bound, its roots soon reach the sides of the pot and turn in on themselves. It needs space, distance, expansion. So with education; it is earth-bound, whereas it ought to be as high as heaven. Its content from start to finish is man-made, while in fact the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Instruction is for man, about man, glorifies man, and stops with man. God is left out and fellowship with the Eternal is not even attempted. Our education is of the earth, earthy.

Last spring I gave about fourteen commencement addresses. While waiting on the platform before great, enthusiastic community audiences assembled to witness the graduation exercises I often thought how unfortunate it was that so many fine looking, intelligent people had gathered only in the name of human effort. How unfortunate that they did not make the Great Teacher real on these occasions, and try to worship and honor Him with such a splendid array of triumph and talent. Some schools do not even open the program with a devotion nor close it with a benediction.

And so I often spoke this, my feeling, to the local pastors who were in attendance. I have also remarked the same to the principals. All of this hard work of teaching, high cost of the instruction, elaborate displays of human achievement is built around man's notion of wisdom. High school graduates are leaving the classes with excellent knowledge of history and mathematics but with no adequate idea of religion and the Bible. Shakespeare is studied to the point of passing, but the classics of Charles Wesley and Isaac Watts remain untouched in the dark. Laboratories are open for the study of soil and rocks, but no mention is made of the Rock of Ages. Every area of life is covered, I think, except the spiritual, where perhaps the largest possibility exists. We are intended for religious development, but this side of life goes unattended. We are potential sons of God, but public education knows it not and makes no effort to inform us in this direction.

Now, one of two things is true: First, God is present in the world, available and ready to dwell in human life to uplift, save, and dignify human nature or He is not. God is here or He isn't. If He is here, really available for our needs, then that is the most tremendous fact in all the world. But if He is not thus our ever-present helper, then our churches, our Bible, and all of our pious claims are the greatest mockery on earth. Of course He is here, ready to dwell in and inspire and redeem mankind. ''The tabernacles of God are with man.''

Then, the second proposition is this: This tremendous fact of the Divine presence for man stands at the very center of our hopes and needs and should by all means be considered in our plans of teaching the young. It is the ''grandest story ever told,'' and we ought to be telling it. It is a poor teacher who omits the best element of his knowledge; a poor mathematician who leaves out the multiplication table, and a careless historian who avoids the most important event of all times. Yes, we do have a unique, vital, redeeming truth in our heritage and we must build education around it.

But how? Frankly, the state schools can not do it. Your public system will not, under the law, attempt it. It can not. It was never intended that state-supported schools should teach religion. In colonial days religion fared better at the hand of education. As Roger Babson suggests, you may say what you please about the idea of heaven and hell, but this country was founded on it. But education is now secularized.

Since religion is outside the curriculum of public education I see only three institutions left to impart the vital spiritual truth of God and religion: the home, the Church, and the Church-related college. There is evidence that these sources of instruction are not entirely adequate. The home is rather secular, the Sunday School is unscientific, and the denominational college in most cases has too much to do to lay the proper emphasis upon religion and spiritual reality. A great service can be rendered by the institution that will come to grips with this issue, and I covet that distinction for High Point College.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS

Charge	*W. Scr.*	*A.C. Exp.*	*A.C.D.*	*Ch. Ext.*	*Super.*	*Col.*
Alamance	$ 550	$110	$48	$48	$36	$75
Albemarle	430	35	17	17	36	65
Anderson	300	30	15	15	27	50
Asheboro	665	80	35	35	60	100
Asheville	300	20	10	10	33	25
Brown Summit	25	8	4	4	6	25
Burlington, First	825	150	66	66	67	125
Burlington, Ft. Place	175	20	10	10	15	35
Caroleen-Shelby	125	18	9	9	25	40
Chatham	110	16	8	8	5	25
Cleveland	850	75	34	34	42	100
Concord	540	110	55	55	42	100
Connelly Springs	200	8	4	4	10	25
Creswell	525	25	13	13	37	35
Danville	75	12	6	6	28	60
Davidson	645	75	25	25	29	75
Democrat	110	6	3	3	4	25
Denton	450	35	16	16	28	50
Draper	150	12	6	6	25	25
Enfield	250	28	14	14	25	50
Fallston	150	55	25	25	36	75
Flat Rock	690	90	45	45	33	75
Friendship-Love's Grove	300	30	15	15	37	75
Forsyth	500	75	35	35	48	75
Gibsonville	450	70	15	15	36	75
Glen Raven-Haw River	450	36	15	15	40	75
Graham	450	37	17	17	40	75
Granville	600	110	55	55	45	85
Greensboro, Calvary	620	40	20	20	45	80
Greensboro, Grace	640	70	35	35	50	100
Greensboro, St. Paul	400	30	15	15	39	50
Greensboro, West End	400	30	15	15	36	75
Greensville	500	30	15	15	30	60
Guilford	500	30	15	15	27	60
Halifax	600	60	30	30	34	75
Haw River	600	50	25	25	48	75
Henderson	700	50	25	25	45	100
High Point, First	1100	150	67	67	80	300
High Point, Lebanon	525	50	25	25	28	100
High Point, Rankin Mem.	100	25	13	13	30	50
High Point, Welch Mem.	300	50	25	25	39	75
Kannapolis	225	20	10	10	28	50
Kernersville-S. Winston	300	30	15	15	29	60
Lexington-W. Th'masville	450	40	15	15	30	50

Charge	*W. Ser.*	*A.C. Exp.*	*A.C.D.*	*Ch. Ext.*	*Super.*	*Col.*
Lexington, First	350	40	20	20	45	60
Liberty	350	30	15	15	18	50
Lincolnton-Bess Chapel	500	45	17	17	32	75
Littleton	350	40	20	20	21	60
Mebane	325	30	15	15	30	60
Mecklenburg	325	30	15	15	24	60
Midway	150	20	10	10	9	25
Mocksville	250	30	15	15	23	25
Mill Grove	100	10	5	5	4	20
Moriah	225	25	12	12	18	40
Mt. Hermon	900	90	45	45	37	100
Mt. Pleasant	750	82	41	41	46	75
Mt. Zion	100	20	10	10	10	25
North Davidson	520	60	30	30	30	100
Orange	750	90	45	45	45	100
Pensacola	50	10	5	5	3	20
Pine Bluff	50	10	5	5	5	20
Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	600	50	25	25	30	75
Pleasant Grove	400	50	25	25	33	75
Porter	75	4	2	2	4	10
Randleman	400	50	25	25	30	75
Randolph	500	70	35	35	30	100
Reidsville	450	22	11	11	45	65
Richland	500	30	15	15	27	65
Roberta	320	30	15	15	30	60
Rockingham	180	20	10	10	23	50
Saxapahaw	350	50	25	25	36	65
Seagrove-Love Joy	450	50	25	25	27	60
Shiloh	750	60	30	30	45	65
Siler City	350	50	25	25	19	60
Spencer-China Grove	50	10	5	5	4	20
Spring Church	500	50	25	25	33	65
Tabernacle	550	66	33	33	33	75
Thomasville, Com.	400	66	33	33	54	100
Thomasville, First	450	44	22	22	39	60
Union Grove	50	10	5	5	9	20
Vance	450	55	27	27	36	75
Weaverville	250	15	7	7	24	20
West Forsyth	350	50	25	25	27	60
Whitakers	200	20	10	10	15	50
Why Not	450	18	9	9	18	50
Winston, First	450	50	25	25	45	70
Yarborough	160	15	8	8	12	30

Note: The apportionment for Superannuates is based on 3 per cent of the salary received in 1936-37.

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THE CALL OF THE SECOND CONVOCATION OF NORTH CAROLINA PROTESTANTISM

Raleigh, January 18-20, 1938

The North Carolina Council of Churches, on behalf of thirteen Protestant denominations, issues herewith its call to the *Second Convocation of Churches*, to be held at Raleigh on January 18-20, 1938.

It is a *Call* to ministers and laymen, both men and women.

It is a *Call* to three days of rich fellowship with persons from all parts of the state, from all types of local churches, and from thirteen denominational bodies.

It is a *Call* to consider, around the general theme, *Thy Kingdom Come,* the most pressing problems in the life and work of the Church today.

It is a *Call* to meet and hear some of America's leading ministers and laymen, ten of whom are the following:

RUSSELL COLGATE, New York. President of the International Council of Religious Education and a leading Christian layman of his generation.

. . JONH BENNETT, Professor of Christian Theology, Auburn Theological Seminary. Author of *Social Salvation* and *Christianity—and Our World,* two books widely discussed today.

HORNELL HART, Professor of Social Ethics, Hartford Theological Seminary. Recent author of *Living Religion.* A thrilling exponent of vital religion for our time.

WILLIAM QUILLIAN, General Secretary, Board of Christian Education, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Recently returned from the Orient, he sees the challenge to Christian education around the world.

GRACE SLOAN OVERTON, Ann Arbor, Mich. A mother who knows family life and the problems of youth by first-hand experience. Her book, *The Family in a Changing Culture,* is a best seller. A leading voice this year, as last, in America's National Preaching Mission.

BENJAMIN R. LACY, President, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond. A native North Carolinian, known and loved throughout the state. Always alive!

MARY ALICE JONES, Director of Children's Work, International Council of Religious Education, Chicago. Former editor of Children's Church school literature, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Author and speaker of rare power. A native of the South, who always likes to come back home.

ARTHUR RAPER, Agnes Scott College. The best informed mind of the South on share-cropping and its ravages of rural civilization.

PAUL J. BRAISTED, New York City. Newly-elected General Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement of North America. Fully abreast of the student Christian movements throughout the world, Dr. Braisted will tell us what the new Student Volunteer must confront in the Orient.

HENRY S. LEIPER, New York City. Secretary, American Section of the Universal Christian Council. Leading force in the holding of Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences. Was for several years a resident in North Carolina. He will tell us in virile and unforgettable fashion what is happening to Christianity in Germany and other parts of Europe.

The above is only a partial list of Convocation leaders; others have been invited and will be announced soon.

For further information, write to Trela D. Collins, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches, 501 Southern Fire Building, Durham, N. C.

W. W. PEELE, *President,*
J. KENNETH PFOHL, *First Vice-President,*
W. C. JACKSON, *Second Vice-President,*
PAUL B. KERN, *Chairman, Executive Committee.*

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To All Correspondents to the Herald

Address all communications to M. P. HERALD, P. O. Box 1817, High Point. The editorial office is moved to the Furniture City.

Also please send in your "copy" for THE HERALD next on Monday, if possible. As Thursday is Thanksgiving the printers would like to take the day off. We will appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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Did You Get It?

Capt. A. M. Rankin, of High Point, lost an overcoat at the Asheboro Conference last week. No one except a very tall man could mistake it for his own and we had hoped there would be no trouble in recovering it. But as yet he has no trace of the coat. If any reader of the HERALD can help him find it please do it. Drop a card to him at High Point and all his friends will appreciate your service to him.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL, Editor
222 North Edgeworth Street
Greensboro, N. C.

NOTICE

Please send all Material for the Missionary Column to me not later than Wednesday noon of each week, to 222 North Edgeworth Street, Greensboro, N. C. This change of address is due to the fact that the editorial offices of the Herald have been moved from Greensboro to High Point, and the post office box here is being discontinued.

MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL.

LETTER FROM INDIA

Dear Friends:

Thanksgiving will soon be here. Yesterday was the Hindu Thanksgiving festival. This is their harvest season, so in their crude manner they celebrate their Thanksgiving season. In many of the homes a good meal was prepared, and in the evening a few cane stalks and the leaves from a certain tree were offered to the idols. The leaves they call gold, and thus in making the offering they make a golden one. Two big boys came this evening and gave me a few leaves. In reality this must have come from the Old Testament times as it corresponds to the Jewish offering of the first fruits.

It has been a treat to be here in the village and see them as they live daily. In getting ready for the festival they had some special seasons of preparation. By beating drums and singing and dancing some people had their cups to overflow, and from their behavior there was a generous supply which went to waste in dancing, jumping, jerking, and screaming. It was almost humorous to see them put bells on them, and on some of the feet were also instruments to make a noise. At times there were four or five going at the same time. With horns and loud drums it was enough to make even a sane person go crazy. It in a way was like talking in tongues, or like the "jerks" among the simple colored folks. To see and hear it under the name of religion simply made me sick. I could not sleep for some time after seeing it. But the next night I was ready for more. So when some high caste folks came along and asked me to go see some more in another part of the village, I went along. We located the place by the noise and lights. A bed was brought for me to use as a bench, and the meeting went right on. One woman was having a time with her god. It had surely gotten her and she was doing her part well. While I was enjoying the show a man under the spell made a dive for me. I jumped quickly to one side while a preacher tried to catch him. But he had only a bit of clothing about his middle. He fell over the bed and came again after me. Again I evaded him while the crowd herded him back into the flock of dancers, and after moving the bed everything moved along as if nothing had happened. As a matter of fact, the bed was across the path and the man, having lost himself in god, was only trying to get to the house of his god. To prove that the men were beyond normal feeling, a man with a big whip gave a man a few hard strokes which must have hurt a lot, but to which he paid no attention at all. While I was looking at the poor souls trying to receive a measure of divine joy, I prayed that in some way we could point them to the source of all real joy.

We have just returned from a most interesting experience. I am within six miles of Dhulia, yet I am living in the Dark Ages. A man from the village across the river came to ask a Hindu friend to come over and remove a demon from a woman. The Hindu came by and asked me to come along. I rode the horse across the river and joined the group at the house in which the woman was living. The Hindu asked for a small table which he put on the front porch. On the table he put a cocoanut. In front of the table he put a live coal from the cook room. The woman came out and he asked her to bow to the altar. Then she sat down in front of the altar. Some incense was sprinkled on the fire. It made quite a bit of smoke and some odor. Then a brass plate was put into her hand and a piece of camphor was put into the pan and burned. Several pieces of camphor were burned. The Hindu asked the woman to tell him what was troubling her. He asked her if some low caste woman was troubling her. But she wouldn't say a thing for him. Soon he gave up and said that he was unable to remove the bad spirit. Then one of the preachers had the stage cleared and he sat down before the poor woman. He had about decided what he thought was the trouble before he came onto the stage. So at once he asked the woman if her head was not troubling her a lot. He pointed out to her that she had a heavy feeling on top of the head and quite a pain in the back of the head. Then something to make her sneeze was put up her nose. After getting some results he put something into her eyes to make the tears come. After a short while he had her talking freely, and after assuring her that she could be cured easily at our mission hospital, we asked them to go at once to the hospital and see the doctor. So we shall let Dr. Lacy try her hand at removing demons. (Later I have just heard that the first step was a dose of castor oil.)

Wishing for you all a happy Thanksgiving, I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. F. MINNIS.

Dhulia, West Khandesh, India,
October 21.

LEBANON'S GRATITUDE

As a faithful pastor we miss you, Mr. Curry,
We miss the inspiration to us you did hurry.
You, too, Mrs. Curry, are missed in our work,
For your duties you never did shirk.

My vocabulary can't supply words to tell
How your absence within our hearts dwells;
Nevertheless when we meditate, a voice will say,
Your pastor is needed anywhere he may stay.

May God bless you and your people,
May His will be done under your steeple;
And may Lebanon their new pastor's work share,
As we for you and you for us did care.

MRS. VERNON DAUGHTRY, Reporter.

There is creative reading as well as creative writing.—Emerson.

MARRIED

Guthrie-Fuquay

On Saturday evening, October 30, 1937, at 5 o'clock, Watus Fuquay and Miss Margaret Guthrie were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Guthrie, by the writer. The room was beaitfully decorated and lighted with candles. This young couple is very highly respected in this community. They will make their home in Burlington. We wish for them a long, happy, and prosperous journey through life.

E. A. BINGHAM.

Hutchinson-Hicks

On Saturday evening, October 30, 1937, at 9 o'clock, at West End Methodist Protestant parsonage, Roy T. Hicks and Mary Hutchinson were united in marriage, the writer officiating.

Immediately after the ceremony they left for Washington, D. C., for a trip of a few days. These young people have the best wishes of a host of friends and the writer wishes for them the best in life.

They are both members of West End church and we are hoping that the uniting of their lives will mean that they are united in their efforts likewise for the church and the Kingdom's interests. They are making their home with the groom's mother, Mrs. T. J. Hicks, 700 Broad street, Greensboro.

Haynes-Moore

Thurman Haynes and Miss Doris Moore were united in marriage by the writer in Spring Hill church, Saturday, November 6, at 9 o'clock. Both bride and groom are highly esteemed young people, and are members of Spring Hill church. Mr. Haynes is Sunday school secretary.

WM. H. NEESE.

ANTHEMS AND PICTURES READY

Two sample books, one of anthems and the other of art pictures, have been prepared for choir directors and religious education workers, respectively, who are at a loss to know what material to select for their work.

The anthem book contains about 50 anthems, of a moderate grade of difficulty, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and general anthems. They run from 5 to 12 cents apiece. The book of art pictures contains as many two-cent size Perry pictures, divided into children, youth, and adult groups. They can be purchased in various sizes, some large enough for framing.

Either or both of these may be had for ten-day examination, by request to the writer, including 15 cents each for postage and the payment of return postage. A letter will accompany each book, giving information and suggestions for the use of either the anthems or pictures.

This is a project of the Department of Art, Music, and Worship of the Conference Council of Religious Education, and the workers with children and young people particularly in our churches are urged to take advantage of it.

E. LESTER BALLARD.
165 Hillside St., Asheville, N. C.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Rogersville, Mo., for shoes	$ 2,50
Woman's Auxiliary, Linthicum Heights, Md., for shoes	2.00
Mrs. R. A. Plunkett, Graham, helping support child	10.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Indianapolis, Ind., for shoes	1.50
Saxapahaw Union S. S., Saxapahaw	3.25
Henderson, special offering	5.81
Stony Knoll, W. Forsyth, sale of some old lumber	5.00
Seagrove S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	6.00
Midway S. S., Haw River	3.81
Julian S. S., Tabernacle	4.00
Macedonia S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
Liberty Grove S. S., Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Cambridge, Ohio, shoes and clothing	8.00
Rock Creek S. S., Alamance	2.00
The N. C. Branch, Woman's Auxiliary	151.12
Calvary church, Hayden, Md., T. O.	2.00
The Baraca class, Gibsonville, clothing child	5.00
Mr. I. F. Russell, Troy (Love Joy), T.O.	100.00
Spring Church S. S., Spring Church	5.16
First church S. S., Winston-Salem	5.00
Mrs. Brower, Gray's Chapel	.50
Mt. Pleasant on Mt. Zion	1.60
Fair Grove, Seagrove-Love Joy	5.00
Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	8.25
Bethel S. S., Flat Rock	4.11
Norwich church, Monk, Ga., T. O.	1.10
Calvary S. S., Greensboro	7.76
Woman's Auxiliary, Pleasantville, N.J., for shoes	6.00
Sheridan Avenue, Saginaw, Mich., for shoes	3.00
Stony Knoll S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Kannapolis S. S.	8.21
First church S. S., Lexington	4.00
Bethel S. S., Mocksville	1.00
Tabernacle S. S., Tabernacle	5.00
Siler City S. S.	6.27
Roberta S. S.	2.25
A Friend, Arenzville, Ill.	2.00
Glen Raven S. S., Glen Raven	4.02
Miss Florence Baldwin, Pisgah, N. C., T. O. and on bus	4.00
Mt. Lebanon S. S., Randleman	4.00
Graham S. S.	5.07
The Altruist class, Westerville, N. J., T. O.	10.00
Vickery church, Guilford	2.10
New Hope S. S., Mecklenburg	1.00
Catawba, Ohio, T. O.	5.00
The Friendly class, Calvary, for clothing and shoes	5.00
Glen Raven C. E. society, clothing child	5.00
Union Grove S. S.	1.35
Deamondale, Mich., for shoes	3.00
Worthville S. S., Randleman	7.59
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
West End S. S., Thomasville	4.01
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	3.36
Matthews Chapel S. S., Greensville	1.70
Danville S. S., regular and birthday	4.34
Miss Martha Keever, Haynesville, La., tithes	1.00
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	3.77
Whitakers S. S.	5.00
Grace church S. S., Greensboro	10.00
State St. S. S., Lexington	4.51
Love's Grove S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	2.07
Creswell S. S., Creswell	6.00
Asheboro S. S.	40.00
Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, balance on boys' suits	2.00
Dr. T. M. Johnson, Easley, S. C., on bus	5.00
Mr. T. M. Johnson, Jr., Burlington, on bus	2.00

The above is our financial report for two weeks, and we sincerely thank everyone who has contributed.

I have been in bed with deep cold and fever for the most part since conference. Have been up long enough today to work out this report. Am very tired, so must lie down.

Our pleas for Thanksgiving are before you. We are expecting great things of you. You will not fail us. Nay, you will not fail Him and His little ones. God bless you every one.

A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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WHAT THE WORKER PAYS

By Dr. Charles Stelzle

Executive Director, Good Neighbor League

It has been estimated that it costs the state and the community—plus the expense to the individuals' family—about $10,000 to raise and equip the average laborer for his life's work. And so, when a man applies for a job, he is offering the employer a $10,000 "machine," for which the employer pays nothing.

As a matter of fact, the community and the state have done so much for the average employer, that his business is actually a socialized enterprise, in which the government—local, state and national—has a considerable stake, for without the support which the employer receives from the government, he simply could not exist.

But to come back to the $10,000 worker who wants a job. Suppose a business were established in which $1,000,000 was invested in equipment, and in which 1,000 workers are to be employed. These 1,000 workers would have an "equipment" value of $10,000,000—ten times as great as the amount spent for buildings and machinery. Have these workers no stake in the business? Have they any rights which should be considered? What has become of the fine theory of "partnership" which employers have so long been talking about?

Under these circumstances it is absurd for the employer to say that he is absolutely independent of any "outside interference"—meaning anyone outside of himself—and that he will conduct his business as he pleases, pay his workers what he chooses, and totally disregard any attempt to cooperate in bringing about fair and harmonious relationships between the various interests involved in the conduct of his business affairs.

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TO PASTORS AND WORKERS

We have several notices about produce for the Children's Home that is ready. If it cannot be sent to us, we can send for it almost any day now. But where there are two or more churches on a charge, the pastor and workers will please arrange for us to get all at one trip.

Several pastors, during conference, said, "Wait until I write you." So we are waiting and will send as soon as we are directed.

We thank you.

A. G. DIXON, Supeerintendent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS COUNCIL DECEMBER

"Christmas in Scripture and Song"

Items of Business

Besides the routine of reports that may be presented during the business session—secretary, treasurer, department superintendents, special committees, etc.,—other items may include (1) Final plans for the Christmas program; (2) Decision as to recipients of White Gifts for the King; (3) Sugestions for worship programs leading up to Christmas.

Devotional Program

This may take the form of a Christmas story well told, with a hymn or two before and after, scripture and prayer. Another interesting and helpful program is to intersperse the scripture passages relating to the birth of Christ with Christmas carols and hymns, as below. Or, if preferred, this may be used as a worship program for Sunday school next month, or a Sunday evening service.

Hymn: 'I Love to Tell the Story."

Prayer.

Prophecy—Christ's Birth and Kingdom; Isa. 9:1-7.

Prophecy—Christ's Peaceable Kingdom; Isa. 11:1-9.

Prophecy—Bethlehem, the Chosen City; Micah 5:2.

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Annunciation to Mary—Luke 1:26-38.

Annunciation to Joseph—Matt. 1:18-25.

The Saviour-King is Born—Luke 2:1-12.

Hymn: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

Visit of the Magi—Matt. 2:1-12.

Flight Into Egypt and Return—Matt. 2:13-23; Luke 2:39, 40.

Poem: "We See His Star," Crowell; or "There's a Song in the Air," Holland.

This may easily be lengthened by the addition of scripture, particularly prophetic (see Gen. 49:8-10; Psalm 2; II Sam. 23:1-5; Jer. 23:5, 6), or the inclusion of other hymns and poems. A brief Christmas story may conclude the porgram, if desired. For a Sunday evening service, it may be made more impressive by illustrating it with stereopticon pictures. However it is used, it will make a helpful service, if conducted effectively.

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LOVE'S THANKSGIVING

Two eyes to look at you,
Two feet to walk along with you,
Two lips to smile for you,
What more to wish for, dear?

One mind to think of you,
Two hands to help you—work for you,
One heart to beat for you,
What more to wish for, dear?

One home—to live with you,
Two babies to love me and you,
One place to work for you,
What more to wish for, dear?

One life to live with you,
In heaven be sure to meet you,
One God to thank for you,
No more to wish for, dear.

MRS. E. D. MILLAWAY.

Burlington, N. C.

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Freshman: "I'm a little stiff from bowling."

Coach: "I don't care where you're from! Get on the track."—Ex.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Friendship-Mt. Hermon Charge—In behalf of Friendship church I wish to welcome Rev. J. R. Anderson and family to our midst for another Conference year. Let us all give them our wholehearted support.

The Thank Offering service was held the fourth Sunday in October. The Misses Jessemond and Corina Gant were among the visitors present. Miss Jessemond Gant gave a most interesting talk on her visit to the Holy Land. The offering amounted to $7.48.

Sorry to report of the illness of Mr. John Garrett, one of our older members. Mr. Lee Euliss hasn't been so well for the past few days. We hope to see much improvement in his health. Mr. Judge Isley, who has been shut in and confined to his bed most of the time, is just about the same as usual. We are glad to know that Suzanna Milloway is well again. The other shut-ins are about the same.

Circle No. 1 meets with Mrs. D. I. Offman Saturday, November 20, at 2:30. Circle No. 2 meets with Mrs. Dean Shoffner Friday night, November 19, 7:30 p. m. Would like to have 100% attendance for both.

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Paul King on the arrival of a son, November 12.

MRS. W. D. MANSFIELD, Reporter.

Spring Church Circuit Auxiliary. — The work of the Auxiliary has been progressing very nicely. We pay our budget by the month and care for a child at the Children's Home.

We have done some repairing at the parsonage. All that attend seem interested. Our young people's secretary has organized the Young People in each church and they send in their offering every month. We will miss Mrs. Curry very much. She has been so very lovely to work with and we wish for her the best of success wherever she goes. We wish to extend to her our most hearty thanks for all that she has meant to us.

We are looking forward to having Mrs. Williams with us in our work.

MRS. W. W. GRANT, Cor. Sec.

Winston-Salem, First Church, J. L. Trollinger, Pastor, Nov. 15.—We had ample reason for rejoicing when Conference adjourned and it was learned that Rev. J. L. Trollinger would return to us for the ensuing year. It was a great privilege having had Mr. and Mrs. Trollinger for the past year and it is going to be great this year, for we already know and love them.

At the close of the last Conference year the largest net increase in membership in the last ten years was reported. Perhaps it will surpass the 20-year mark this year—who knows.

Mr. C. H. Smith, the retiring chairman of the Board of Stewards, and Mrs. Smith, entertained the Board recently at a delightful oyster supper. They must have had an awfully good time—oysters and fun. The new Board, under the direction of Mr. O. M. Ayers, is going forward. The every member canvass shows an increase over last year already.

Last year the Leadership Education School was fairly successful. It is hoped we can put on one this year with a "vim" and will be a greater success.

It was delightful to have had Dr. and Mrs. Pritchard visit with us on the first Sunday morning of the beginning of his presidency of the Conference. Dr. Pritchard's remarks were very inspirational and challenging, also, to better and bigger things for the future. We hope they will visit us as often as they see fit. They will always have a hearty welcome from pastor and people.

PAULINE BRANSON CONRAD, Reporter.

Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, Nov. 15.—We are now beginning a new year. We are especially thankful for the return of our pastor. He filled his appointment Sunday and with the wonderful speech our delegate, Mr. M. J. Morris from Corinth church, gave us Sunday morning, we can start and end with a good report.

Clifton Hawkins was elected trustee Sunday in place of F. L. Hawkins.

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MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

Roberta Charge, G. L. Reynolds, Pastor, Nov. 14.—The new year started off with a "boom." Our new pastor was received with open arms. Everyone seems to have a spirit of brotherly love, we feel that God is with us and prayers have been answered, and a very successful year is promised. Practically a month's salary was paid in full, and some to the good. The pastor took his subject from Luke 2:8, where Jesus told Simon to launch out that he may catch some fish.

The superintendent and assistant were elected: Mr. Jerry Penniger and Mr. Z. D. Cochrane.

We hope for all a very successful year in serving God.

MRS. C. W. WILLIAMS, Reporter.

North Davidson Charge, William H. Neese, Pastor, Nov. 12.—On Wednesday, November 3, the Canaan Ladies' Aid met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Clodfelter with 15 members and four children present. The program committee had prepared a Thanksgiving program which was in charge of Mrs. Nell Linville. The president, Mrs. Mack Smith, read a Thankgsiving scripture lesson. Mrs. Neese led the first prayer; Mrs. Ida Motsinger read "Thanksgiving"; Mrs. Clarence Hines gave a reading, "Shut Thy Door"; "Tommy's Cranberry Sauce" was read by Mrs. Gurney Tuttle; "Another Thanksgiving Day" was read by Mrs. G. A. Berrier. A reading was given by Mrs. A. F. Berrier. Mrs. Emma Clodfelter led the closing prayer.

There had been 66 sick calls made during the month and flowers or fruit had been sent to 14 sick ones. Since last report draperies have been placed at the windows in the auditorium of the church which has added much to the interior of the church.

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Mrs. John Robins has my thanks for sewing done just before going to Conference. Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Reid have our thanks for our first pounding of the new year.

MRS. Wm. H. NEESE.

Albemarle Church, C. G. Isley, Pastor, Nov. 14.—Our people are delighted over the return of Brother C. G. Isley, as our pastor, for another year. He has accomplished a wonderful work for the last two years, and we are looking forward to one of the best years in the history of our church. Last year proved to be one of our most successful years, both spiritually and financially. The finances amounting to over $5,000, for which we are truly grateful.

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We regret to report that Mrs. Terry Mills is confined to her bed at this time. We wish her a speedy recovery.

MRS. COLAN MAULDIN, Reporter.

Gibsonville Church, O. B. Williams, Pastor, Nov. 8.—This is conference week. Our delegate tells us we'll have a new pastor, and according to all modes of checking and double-checking, Rev. O. B. Williams is O.K., and is going to serve the best church in the conference. Now, next Sunday, November 14, he will come in time to meet with us in Sunday school, meet the brethren (this includes the sisters, too), be properly introduced, and we'll all take the role of prophets in telling how everything will work for the next year. In the meantime we'll forget that Mr. Williams hasn't moved yet and fail to invite him to dinner.

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In Dr. Paschall's sermon Sunday he named three goals which he wanted his members to set up and abide by: First, to learn more about God; second, let our first contact in the early morning be with God, in order that we may have Him by our side all the day long; third, to set aside a time during the day for family prayer and Bible reading These are essential needs and without them we are worthless in the Kingdom of God. If we abide by these things we need not worry, the other things will come.

TULA PAUL WILSON, Reporter.

Rankin Memorial, High Point, Edw. Suits, Pastor, Nov. 16.—We welcome our pastor, Rev. Edw. Suits, again for the fourth year. He has labored very persistently and efficiently during the three years that he has been with us, and we feel that he will be just as faithful during the coming year.

We had a splendid day yesterday, with 158 in attendance at Sunday school, and a good number for both preaching services. Brother Suits brought two very interesting sermons, which seemed to be well received. At the close of the evening service we welcomed two new members, Mr. W. J. Russell and Mr. Fred Ross.

On Sunday, November 28, we are expecting to have a christening service, at which time some of the young babies of our church will be baptized. The public is invited to this service, as well as to all the other services held in our church.

Grace Church, J. Elwood Carroll, Pastor.—With conference over, we are rejoicing in the return of our pastor and his wife to this church. The work has made splendid progress under his leadership, for Mr. and Mrs. Carroll have so endeared themselves to this membership that a hearty cooperation is the result. We are truly grateful that they are to remain with us. It is up to us now to show our appreciation by doing with all our might what ever we can to assist Mr. Carroll in his program for Grace church. There is a place for each one of us to fill in the church life. May we each one do our best to help make this, our fifth year together, the very best one! Mr. Carroll asks that we have this slogan as the guiding principle for this year: "Every member boosting Grace church." His personal emphasis will be on church attendance and membership through winning souls to Christ.

Last Sabbath morning a large congregation was present and heard a splendid sermon on "The Significance of Jesus for Today," taken from Hebrews 13:8. The pastor said in part: "Jesus is the Living Presence. Can the modern Christian find the solution to his personal life? We are condemned by the ideals of Jesus Christ. He brings to us the things of the spiritual life which are available for each one of us who hunger and thirst for a better life. Jesus is the ideal of how men can live and should live. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

The music by the choir was greatly enjoyed.

The Workers' Council met Monday evening at 6:30 at a supper meeting with an attendance of 28 officers and teachers. Plans were made for a Christmas service to be held in the evening of December 19. The first part of the service will be held in the church auditorium, the second part will be held in the basement of the church, at which time we will have an old-fashioned Christmas tree for the Sunday school.

At the Wednesday night prayer meeting Mr. Carroll is giving lectures on the life of Christ; this is an interesting phase of the church program and merits a larger attendance.

It is a pleasure to see Miss Brona Apple and also Mrs. W. F. Kennett back again in their accustomed places.

Mr. Fred Hutton, at Clinic hospital, is improving, we are glad to report. He can see visitors now.

MRS. J. M. STONE, Reporter.

Ebenezer, Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor, Nov. 15.—We were indeed glad to welcome Brother Morgan and family back with us another year. He filled his apointment yesterday and brought us a very timely and instructive message taken from 2 Cor. 9:6. He emphasized the importance of sowing good seed from the beginning on through the year if we would reap a bountiful harvest of happiness and riches in our spiritual lives.

Our Sunday school is still moving along nicely. Plans are already being made for a Christmas program.

Among the sick of our community are Mrs. J. B. High, Mrs. Della Gray, and Mrs. Roy Moore, the latter being the secretary and treasurer of our Sunday school. We hope they will soon be able to fill their places again.

We were glad to have Mrs. Carrie Clements and little Audrey, of Suffolk, Va., and Mr. Frank Curlin and little son, of Portsmouth, Va., worship with us at our Sunday morning service.

On the fourth Sunday the church book will be revised. Brother Morgan is asking all members to be present to answer to his name when the roll is called, and also to get the work started for the coming year.

Pray for us to go forward.

MABE PEARSON, Reporter.

Community Church, Thomasville, J. Clyde Auman, Pastor.—Proof of the fact that Community church as a whole was glad to see Rev. Mr. Auman and his family returned to us for another year was manifested in the fact that a record attendance turned out for the first Sunday morning service in the new year. Mr. Auman preached an unusually good sermon on the subject, "God's Work."

Again Sunday night a large crowd was present to hear him speak on "The First Commandment."

We are happy to report that we have just finished a very good year, having paid all our claims in full before conference met We have also made quite a bit of progress spiritually.

New officers who will perform during the coming year are:

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Several changes have been made in teachers this year so that some who have not been permitted to sit in class for a good while will be given this privilege.

We are planning to take a special Thanksgiving offering next Sunday morning for the High Point Children's Home. Everyone is urged to attend and to contribute liberally to this, a worthy cause.

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The new Board of Stewards met for organization on Monday evening of this week and elected J. W. Boyles as chairman and G M. Hobs as secretary. The Board set as a budget for the year $3,500.

We have a new reporter and assistant reporter for the paper this year. Mrs. Howard B. Green is the reporter and Mrs. J. R. Sechrist is the assistant reporter. You may expect to hear from Community church's programs and occasions for rejoicing.

J. CLYDE AUMAN, Pastor.

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At our last revival, Rev. J. L. Trollinger, of Winston-Salem, who did the preaching, stayed at the parsonage during his visit here. One night in the pulpit, he paid a wonderful tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Paschall, and I feel that every word he said was true. I have thought several times since, I had always wanted to express my feelings to them, but could never put my words together; but Preacher Trollinger expressed my feelings entirely, and he did it so beautifully and so completely. Not because he is our preacher, but we are very fortunate in getting him back. I think he has, more than any other way, spiritually blessed the members of his congregation, and the thing that appeals most is the fact that he lives what he preaches He is a genuine Christian and we have a very high respect for both of them.

The church attendance was good this week, also the Sunday school. All organizations seem to be going full blast. We feel very proud of the fact that we have a Hammond organ installed in our church. We are already enjoying its beautiful music along with the vested choir, which has been doing unusually good work under the direction of Mr. W. T. Way.

In Dr. Paschall's sermon Sunday he named three goals which he wanted his members to set up and abide by: First, to learn more about God; second, let our first contact in the early morning be with God, in order that we may have Him by our side all the day long; third, to set aside a time during the day for family prayer and Bible reading These are essential needs and without them we are worthless in the Kingdom of God. If we abide by these things we need not worry, the other things will come.

TULA PAUL WILSON, Reporter.

Rankin Memorial, High Point, Edw. Suits, Pastor, Nov. 16.—We welcome our pastor, Rev. Edw. Suits, again for the fourth year. He has labored very persistently and efficiently during the three years that he has been with us, and we feel that he will be just as faithful during the coming year.

We had a splendid day yesterday, with 158 in attendance at Sunday school, and a good number for both preaching services. Brother Suits brought two very interesting sermons, which seemed to be well received. At the close of the evening service we welcomed two new members, Mr. W. J. Russell and Mr. Fred Ross.

On Sunday, November 28, we are expecting to have a christening service, at which time some of the young babies of our church will be baptized. The public is invited to this service, as well as to all the other services held in our church.

Grace Church, J. Elwood Carroll, Pastor.—With conference over, we are rejoicing in the return of our pastor and his wife to this church. The work has made splendid progress under his leadership, for Mr. and Mrs. Carroll have so endeared themselves to this membership that a hearty cooperation is the result. We are truly grateful that they are to remain with us. It is up to us now to show our appreciation by doing with all our might whatever we can to assist Mr. Carroll in his program for Grace church. There is a place for each one of us to fill in the church life. May we each one do our best to help make this, our fifth year together, the very best one! Mr. Carroll asks that we have this slogan as the guiding principle for this year: "Every member boosting Grace church." His personal emphasis will be on church attendance and membership through winning souls to Christ.

Last Sabbath morning a large congregation was present and heard a splendid sermon on "The Significance of Jesus for Today," taken from Hebrews 13:8. The pastor said in part: "Jesus is the Living Presence. Can the modern Christian find the solution to his personal life? We are condemned by the ideals of Jesus Christ. He brings to us the things of the spiritual life which are available for each one of us who hunger and thirst for a better life. Jesus is the ideal of how men can live and should live. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

The music by the choir was greatly enjoyed.

The Workers' Council met Monday evening at 6:30 at a supper meeting with an attendance of 28 officers and teachers. Plans were made for a Christmas service to be held in the evening of December 19. The first part of the service will be held in the church auditorium, the second part will be held in the basement of the church, at which time we will have an old-fashioned Christmas tree for the Sunday school.

At the Wednesday night prayer meeting Mr. Carroll is giving lectures on the life of Christ; this is an interesting phase of the church program and merits a larger attendance.

It is a pleasure to see Miss Brona Apple and also Mrs. W. F. Kennett back again in their accustomed places.

Mr. Fred Hutton, at Clinic hospital, is improving, we are glad to report. He can see visitors now.

MRS. J. M. STONE, Reporter.

Ebenezer, Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor, Nov. 15.—We were indeed glad to welcome Brother Morgan and family back with us another year. He filled his apointment yesterday and brought us a very timely and instructive message taken from 2 Cor. 9:6. He emphasized the importance of sowing good seed from the beginning on through the year if we would reap a bountiful harvest of happiness and riches in our spiritual lives.

Our Sunday school is still moving along nicely. Plans are already being made for a Christmas program.

Among the sick of our community are Mrs. J. B. High, Mrs. Della Gray, and Mrs. Roy Moore, the latter being the secretary and treasurer of our Sunday school. We hope they will soon be able to fill their places again.

We were glad to have Mrs. Carrie Clements and little Audrey, of Suffolk, Va., and Mr. Frank Curlin and little son, of Portsmouth, Va., worship with us at our Sunday morning service.

On the fourth Sunday the church book will be revised. Brother Morgan is asking all members to be present to answer to his name when the roll is called, and also to get the work started for the coming year.

Pray for us to go forward.

MABE PEARSON, Reporter.

Community Church, Thomasville, J. Clyde Auman, Pastor.—Proof of the fact that Community church as a whole was glad to see Rev. Mr. Auman and his family returned to us for another year was manifested in the fact that a record attendance turned out for the first Sunday morning service in the new year. Mr. Auman preached an unusually good sermon on the subject, "God's Work."

Again Sunday night a large crowd was present to hear him speak on "The First Commandment."

We are happy to report that we have just finished a very good year, having paid all our claims in full before conference met. We have also made quite a bit of progress spiritually.

New officers who will perform during the coming year are:

Class leaders: Mrs. T. G. Perry, C. L. Berrier, Mrs. W. S. Myers.

Board of Stewards: J. W. Boyles, W. L. Burkhart, Mrs. J. R. Sechrest, G. L. McAdams, C. L. Berrier, G. M. Hobbs, J. W. Elliott, Virgil Ward, Alvan Boyles, Harry B. Finch, and Glen Finch, with Mrs. A. C. Bartley and John R. Perry, ex officio members.

Board of Trustees: Alfred Finch, Dr. R. V. Yokley, J. W, Boyles.

Church secretary: John R. Perry.

Church treasurer: Mrs. A. C. Bartley.

Sunday school superintendent, to be elected.

Board of Christian Education: Rev. J. Clyde Auman, C. L. Berrier, Frank Gardner, John R. Perry, Miss Lela Maude Boyles, Mrs. John R. Perry, Alfred Finch.

Choir director: Mrs. C. F. Finch.

Pianists: Mrs. A. C. Bartley and Miss Isabel Boyles.

Music committee: Mrs. C. F. Finch, Miss Lela Maude Boyles, Mrs. E. C. Brandon, Jr., Mrs. A. C. Bartley.

Pulpit committee: Mrs. J. E. Clodfelter, C. L. Berrier, Mrs. W. S. Myers.

Church reporters: Mrs. Howard B. Green, Mrs. J. R. Sechrist.

Ushers: E. C. Brandon, Alvin Boyles, Howard Green, Chester Myers, C. L. Berrier, H. B. Finch, Mell McAdams, G. M. Hobbs, Fred Perdue.

President of Christian Endeavor: Miss Eva Burkhart.

Several changes have been made in teachers this year so that some who have not been permitted to sit in class for a good while will be given this privilege.

We are planning to take a special Thanksgiving offering next Sunday morning for the High Point Children's Home. Everyone is urged to attend and to contribute liberally to this, a worthy cause.

MRS. HOWARD GREEN, Reporter.

Community Church, Thomasville.—Last Sunday, the first Sunday in the new conference year, was a red letter day for the church, for we had the largest attendance for both morning and evening that we have had at any time during our pastorate. If the attendance is an evidence of our reception, then we received a hearty one. Anyway, we take it thus and shall seek to build for the future on this confidence.

The new Board of Stewards met for organization on Monday evening of this week and elected J. W. Boyles as chairman and G M. Hobs as secretary. The Board set as a budget for the year $3,500.

We have a new reporter and assistant reporter for the paper this year. Mrs. Howard B. Green is the reporter and Mrs. J. R. Sechrist is the assistant reporter. You may expect to hear from Community church's programs and occasions for rejoicing.

J. CLYDE AUMAN, Pastor.

Mt. Moriah, T. G. Madison, Pastor.—We were glad to welcome our former pastor, Rev. T. G. Madison, back Sunday for another year's work with us; although his coming back was quite a shock to him, for when he drove up the church was almost burned down. Just how it caught on fire is unknown, but we believe it caught from the stove flue just after a fire had been built in the heater. The fire was discovered by two Sunday school girls, Miss Mary White and Miss Dot Brackett. They gave the alarm and several of the men went up on the roof and tried to put out the fire, but failed. Most of the church benches and furniture were saved. We estimate the loss to be several hundred dollars. The church was one of the oldest in the community, and it was a very sad scene to watch the church that had been built by our parents burn down—a church that we had grown to love and one that we feel that the presence of God had been in.

The Christian Endeavor society gave a social at the home of Mrs. Ada Deviney Saturday night, November 13. A large crowd attended. Several games were played and enjoyed by all. Toasted marshmallows were served for refreshments.

We were very fortunate to have our school building so close to the church, for we will continue to have our church services in it until we can get a new church built. We elected a committee on Sunday to make some plans on building a church. Their plans will be brought and voted on before the church on the fourth Sunday afternoon.

GILLIE DEVINEY, Reporter.

South Winston, C. B. Way, Pastor.—We were sorry indeed to have our old pastor, Rev. O. B. Williams, taken away from us; but feel we were very fortunate in having as our new pastor, Rev. C. B. Way. He was with us for the first time last Sunday at 11 o'clock. We feel sure that with his help and under his excellent leadership South Winston will go forward. Welcome, Mr. Way, and you may be sure that you have our full cooperation in everything at all times.

Our Ladies' Aid society has had quite a prosperous year. We are now planning to send our annual Thanksgiving offering to our Children's Home. We trust that everyone will contribute to such a worthy cause.

RUTH M. GOUGH, Reporter.

Union Chapel, Granville Charge.—Since the church electetd the same poor reporter, I shall still make an effort occasionally.

We miss Rev. C. L. Spencer and Mrs. Spencer, they had been with us so long they had become dear to our hearts, but we wish for them happiness, contentment and godspeed in their new home and surroundings.

Mr. Pegg preached his first sermon Sunday afternoon. Everyone was very favorably impressed. Let us do all we can to make him and his family feel welcome and become acquainted with the people. It is up to us to cooperate with him in all things, and do whatever we can to help. Let us adopt the motto, "I'll do my part."

MRS. E. C. HUFF, Reporter.

Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Nov. 15.—We say first of all that Rev. C. E. Ridge is our pastor for a fifth year, and we are very glad for his return to this work. Congratulations! We are proud of such a pastor and are expecting great things of the Lord this year through his leadership, together with our fullest interest and cooperation. He will fill his first appointment at Shiloh next Sunday.

We are ready to begin the year right with the new officers who were elected at the close of the conference year. They are as follows: Class leaders, W. J. Berrier, R. B. Sink, J. F. Fritts; trustees, Ed Waitman, J. M. Shoaf, F. L. Koonts, Jesse Hill, C. W. Sink, A. J. Weaver, B. L. Leatherman; stewards, J. L. Evans, Cleano Koonts, Protus Koonts, Pryor Koonts, Dayton Koonts, Ira Koonts, Emma Berrier, Mrs. Ollie Walser, Julius Byerly, Gray Barnhart, Willie Leonard, Jones Leonard, Julius Lanier, Ray Leatherman, Hugh Lanning, D. S. Penninger, Mrs. N. L. Evans, Wiley Shoaf, Alvin Sink, W. B. Swicegood; church treasurer, J. L. Evans; Sunday school superintendent, H. A. Leonard; pianist, Mabel Berrier; assistant pianist, Gladys Evans; choir leader, Ray Leatherman; assistant choir leader, Homer Sink; church reporter, Mabel Berrier; ushers, Protus Koonts (chief), Floyd Leatherman, Lawrence Evans, Dayton Koonts, Homer Sink.

Since we have begun to run our Sunday school year with the conference year, the Sunday school officers and teachers have also been elected and are already at work. They are as follows: Assistant superintendent, Protus Koonts; secretary, Kyle Sink; assistant, Frank Shoaf; treasurer, Dayton Koonts; primary superintendent, Emma Berrier, with Mrs. Paul Swicegood asistant. The Sunday school teachers are as follows: Brotherhood class, Mrs. Wiley Shoaf; Mothers' class No. 1, Mrs. J. L. Evans; Y. M. W. A. class, J. L. Evans; Mothers' class No. 2, Mrs. Floyd Leatherman; Sunshine band, Mrs. Protus Koonts; Intermediate boys, Ira Koonts; Intermediate girls, Mabel Berrier; Junior boys and girls, Mrs. Paul Swicegood; Primary No. 1, Mrs. Joe Sink; Primary No. 2, Mrs. Ernest Kepley.

The third Sunday in each month is the day for our monthly contribution to the Children's Home. Since it is our custom to take part in the Thanksgiving offering, we will take that next Sunday with the regular offering. Since Dr. Dixon has asked for only one day's wage, we are expecting many of our people to give that, and I am sure that everyone who is interested in the Home and appreciates what Dr. and Mrs. Dixon are doing will only be glad to share in the upkeep of the Home. So all of our members who read this, I hope, will see fit to send some contribution to support the 110 orphans that are there in the care of someone who really cares for their welfare.

Pray for us as we start a new conference year, and at the same time we wish for all the churches much success in the Kingdom's service.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

Shoals Church, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion Charge, J. D. Morris, Pastor.—We begin the new conference year thankful for many things. We are especially thankful for the return of our pastor, Mr. Morris. We think the conference treated us nicely in letting him come back to this work. Mr. Morris has endeared himself to his people here in laboring so faithfully in the work.

Everyone was so glad to hear the church claims were all paid in full. The year just closed has been a succesful year, we think. We hope to do more the coming year. As a church, we realize that the programs of the church should be carried out, not only the budget paid, but we should awake to our Christian duty and put the things we hear from our pulpit into practice. Remembering that there are unsaved people in our community, are we doing our best?

The fifth Sunday of October being an unclaimed day on the charge, the pastor preached for us at 7:30 p.m., and brought us a helpful gospel message.

At the regular appointment second Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., we again heard excellent gospel sermons. The church was fortunate in having the Tuttle sisters to sing for us during the morning service the second Sunday. They sang some beautiful selections which seemed to be enjoyed by all.

At 7 p.m. the church officers were elected for the coming year, as follows: Sunday school superintendent, R. T. Moser; secretary, Miss Beulah Kiger; stewards, Roy Hunt, Joe Westmoreland, D. C. Harvey, R. T. Moser, Lewis Kiger and Junior Hauser; trustees, W. B. Moser, A. L. Hollaway, H. C. Huser, Mansfield Harvey, and J. P. Owens; Herald agent, Mrs. J. P. Owens; Herald reporter, Mrs. O. F. Hauser.

Bruce Hauser, who has been confined to his bed with pneumonia, is much improved, we are glad to say. Mrs. R. E. Barber has returned home from the hospital, where she spent a few weeks and will soon be out again.

We had a number of our members to worship with us Sunday who do not live here. We extend to them a warm welcome and say, Come again.

The C. E. business and social meeting will be held with Mr. Reymond Harvey Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday at 6 o'clock.

Our family enjoyed having the pastor for dinner Sunday and to spend the evening with us. MRS. O. F. HAUSER, Reporter.

WHY YOU CAN'T KILL THE CHURCHES

By Dr. Charles Stelzle

Executive Director, Good Neighbor League

Everybody is religious, even though they do not expres it in the same way. John Fiske, one of the foremost scientific investigators, said of religion: "None can deny that it is the largest and most ubiquitious fact connected with existence of mankind." Some religions are better than others, but every man has some kind of religion, even though some may deny it.

You can't knock it out of him, although many of us think that we need to pound it into him. Religion isn't manufactured by priests and ministers. It is born in the hearts of men—even savages. But religion, if it is to get anywhere, must be a social force. No man can be truly religious alone; there must be a God. In the past, when men could not find God, they made a god of their own. But there must also be a neighbor.

The reason that there are churches, and the reason that it's next to impossible to kill a church, is because of this social force. Maybe you'll insist that it's the religious force of religion that keeps the church alive. All right, call it what you please, but it's the fact that there's God—and somebody else—that makes religion vital.

Religion is life. And life produces what the scientists call "organisms." There is no lift without organization. The "inorganic" is the lifeless. It's when "things fall apart" that they die. "Dissolution," they call it. The church is the organized expression of man's religious life and instincts. It is the organization which he has formed to permit him to serve best.

NORTH DAVIDSON — NOTICE

The first quarterly conference will meet in Spring Hill church, Friday, November 26, at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Pritchard, our new president, is expected to be with us.

Bethesda, Canaan, Mt. Pleasant, and Spring Hill comprise the charge. Every official is urged to attend.

WM. H. NEESE.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Rt. 5.

A little girl of five was entertaining while her mother was getting ready. One of the ladies remarked to the other, with a significant look, "Not very p-r-e-t-t-y," spelling the last word.

"No," said the child quickly, "but awful s-m-a-r-t."

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Underwood

Mrs. Jennie Routh Underwood was born in Randolph county, near Gray's Chapel church, May 23, 1867, and departed this life October 14, 1937, age 70 years, 4 months and 21 days.

It was known for some time that she could not recover, yet doctors and friends and loved ones did all that could be done; but notwithstanding all this, the messenger called Death came and her gentle spirit went away to meet the God whom she served for a long number of years.

In early life she professed religion and joined Gray's Chapel church, and remained a member of this church to the time of her departure.

December 13, 1891, she was married to A. M. Underwood. This union was honored with three children, two of whom died in infancy, and one, R. H. Underwood, survives. Also three grandchildren survive, viz.: Roberta, Charlene, and Virginia, and one brother, C. F. Routh, of Troy, N. C.

In her going the husband has lost a good companion, the son a devoted mother, and the grandchildren one who loved them dearly. Her friends and neighbors speak highly of her Christian character and join the family in their deep sorrow. The funeral was conducted in Gray's Chapel church by her pastor, assisted by Rev. A. O. Lindley, a former pastor. The floral display was very large and beautiful, attesting the high esteem of neighbors, friends and loved ones.

G. L. REYNOLDS.

Nicholson

On November 8, 1936, just one year ago today, Mrs. Cora Jobe Nicholson answered the Master's call, "Come home." Her going was a sudden shock and a deep, slow-healing hurt to all who knew her.

Early in life Mrs. Nicholson professed faith in Christ and united with Hebron M. P. church, of which she remained a faithful member until death called her from the church militant unto the church triumphant.

All that loving hands and physicians' skill could do was of no avail in keeping her here. Why was she taken when needed so much in her home, church, and community? Only God in His infinite wisdom can answer, and we must console ourselves as best we can, knowing that "All things work together for good for those that love the Lord." God must have needed a personality such as hers to make heaven more complete. She was a wise, loving mother, an understanding, devoted companion, a loyal church member, and always an uplifting influence for good in her community. She was a true follower of the Master who taught that it is more blessed to serve than to be served. Her life was radiant with His great love. No more shall we see her smiling face, nor hear her cheerful voice, but she lives on in the good deeds she has done and in the hearts of the friends she has won. May her worthy life continue to challenge and inspire us to live a better life, and may her children live up to the standards and high ideals she set before them. She has passed to them the torch; may they carry it high.

Left to mourn her departure from this life are her husband, Mr. J. A. Nicholson; four sons, James, Ervin, Arnold, and Thomas; three daughters, Evelyn, Rozelle, and Josephine; two sisters, Mrs. J. P. Thompson and Mrs. J. W. Squires; and one brother, Mr. J. G. Jobe, all of Mebane, Route 4. The large number of people that attended her funeral and the many beautiful flowers that covered her grave bore testimony of the loving place she held in the hearts of all who knew her. Just as her beautiful life bore testimony of her love for Christ.

"Out of the shadowland into the sunshine,
Cloudless, eternal, that fades not away,
Softly and tenderly Jesus has called her
Home, where the ransomed are gathered
today;
Silently, peacefully, angels have borne her
Into the beautiful mansions above,
There shall she rest from earth's toils forever
Safe in the arms of God's infinite love."

FRIENDS.

Holland

Mrs. Mary Ann Holland was born April 1, 1855, and died October 18, 1937. She was 82 years, 6 months, and 18 days of age.

Mrs. Holland was the wife of Mr. W. L. Holland, who preceded her to the grave about eight years. They were married about 55 years.

Mrs. Holland was a charter member of the Roberta Methodist Protestant church, and was very devoted to her church as long as her health would permit. However, her health would not permit her to attend her church for a number of years.

Surviving are four sons: Arthur, Luther, Wilbur, and Frank Holland, and four daughters, Mrs. F. G. Stearns, Mrs. E. C. Deese, Miss Sallie Holland, and Mrs. Elwood Sluder. Twenty-five grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren also survive. One daughter, Mrs. Gus Blackwelder, preceded her in death a few months.

Funeral services were conducted on October 20 at Roberta Methodist Prntestant church, by her pastor, Rev. Earl A. Cook, assisted by Rev. L. C. Bumgarner, of Concord. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

EARL A. COOK, Pastor.

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Mrs. Wimpus: "I understand that instead of the word 'obey,' the new wedding pledge for the bride is 'to love, cherish, and inspire'."

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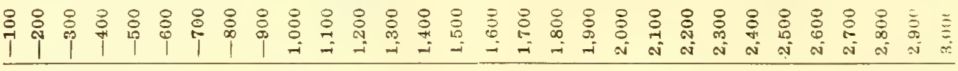

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REV. N. G. BETHEA
Subscription Booster

The Editor, Dr. Andrews, has asked me to keep this place for this year. I am not sure whether I can keep it going or not. There is one encouraging thought, that people do not remember things very long. And then I do not remember the things that were written, so by so many of us having such a fine "forgetter," perhaps that will make it a little more interesting. The writer often wondered if that was just so much space taken to no account, but after getting so many letters from folks saying that the boosting was O.K., and quite a number at conference gave encouraging words, the work is taken up again with the hope that we may make more of it this year than last. So here goes!

Last week you know was the winding up of the Herald year. Would like to get a contest going as to who will get their subscription and subsidy quota paid first.

Burlington came in last week with the largest amount of money, but did not get the subscription quota. You did well enough, though, Paschall, and here's hoping you will make it this year. Tabernacle came next and put over the quota for subscriptions, and did it as gently as a Lamb. Thank you, old fellow!

Vance, Saxapahaw, Lincolnton, North Davidson, Mt. Hermon, Danville, Fairgrove on Seagrove-Love Joy charge, New Hope on Mecklenburg, and Chatham, all sent encouraging payments on subsidy.

Now for a long, steady pull from every Herald agent, pastor, and all to make this the best Herald year yet. We are with you. Will do all we know how to help you.

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Wife: "I can read you like a book, John."

Husband: "Why don't you, then? You skip what you don't like in a book, and linger over it in me."—Ex,

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MT. MORIAH CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE

On Sunday, November 14, Mt. Moriah Methodist Protestant church on the Cleveland charge was completely destroyed by fire. It is thought that the fire originated from a defective flue. The pulpit stand, organ, and about forty pews were saved. Only a few people had arrived for Sunday school when the fire broke out. The building was not insured.

Strange as it may seem, we had already launched a campaign to build a new church. On October 10, a finance committee was created to solicit pledges with the purpose of determining whether or not we are able to build a new church. On Sunday, October 24, this committee brought an encouraging report, and Sunday, November 28, was fixed and announced as the date for the congregational vote on the building project. We anticipated a very favorable majority for the project.

The movement to build a new church grew out of the feeling that the old church was inadequate to serve our present needs. Therefore, we desired and purposed to secure a new church, even though we realized that we were not obliged to have one. But now, we know that we are obliged to have one. And before the fire had died down completely we had assembled in the school building nearby to discuss ways and means to secure a new church. A building committee was elected. Their first meeting will be tomorrow night at the school house. The crairman of the school board, together with the principal, extended to us a hearty welcome to use the school building for worship. We appreciated the invitation and very gladly accepted it. Also Mt. Zion Baptist church, about two miles away, invited us to worship in their church.

We are not coming to you through the Herald to present ourselves as an object of charity and beg your assistance. We are, however, offering the above explanation of our case, with the hope and belief that some who read this will want to make a contribution to what we think is a worthy cause. Any amount will be greatly appreciated and graciously received. You may send your gifts to

T. G. MADISON,
Lawndale, N. C.

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Stand by your colors or change them.

Methodist Protestant Herald.

ONE IS YOUR MASTER EVEN CHRIST AND ALL YE ARE BRETHREN.

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The How of The Fellowship Crusade

The Commission to set up the Fellowship Crusade in the North Carolina Conference has met and presents their plan. (We would suggest that you in connection with this read ''The Why of the Crusade'' on editorial page.) The purpose of this Commission's creation, was, that it find and present to the members of the Methodist Protestant Church in the North Carolina Conference plans by which the three objectives may be reached:

1. Objective: Deepening the spiritual life; it is suggested that pastors and people observe a quiet hour; daily Bible study and prayer in the family be held; a thorough study of the word Christian be made; a conference-wide Church loyalty campaign be put on; an effective program of evangelism be inaugurated. (See the article written by Dr. Paschall, the Chairman of this section.)

2. Objective: Enlarging the Denominational Outlook through reading the Church papers. (See article by Dr. Bates.)

3. Objective calls for a deeper fellowship in our gifts to benevolences. Money is needed to free our boards of missions and education of debt. Money is needed to pay off debts of long standing on our Annual Conference, and it is desired that we at this time shall greatly reduce the indebtedness on High Point College. The following plan was approved: That a Council of One Hundred be constituted; the membership of this Council be selected from our lay and ministerial leaders in every part of the Conference. These are to assist in holding District meetings for informing the people of the objectives to be sought and the needs to be supplied. That gifts be solicited by personal contact from as many as can be contacted thus. And when this is completed that the local churches be requested to secure the unpaid balance through One Dollar a Month Clubs, personal contributions, or by any method the local Church officials shall determine. But all larger contributions by individual members will be accredited to the churches of which they are members.

And when a Church or a pastoral charge shall accept these objectives and begin to carry them into effect the names of all such churches shall be printed in the HERALD as incentives to others. Later when such objectives or any of them shall be reached, the names of churches will be printed as Crusade Honor Roll churches.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

Spencer-China Grove Charge

I visited this charge last Sunday, being at Spencer at 11 o'clock and at China Grove at 7 p. m.

The Sunday School was in session at Spencer when I went in on Sunday morning. The weather was the coldest of the winter up to that time and it naturally had its effect on the Sunday School attendance. While the attendance was small yet there was earnestness on the part of those present. Quite a goodly number came in for the morning Church services who were not present in Sunday School. The congregation entered heartily into worship services, then listened attentively while I delivered my message to them. Really, it was a pleasure to preach to this congregation. For when it comes to loyalty I doubt whether there is any other place in the Conference that can boast of a better record. The membership has never been large and the Church debt has always been quite a problem, however, those in the lead have pressed forward and have kept things together. Mrs. A. L. Moore and her late husband have been leading spirits in this Church ever since it was established. Since the death of her husband some months ago Mrs. Moore has shouldered even more of the burden and is still carrying on. The Church debt which was once a considerable sum for a small group, has now been reduced to below $300.00 and it is being reduced all the time. Since the Church building is on a corner lot the street assessment for paving and interest amounted to about $3,000.00. When the property was sold the city of Spencer bid it in and so far the city has shown no sign of disturbing this loyal band who are unable to pay such a large bill.

Sunday was my first visit to China Grove and I was pleased with what I found there. This Church is one of our youngest, if not the youngest, and it has not been seen by a very large number of our people outside the immediate vicinity. The building is of wooden construction and is 50 by 40 feet in dimensions. It has not yet been ceiled, however, the heating facilities were such as to make the building fairly comfortable Sunday night even though it was the coldest of the winter. Here the congregation was not large, but I was impressed with the earnestness and spirituality of the people. Really it was a pleasure to preach to them.

This charge was left unsupplied at Conference and at each Church on last Sunday a congregational meeting was held following the services in order that I might determine the wishes of the people in regard to pastoral supply. The people realize that the salary which they can pay is not sufficient for a man to live on, so they are reasonable and are willing to receive whoever I see fit to send to them. I am hoping to be able to notify them within a few days of the appointment of a pastor for the charge.

The Situation at Charlotte

I have spent the past two Mondays at Charlotte helping to safeguard our interests there. As has been announced our Church property there was sold under mortgage a week ago and was bid in by Bro. L. H. Sides, of Concord. If no extra bid is put on by the middle of this week then Brother Sides will be free to offer it to the people there. Today the matter of the ownership of the property was tried in the Superior Court in Charlotte and the matter will likely be decided by the court tomorrow.

The Fellowship Crusade

Dr. Andrews, the director of the Fellowship Crusade, will be telling you for the next several weeks what this is all about. But let me say that, in my estimation, it is one of the most far-reaching movements undertaken by us in many years and if our people fall in line as they are expected to do it will mean much to our Church. Let no one falter here.

Appointments

Friday, November 26—1:30 p. m., first quarterly conference, North Davidson Charge, at Spring Hill Church.

Saturday, December 4—First quarterly conference, Mt. Zion Charge, at 2 p. m. at Mt. Pleasant Church.

Sunday, December 5, at 11 o'clock, Mt. Pleasant Church on the Mt. Zion Charge, and at 3 p. m. at Mt. Zion.

Saturday, December 11—7:30 p. m., first quarterly conference at Charlotte.

Sunday, December 12—11 a. m., Charlotte.

J. E. Pritchard.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL BY JOHN R. MOTT

To the Editor of the Methodist Protestant Herald:

In response to the urgent request of representative ministers and laymen I have accepted the chairmanship of the Sponsoring Committee for a united Christmas appeal which the Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America is making in behalf of those who are suffering most from the national and racial antagonisms in the world today. I shall be glad if you will print this letter in your columns as a means of letting your readers know about this great venture in Christian goodwill.

The pent-up feelings of the Christians of America and their desire to do something about the present tragedies in the world must have a practical outlet. The one plan on which they can all agree is to unite in caring for those who are in deepest distress throughout the world. The birthday of Christ affords the best of all opportunities both for a Christian witness to a war-torn world and for sacrificial giving in the spirit of Christ.

Three great groups of sufferers are to be included in the joint appeal: countless civilian victims of the war in China, the children on both sides of the Civil war in Spain and the Christian German refugees who have been impoverished and forced to leave their homes as a result of the cruel laws against "non-Aryans."

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A Message in Verse

A DAY'S WALK

I pray each morning that I be not blind
To the Christ who moves that day among my kind;

I dare not turn a hungry man away,
Lest I be leaving Him unfed today.

I dare not slight some tattered, unclothed one
Lest I should fail to warm and clothe God's Son.

I cannot pass one lanquishing in bed
Lest it be Jesus lying there instead.

Each weary burden bearer in the road
Shall have my help, it might be his load.

And every lonely stranger that I see
I must greet kindly for it might be He.

I shall walk softly on the road today
I could meet Christ down every travelled way.
—*Grace Noll Crowell.*

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And as ye go preach, saying the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give. Matt. 10:7, 8.

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We appreciate the acts of Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Madison in giving a year's subscription to the Herald as a Christmas gift. If you want to help the Herald and, we believe, please your friend, send the M. P. Herald for a year.

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When Mecklenburg County court closed Monday night all witnesses had been examined in the First Church, Charlotte, case; the trial judge when adjourning court stated that the whole matter was a question of law and that he would instruct the jury that the property could not be diverted from the the Methodist Protestant Church. As we go to press one day earlier this week on account of Thanksgiving we can not give the decision of the court.

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The thief on the cross had nails through both hands, so that he could not work; and a nail through each foot, so that he could not run errands for the Lord. He could not lift a hand or a foot toward his salvation, and yet Christ offered him the gift of God, and he took it. He threw him a passport, and took him with Him into Paradise.—*D. L. Moody.*

The Why of the Fellowship Crusade

If there are any in our Church who are wondering why the Board of Administration wants the entire denomination to put on this Crusade; here is a statement in brief. There is a growing conviction in the minds of our leaders that the Church is slipping from her ancient moorings. That she is losing some of those qualities of life which should differentiate a Church member from a non-Church member. That the time has come therefore when we should, as a Church, set our house in order. When God's people of old lost their grip upon Him and went with the multitudes to do evil, in every instance they lost their power as is disclosed in the prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. No backslidden people can represent God to their fellows in the world.

So in these days we find ourselves still in the trough of the moral slump produced by the World War. Life on all its fronts is feeling the impact of that holocaust yet. Our sufferings have been four fold, we have suffered in our loss of moral, economic social and spiritual values. And while we are told that the income of our nation was cut half in two during the last depression, who will tell us how much our nation has suffered from the loss in the spiritual lives of our Church members. And so the Fellowship Crusade is offered as an organized movement to help restore us to greater favor with God. The Crusade has three objectives which are as follows:

1. Seeking to restore to men the joys they once experienced with the Lord. That they shall again feel the strange warmth of His love in their hearts and to "Know that they have passed from death unto life because they love the brethren." And since there is no real salvation by a merely external process—it must come from within; all are urged to call mightily upon God, to confess their sins before him and to seek to do his will daily. For should the Lord bring to us Utopia tomorrow, unless our hearts were changed and the power of sin is broken in our lives, we would wreck it before the end of the day. And if a civilization alone could achieve salvation for a race then many of our ancient peoples would not have fallen. No diluted Christianity which can fully express its content by cultural values can lift a people out of their sins. Somehow, men must be brought into contact with the power with changed Saul, the persecutor, to Paul, the Apostle. And since none drift into this state of redemption, all must enter it through choice, let us entreat all men that they turn unto God and be saved.

2. The next objectives was given us to overcome the lack of support our Church papers are receiving. These papers carry to their readers weekly the program of the Church; but alas, so few received the news. Not more than one person out of every twenty received the *Recorder* in our denomination and not one out of every ten receive a weekly visit from

the M. P. HERALD. The Crusade is intended to make our people more Church paper conscious and more daily aware of the mission of the Church they claim membership in.

3. The third objective is designed to free our Board of Missions and of Education of debt. Our share in this as alloted to us is $8,000. To pay off some long standing debts on our Annual Conference. Our objective for this year is $7,000.00. To reduce the indebtedness on High Point College, our goal at this time is $15,000.00. Plans for raising this money other than those presented on the front page in the How of the Crusade will be presented from time to time by speakers and in articles in the HERALD.

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Lack of Faith

It would seem from the number of statements appearing in current literature that it requires no great wisdom to tell what is the matter with the world. But one interesting statement, both because of its content and because of the speaker, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is to the effect that the world is dominated by real fears. The workers are afraid of unemployment and the hardships incident to unemployment; the employers are afraid that business cannot continue and that pay rolls cannot be met; the nations fear lest the population increase will overflow the available lands and national resources become inadequate; and they also fear that those nations which have best armaments and most wealth will attack the less prepared ones. And so it is fear, fear. Fear is written over all. We believe that this statement will be accepted by the public. Fear is in the way of all. Sickness, old age, unemployment, war. These make us afraid. But underneath all of these is the moving cause—the lack of faith. Men do not fear where they believe. They are not afraid of those whom they trust. So something has gone wrong with the faith of the nominal Christian today. Faith is the door through which they entered into life; but they have lost it. For there was a time when they did believe in God. There was a time when they believed in their neighbors' integrity; there was a time when they believed in their employers; they once believed in the treaties of nations. And now what has happened to that faith? Why are they now so afraid? What evil genius has worked his will upon the peoples of earth?

Why can't men trust their neighbors as of old? Why can't the workman feel that the world still offers him a chance to live? What has come between great nations of nominal Christians that makes them afraid to trust each other? It is quite easy to answer—lack of faith. But what has destroyed faith? Ah, that is not so easy to define. There are the roots of bitterness which run beneath the very foundations of life; vain ambition like the flare of a great blinding light hides the rightful claims of others. Materialism has gotten astride the sacred altar where men once worshipped God. Pramatism is playing havoc with the creeds of the Church by its claim that whatever works is good. The refusal of men to be bound by precedent, by custom, or law, until they have thought it through stands as a barrier many never try to hurdle. Infidelity is in deadly grip with fidelity; the old political slogan, "To the victors belong the spoils," seeks to displace practice of the Golden Rule. Yes, fear is fast gripping us. But fear is only in those out of whom faith has gone. The Master's voice still speaks through the centuries, "If thou canst believe; all things are possible to him that believeth." And it was this faith in the early Disciples of Jesus which saved the world from destruction and made our civilization possible. Destroy it now and who can adequately describe the results that will follow? Christianity is founded upon faith. It has brought men something to live by, to die by. But if we are to lose our faith in ourselves, lose our faith in our fellowman, lose our faith in God what is left us that can keep us in the hours of trial, of sorrow and death? Truly then will fear stalk forth in the way of all—both young and old.

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ENLARGING THE DENOMINATIONAL OUTLOOK

The person who does not take a daily paper which carries news items from the ends of the earth, but prefers the local papers which confines itself to gathering news from the county, must perforce remain in ignorance of what is going on out in the world. It may be he listens occasionally to news flashes, and is made aware that something is going on beyond the county line. But such a man is to be pitied—he has narrowed his horizons and made the circles of his life exceedingly narrow. But such a man is comparatively rare. Most folks take the daily paper, or listen to the radio at least occasionally.

But what is to be said of the Church member who does not take and read his denominational paper, and is content, as so many are, with nothing more than the Conference organ. Do not misunderstand me—the METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD has done us great good. We would never have had the College or the Children's Home; we never would have put over any Conference program, without it. But it does not undertake to give us, except occasionally and then only when some extraordinary event has taken place, much news beyond the borders of the Annual Conference. Unless we take the denominational organ, *the Methodist Protestant-Recorder*, we must perforce, remain in ignorance of what is going on in the denomination and in the world-wide kingdom. We take the daily paper because we want to be intelligent world citizens. We need the denominational paper that we may be intelligent citizens of the Kingdom. I appeal to you as we enter upon this Fellowship Crusade to avail yourselves of the opportunity to meet the second objective—to enlarge your denominational outlook by becoming a reader of the Church paper—which, in this instance, means primarily the *Methodist Protestant-Recorder*.

C. W. BATES.

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I remember hearing a story about an Indian who wanted to come to the Lord. He brought his blanket, but the Lord wouldn't have it. He brought his gun, his dog, his bow and arrow, but the Lord wouldn't have them. At last he brought himself, and the Lord took him. The Lord wanted himself. What the Lord wants is not what you have got, but yourself, and you cannot do a thing to please God until you surrender yourself to Him.—*D. L. Moody.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Our North Carolina Council of Churches

Often in the course of our class discussions we refer to the North Carolina Council of Churches. This organization which came into existence about two years ago attempts to coordinate the work of the several denominations of the state while at the same time destroying none of the distinctive principles of any Church. It hopes to strengthen all denominations and weaken none. To assist in the realization of those objectives common to all Communions is its purpose. As stated in the Constitution of the Council, the three purposes are:

1. To promote fellowship and mutual understanding among the followers of Christ constituting the several Communions of North Carolina.

2. To serve as a medium of inter-Church advice and counsel on matters affecting the progress of Christianity in the state.

3. To associate the Communions in such joint service as may achieve more effectively the objectives of the Christian religion.

So far twelve or thirteen of the leading denominations of North Carolina have officially joined the Council. Others may do so whenever it is properly presented to the ruling bodies of their denomination. Our Methodist Protestant Church has been a member from the very beginning. We are, according to the constitution, allowed five representatives, and these were duly elected at the recent Asheboro Conference.

The old North Carolina Sunday School Association has been merged into the Council of Churches, the official consummation taking place in Charlotte last April. Since that date the work and equipment of the old Association was taken over by the new organization. There is now no State Sunday School Association. Certain county and township units are still in operation, but no doubt these too will be taken over into the program of the Church Council. The old Association did a great work, but its day has passed. The various denominations now have departments of religious education such as they did not have in the early days, and there is not the open field for the work of the Sunday School Association as there once was. But the new Council instead of trying to do work along side of the denominations hopes to help the denominations do their own work better.

Soon the Council of Churches expects, I understand, to form county or district organizations to help strengthen and coordinate the whole religious interests of the various areas of the state. Effort will be made to enlist all of the pastors, Sunday School leaders, high school principals, and other directors of the character-making institutions of the communities. The program is to be more comprehensive than anything before undertaken in North Carolina. Certain other states have already inaugurated such a plan and we believe it will work in this state also. Professor Carl Taylor refers to several such units in his book on Rural Sociology.

But the big event now being sponsored by the Council of Churches is the great Convocation of the Churches which is to be held in Raleigh January 18-20, 1938. Last year a Convocation was held in Winston-Salem. But that was only a Convocation for ministers. This one is for the entire Church—a Convocation of Churches—for laymen and laywomen as well as ministers. Special effort will be made to reach the Sunday School leaders and officers of Women's auxiliaries.

An outline of the program and a list of speakers appeared in last week's HERALD, page 8. Be sure to read it. Our Church ought to be well represented at that Raleigh Convocation.

While all other business and professional leaders have been having their state meetings for years, we are just now beginning to assemble the Church leaders in like fashion. Last year the ministers of the state met for the first time in North Carolina. Undertakers, lumber men, lawyers, dentists, physicians, and every other classification can meet for instruction and inspiration. Certainly it is time for the religious leaders to do the same thing. Once I asked my teacher in college why did not the preachers of the entire state meet occasionally like the other professions. He answered, short and emphatic, "That's the curse of denominations."

Let that be as it may, we are to have a great gathering of religious leaders from over the state to meet for two days in Raleigh in January, and I hope many Methodist Protestants will be among them.

DEEPENING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

A deeper, richer, fuller spiritual life is ever our great need. We need to daily grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ. In a world of sin we need unbroken fellowship with God. A fellowship that purges us from sin; makes our lives radiant with the glory of God; puts the beauty of Jesus into our personalities; make us markedly different from people of the world; and reveals through us the Christ whose religion is vital, regenerating, comforting and triumphant.

The Fellowship Crusade calls us to a deeper fellowship with God. A committee composed of Mrs. R. M. Andrews, Rev. J. C. Auman and the writer offers the following suggestions in this connection.

1. Pastors and people daily observing a quiet hour. We should put a time for Bible study, prayer and meditation in our daily schedule and persistently hold to it. The morning hour is preferable, but this must be left with the individual. Let all of our people be linked together in prayer for the success of God's kingdom in all lands; for the success of the Fellowship Crusade; for loyalty and faithfulness in the lives of Christ's followers; and for the unsaved everywhere.

2. Daily Bible study and prayer in the family. A time when all members of the family engage in a well-planned, well-directed program of spiritual enrichment. "God's Minute," "God's Message," "The Upper Room," and "The Book of Daily Devotions" are suggested books. The Quiet Hour page in the *Methodist Protestant-Recorder* and daily Bible readings in the Sunday School quarterly are also sug-

gested helps. Such a time in the family will make secure the home and save sons and daughters from the ravages of sin.

3. A thorough study of the word Christian. We need to know all that it involves, all that it implies. We need not only this knowledge, but we need to put this knowledge into practice. We need to be Christian in all of the relationships of life.

4. A conference-wide Church loyalty campaign. Let the campaign begin January 1 and close June 1. Perhaps only 25 or 30 per cent of Church members attend the regular services of the Church with any degree of regularity. During this campaign let us make an honest, persistent effort through prayer, love and personal visitation to reach those Church members who are now lost to the Church and the kingdom. As the campaign progresses may we go deeper in fellowship with God until all of us shall have the experience of John Wesley when his heart was strangely warmed.

5. A rededication of our lives and possessions to God. Yield our lives to Him as the clay yields itself to the hands of the potter. Let Him purge, redeem and shape us according to His pattern. We must dedicate our possessions also and ever remember that we are but stewards of all that we possess.

6. An effective program of evangelism. A program that does not go to either extreme, but is sane and well balanced. A program that seeks the lost; that nurtures those who are won; and seeks to commit them to the program of Christ. The Church should be doing this throughout the entire year. A period of ten days or two weeks in the year isn't enough time to devote to the supreme mission of the Church, the program that Jesus put at the very center.

FRED W. PASCHALL.

CHRISTIAN FRUITFULNESS

The International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, November 28, 1937

By J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—John 15:1-16.

Golden Text—"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be my disciples."—John 15:8.

In this lesson the Master, true to form, is using a vivid figure or allegory familiar to the minds of His hearers as a means of driving home a great truth. This is a great truth for the matter of fruitfulness is the very crux of Christian living. John the Baptist was brutally frank about this when he said: ". . . every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." Neither is Christ mincing words when He says: "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he (the Father) taketh away." No wonder Christ was in dead earnest for this was one of the last great lessons He would ever have a chance to teach His disciples. So He is saying with renewed emphasis a truth which He has spoken over and over again: "Not everyone that saith Lord, Lord, but he that doeth . . ." "In as much as ye did it, or did it not . . . come unto me or depart." If ye bear no fruit you are none of mine. It is this truth that the apostle, James, later on speaks with such force: "What doeth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have no works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?"

Also it is interesting to consider the figure which Christ used to teach this lesson, a vine and its branches. In my opinion that was no accident. Christ seldom if ever speaks of static Christianity. The vine with its branches is something that grows. None of us are perfect but only candidates for perfection; none of us are saints but only candidates for sainthood. I suspect the Catholics are right in never conferring the honor of "ST." upon an individual until he is dead. We are here not only to bear fruit but to grow that we may bear more fruit. It may be that we glorify or honor God in growth as well as in bearing fruit.

Also this figure is used to indicate that vital relationship which must exist between Christ and His followers. "I am the vine . . . the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine . . ."; "My help cometh from the Lord, which made Heaven and earth," said the psalmist long ago. People often say, "Is it necessary for me to trust in Chrsit? Isn't morality enough?" Certainly morality is enough to stay out of jail; it is enough to fit into the moulds of respectability—in fact sometimes you do not even have to be moral to do that. Morality is enough to get by with in life. But Christ is not speaking of "getting by"; He is speaking of a life filled with vitality and crowned with deeds of unselfish service. The great reformers of all times, the martyrs who died for their faith—they did not do it alone but they were conscious of that help that cometh from the Lord.

Another condition of bearing fruit, says the Master to His disciples, is that you keep my commandments. But He goes on further to say, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." Going deeper in to the matter of fruitfulness Christ is saying that the worth of good deeds depends upon the prompting motive. Here we are reminded of the words of Paul in the 13th chapter of First Corinthians: "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor; and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity, it profits me nothing." That is unless I have the proper motive for my doings of sacrifice and service, then my service is worthless in the sight of God. Love one another if you would please the Father, for it was for the motive of love that Christ, Himself, came to the world as a servant of men. "I call you not servants but friends."

Finally this lesson closes with its most forceful saying: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain . . ." Does the individual take up tasks of service simply in his own name and strength? No; if he does it in the proper spirit he is conscious of the fact that he is but a chosen instrument through whom God seeks to work. Is the Church simply a voluntary organization? It is that but it is far more; it is an institution chosen of God as an instrument through which to reveal Himself to the world. It is a great day in any man's life when he can feel, not in self-righteous conceit but in humility, that he is chosen to do a great service for God and man. I am not speaking of supernatural calls but of that branch that lives so close to the vine that it is conscious of the fact that their aims and purposes are one; that the Master still walks the earth doing good through Him and others whom He has chosen to reveal Himself, realizing that He chooses everyone who is willing to keep His commandments.

EVANGELISM

The Church must be evangelistic, or be utterly false to her Commission. It is by no means sufficient to give a week, ten days or two weeks to an evangelistic effort. A sincere, sane evangelistic effort should be the major emphasis in the Church's program during the entire year. A year-round program of evangelism is the standard for every Church. The Church has no greater work. This program should never be secondary.

Your Committee on Evangelism would have us keep ever fresh in our minds the items included in a program of evangelism as set forth in the report of last year, namely, winning souls for Christ; the Christian nurture and development of the life which has been won for Christ; and the life which has been won for Christ and is being nurtured in the Christian way of life definitely enlisted in Christ's service.

These are days when people go to extreme. There are leftists and rightists. These two groups are found in the Church. There is the cold, formal intellectual type. There is the noisy, extremely emotional, showy type. The first needs to have a heart-warming experience, to bring sane emotionalism back into their religious experiences. If this were done there would not be so many tabernacles with their various isms springing up over the land. The second type needs to learn how to do things decently and in order, without confusion and show. If this were done the Christian religion would make a conquering appeal to some who are now disgusted with religion because of the noise and show some people make. Your Committee is pleading that we walk in the middle of the road. Let us witness, let us testify to the saving and redeeming power of Christ appealingly and beautifully.

Jesus had a holy passion for the lost. "There were ninety and nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold, But one was out on the hills away, Far off from the gates of Gold—Away on the mountains wild and bare, Away from the tender Shepherd's care. 'Lord, whence are those blooddrops all the way that mark out the mountain's track?' "They were shed for one who had gone astray Ere the Shepherd could bring him back.' 'Lord whence are Thy hands so rent and torn? They are pierced tonight by many a thorn'."

Jesus set the example for us. Do we possess a passion for the lost like unto His? Are we so busy raising the budget, oiling the machinery, keeping Church property in repair, holding committee meetings that we have little time to seek the lost? It is to be feared, brethren, that we have lost our passion. A mother came to her pastor at the close of the morning worship service and said, "I spent all last night in prayer and tears for my boy." Another mother in her agonizing prayer for the salvation of her boy is saying, "O God, I will burn in hell forever if you will only let my boy off." Still another mother in a testimony meeting is saying, "When I get to heaven and in due time my boy doesn't come all the angels of heaven can't keep me out of the outer darkness until I find my boy." Oh, that such passion for lost souls would possess us all!

Your committee is suggesting that a study course in evangelism be conducted in every Church or charge during the Conference year. Of course, such a study will deal more or less with technique and method. But we need to know how to approach and converse with people about the salvation of their immortal soul. Many do not do it because they do not know how. While these study groups will be dealing with methods, yet these very groups may become an upper room and in the power of the Spirit the members of the group go out as did the followers of Christ on the day of Pentecost. No doubt the pastor will conduct these study groups and to aid him in this work we are suggesting the following books and pamphlets:

"Aggressive Evangelism," by Hanes; "Are You An Evangelist," by Hughes; "Achieving Christian Character," McLester; "Great Sermons on Evangelism," Kernahan; "Evangelism and Present World Order," Brewbaker; "Manual on Personal Evangelism," Dean; "History of American Revivals," Beardsley; "Evangelism," Biederwolf; "The Great Evangel," Hough; "Evangelism in a Changing World," Bailey; "Evangelism in the Sunday School," Chappell; "Great Revivals and the Great Republic," Candler; "Educational Evangelism," McKinley; "Every Minister His Own Evangelist," Work; "Studies for Personal Workers," Johnston; "Present-Day Evangelism," Chapman.

The Fellowship Crusade will be presented to this Conference for action. This crusade is divided into three parts. Your Committee on Evangelism has been asked to bring to this Conference suggestions which have to do with the first part; namely, the deepening of the spiritual life of our people. This item is first in the Crusade. It is properly placed. E. Stanley Jones has correctly said, "We can't go further until we go deeper." We must go deeper in Consecration, in loyalty, in faithfulness and deeper in fellowship with God. Brethren of the ministry, let us take the lead in the matter. Do we as spiritual leaders always live close to the heart of God? Are we daily climbing to higher heights in our Christian experience, or do our people look upon us and find no inspiration to seek closer fellowship with God? It was said of one minister, "It's as good as a sermon just to see him walk into the pulpit." The minister should ever live so close to the heart of God that wherever he is, whenever people behold him they will see a life radiant with the glory of God and aglow with the beauty of Christ. First then we are calling every minister to a renewed consecration of life and a deeper fellowship with God.

In the second place we would call all of our people to join us in a daily, faithful observance of a quiet hour—a time for Bible study, prayer and meditation. We must put such a time in our daily schedule. It may be that we will have to rise a bit earlier, but with the coming of each new day our first contact should be with God so that we may go into the tasks of the day with the assurance that He is our Heavenly Father, that we are the objects of His love and that our lives are undergirded with His power.

I met God in the morning,
When the day was at its best
And His presense came like sunshine,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the presence lingered;
All day long He stayed with me;
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive them
Brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I too had loosed the moorings
With the presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret
Learned from many a troubled way;
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day.
—*Ralph S. Cushman.*

In the third place we are suggesting that a family altar be conducted in each home. There are many difficulties in the way, but "where there is a will there is a way." If the people need help the following are most beneficial and inspiring: "God's Minute"; "God's Message"; "The Upper Room"; "Victorious Living," by E. Stanley Jones; "The Daily Altar," by Willett and Morrison; and "The Book of Daily Devotions," by Clark and Cram. A house is built on the banks of a stream. It is symbolic of thousands of homes in America. Apparently it seems to be safe. But let us analyze the water in the stream. We find that it contains deadly poisons. These poisons—the divorce evil, irreverence, lack of spirituality, no time for Bible study and prayer—are eating away at the bank upon which the house rests. There must be a crash unless something is done. A family altar is of indescribable value to the safety and godliness of our homes.

Lastly we are suggesting that study groups be conducted for the sole purpose of deepening the spiritual life of our people. Groups meeting to sing, to pray, to witness, to study the Christian way of life. The Bible is the supreme Book here. Other books such as "Victorious Living," by E. Stanley Jones; "Practicing the Presence," by Ralph S. Cushman, and many others may be successfully used.

The Kingdom of God comes slowly not so much because of the plots and plans of devils, but because of the blunders, hypocrisies and indifference of those who profess Christ, but do not possess Him. When pastor and people are so consecrated to Christ that their lives are radiant with the glory of God; that in their conduct and character the beauty of Jesus may be seen; that they do not compromise nor look with favor upon sin; that they are Christians first in politics, social circles, business and all relationships of life, then the sinner will be crying, "What must I do to be saved?" And the kingdom of this world shall rapidly become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

Fred W. Paschall, *Chairman.*
L. E. Mabry,
A. D. Shelton,
E. A. Cook.

Christmas Appeal by John R. Mott

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The united appeal of the Federal Council will support and reinforce in every way the separate relief appeals made by several communions, and opportunity will be given to designate any gift for the special fund of any denomination. Gifts not otherwise designated will be turned over to established and well-recognized Christian agencies working in each of the three fields. The money for China will be expended through such agencies as are designated by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America; the contributions for Spain will be placed at the disposal of the American Friends Service Committee (Quaker); the contributions for the German refugees will be administered through the American Committee for Christian German refugees.

The Christmas appeal will be made through local churches and it is hoped that all pastors will plan now for a share in this movement through an offering on the Sunday before Christmas or, if it be more convenient, on some other Sunday in December. The goal of the appeal is an offering, whether large or small, from every congregation in America as a part of a united testimony of Christian love and sympathy.

A distinguished group of the most trusted leaders in all major communions has agreed to join in sponsoring the appeal, including Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, Episcopal; Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, Presbyterian; Dr. Earle V. Pierce, Northern Baptist; President George W. Richards, Evangelical and Reformed; Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, Methodist Episcopal; Professor Rufus M. Jones, Quaker; Dr. P. O. Bersell, Lutheran; Dean Frederick D. Kershner, Disciples of Christ; Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, Methodist Episcopal, South; Bishop Paul de Schweinitz, Moravian; Rt. Rev. Peter Bryce, United Church of Canada; President Albert W. Palmer, Congregational; President Walter L. Lingle, Southern Presbyterian. Outstanding lay men and women are also associated with them like Charles P. Taft, William Allen White, Mary E. Woolley, John Foster Dulles, Grace Abbott, Isaiah Bowman, Mrs. Robert E. Speer, William E. Sweet, James M. Speers, Walter Dill Scott and Louis J. Taber.

Very sincerely yours,
John R. Mott, *Chairman,*
Sponsoring Committee of the
United Christmas Appeal.

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No wonder Martin Luther shook all Germany when that truth dawned upon him, "The just shall live by faith." Do you know what "justified" means? I will tell you. It is to stand before God without spot or wrinkle, without a sin. It is to be put back beyond Eden. God looks over His ledger, and says: "Moody, I have no account against you. Your debt has all been wiped out by another."—*D. L. Moody.*

OUR STORY PAGE

THE RESCUE OF CHERRY

The boy and girl hidden in the bushes were near enough to look right down into the Indian camp. They could see dusky forms standing around the camp-fire and, nearby, their own red cow, Cherry, fastened with a thong to a young pine.

Cherry had been lost for three days and they had been out every morning to look for her. The good old cow's milk was more than half the food supply at the poor little cabin down behind the ridge.

Molly began to cry bitterly as she looked at the cow.

''We have lost her now, Peter. We can never get her back.''

Peter's face was pale as he stared at the Indian camp. Bands of Indians in the Virginia wilderness in that year of 1748 were not an uncommon sight, but the children's fear of the red men of the forest had never grown less.

''We have been hungry all the time since Cherry was lost,'' sobbed Molly. ''Now we shall be hungrier than ever, and poor mother is as hungry as we are.''

''I suppose the Indians found Cherry wandering in the woods and perhaps thought she was nobody's cow,'' suggested Peter. ''Maybe if I go down there and make signs that she is ours, they will give her up.''

But he shivered as he spoke, and Molly caught hold of his arm.

''Peter Miller, you shan't stir a step. Why, the Indians will kill you or carry you off, cow and all, if you went down into that camp!''

''Well, if I don't go we shall have to sneak home without Cherry,'' Peter argued. ''And, honest, Molly, I'm afraid we shall starve to death before father gets back from the journey into the North woods.''

Peter's voice was sharp with distress; he had forgotten that the Indians might hear him and come to see who was hidden in the bushes, so near at hand. Molly uttered a frightened cry as a step cracked in the underbrush. But it was not an Indian who stepped out of the thicket and stood looking down at them. It was a young white man, very tall and big, with a boyish face lighted by gray-blue eyes. He smiled at the boy and girl.

''You say it is your cow the Indians have down there in their camp?'' asked the young man.

They nodded eagerly and Molly choked back her tears as she told him how they had missed Cherry since she was lost three days ago.

''And Peter has been talking about going to the Indians to try to get her back,'' the little girl exclaimed. ''But of course nobody would dare to walk into an Indian encampment.''

The gray-blue eyes looking down at them were suddenly laughing.

''I have met a good many red men,'' said the young man, ''and I have never been afraid of them. Will you run home to your mother's cabin and wait till I bring you your cow?''

''You will bring back Cherry?'' gasped Molly. ''But, sir, how will you rescue her from the Indians?''

''You shall see,'' answered the young man, ''only run home now as fast as you can. The woods are too cold and wet for you this March day.''

Peter and Molly stood clinging to each other's hand as they watched the tall figure down into the hollow.

''We must stop here a minute to see what he does at the Indian camp,'' whispered Molly.

Their eyes grew wider as they saw what he did. He walked straight up to the Indians who stood around the campfire and began talking to them, making signs and pointing to the red cow. After a few minutes he walked over to Cherry, unfastened the thong that held her to the tree, and led her away into the forest.

''He is not bringing her home,'' muttered Peter. ''He is taking her away in quite another direction. But I'm sure it's all right somehow. Now we must run home and tell mother.

At the cabin they found their mother looking out for them. Her face was full of doubt as she listened to their story.

''I am afraid,'' she said sadly, ''that we shall never see Cherry again. It looks as if your new friend wanted the cow for himself.''

Peter and Molly felt a little worried as they ran out into the bushes to get dry fuel. What if Cherry never came back, after all?

''Anyhow,'' said Peter, pulling away at a dead tree, ''a good fire will help cheer us up.''

They brought in a great stack of wood and made a fine blaze on the wide stone hearth. There was no supper to get because there was nothing to eat in the cabin except a few handfuls of corn. It grew dark as they sat by the fire, and the cheeping of frogs in the marsh near by was a lonesome sound.

They all jumped when a knock sounded at the cabin door. Molly pulled it open in a hurry, and there stood their tall young friend holding Cherry by one horn.

''Here is the little cow,'' he said. ''I went around by my own camp to get some things from the supplies our surveying party brought when we came up into the wilderness.''

He laid on the doorstone a couple of good-sized sacks and then took from the cow's back a bundle of something wrapped in a great sheet of birch bark.

''It is venison,'' he sadi. ''Some strips of it can be cooked quickly for your supper, and Cherry is ready to give you some milk.''

''Hurry, Peter, put her in the lean-to and milk her,'' ordered Mrs. Miller. ''And you, sir, we have no words to thank you, but you must stay and have supper with us.''

He swept off his hat with a smile. ''I thank you kindly, madam, but my men have made camp and will be looking for me to come back. By the way, the Indians were merely a roving party of hunters and have already moved on though even if they had stayed I think you would have had nothing to fear.''

He picked up the two sacks and brought them in, stooping his tall head to pass the low doorway.

"There are beans and some potatoes in one sack," he explained, "and the other one is full of raisins. The grapes at Mount Vernon were a fine big crop last fall, and we still have great stores of raisins."

Then he said good-night and strode away into the forest, only stopping to answer a question that Mother Miller called after him.

The meat was cooked, and they were half-way through what Molly said was the best supper they had ever eaten, when Peter remembered something.

"Mother, the young man said the raisins were from Mount Vernon. What is it we have heard lately about that place?"

"We have heard about a young surveyor, only sixteen years old, who has just gone into the wilderness to survey some tracts of land for Lord Fairfax."

Molly looked up, wide-eyed. "I remember, mother. Do you mean that the rescuerer of Cherry is that young man himself?"

Mother Miller nodded. "Yes, I asked him his name as he went away, and he said it was George Washington."—*Mabel S. Merril in Zion's Herald.*

THE TWO PENNIES

The two pennies were in the Boy's pocket, and the Boy's hand was in the pocket, too. There were other things in the pocket which struck the pennies and made a jingling sound.

"I don't mind being touched. It doesn't hurt, and no one can hear us talking when there's a noise," said the other penny.

"Listen," said the second penny, "the Boy is talking to himself. He says with only two pennies he can not buy what he wants."

"I wonder what he wants to buy," whispered One, all attention.

"I am sure I don't know. He can't be rich, can he? Oh! I nearly slipped through that hole. Be careful. You may go through," warned Two.

"My! I'd hate to fall out. It seems we are not of much use, though. If there were only more of us, the Boy could get what he likes," sighing.

"I for one would like to stand on my own merits. It's terrible to think you can't do good without a lot of others. I wish to do good by myself," and Two drew closer to One, for the hole seemed to be getting larger.

"We'll never be any larger or worth any more. That is the trouble with coins," said One.

"But I heard a lady say once that that was the best thing about coins. Their value never changed, and you could always depend on them," and Two turned her face toward One.

"Oh, dear! But it's such a little to depend on. Just hear how the Boy is grieving because he can't buy what he wants. It's dreadful to be compelled to listen and not be able to help."

"I wonder what he's stopping for," and One turned her head up eagerly.

"When were you born?" asked Two, who knew that One was older and might suggest a way to help the Boy.

"The date is ten years back. And you?"

"Oh, I am younger, but age doesn't really matter. We are exactly the same value, young or old," answered Two.

"Well, that's as it should be, but I do wish just now that I could be a nickel."

"The worst of it is that we can not be changed," and Two's voice was plaintive.

"And we can not grow any more, ever," aid One.

"Why, look!" said Two, suddenly all excitement. "We have company." And sure enough, some bright pennies had come into the Boy's pocket.

"I wonder where he got them," said One.

"He must have found them. You know he stopped." Two looked curiously at the pennies, for even in the dim light he could see their shining faces.

"Where did you come from?" said One, trying to be courteous to the newcomers.

"We were picked up from the gutter. It doesn't sound very well. We have been lying there for hours until the Boy came along and picked us up. We weren't doing any good at all there."

"So you three have that trouble, too?" sympathetically. "Do you always travel three at a time?" asked Two.

"Oh, no indeed!" said the oldest penny, "but it is usually true that pennies travel with some one else."

"Yes, we have been together a long time," agreed Two, looking at his companion.

"The Boy is walking fast," said One. The five pennies were huddled in a heap that moved restlessly.

"He's whistling," said Two.

The next thing the five pennies knew was that the Boy was talking to a man: "Yes, that big red apple, please, sir."

Then the pennies came out into the light, and the Boy handed them to the man. The man looked at each one carefully.

"All right, sonny," he said, and soon the Boy was happily munching the rosy apple, and his cheeks were as rosy as the apple and all puffed out.

"Better have a stick of candy, too," and the man looked kindly at the Boy.

"That is all the pennies I had," answered the Boy. The man handed him the candy anyway.

"Are we to stay with the man now?" whispered One.

The oldest of the five pennies said: "You haven't made many changes, have you? I've made changes for a quarter, a dime, a nickel, and I for one have never stayed in one place long at a time."

"I don't care," said One. "Just so I help people to get what they want."

"Nor I," said Two sighing contentedly.

"We five pennies are as good as any nickel," said the oldest penny.

"Indeed we are!" cried One. "See the Boy! How happy he is!"

And One and Two and the other three pennies were put in the cash box, and there they rested happily all night.—*May Evelyn Skiles, in Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.*

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

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Clothing and Other Gifts

Mrs. P. S. Walker and Mrs. Crissie Cranford, Liberty, Davidson, one quilt.

The Minneola Mills, Gibsonville, a bundle of outings.

The Erlanger Mills, Lexington, a bundle of remnants.

Mr. E. F. Bulla, Asheboro, 5 bushels apples.

Bethany, Randolph, 15 half-gallon and 12 quarts canned fruits and vegetables.

Pensacola, 6 bushels apples, 5 bags Irish potatoes, 1 bag sweet potatoes, 2 pumpkins, 26 half-gallon and 6 quart cans fruit and vegetables.

The Woman's Auxiliary, Seagrove-Love Joy, cookies for school lunches.

Lineberry, Davidson, 6 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables.

Primary class, State St., Lexington, 1½ bushels apples.

Spring Hill, N. Davidson, 2 pumpkins, 7 half-gallon and 3 quart cans of fruit and vegetables, 2 packages Irish potatoes and 2 packages sweet potatoes and 5 pounds sugar.

Our matron listed one gift, "Spring Garden Street Methodist church, Greensboro," 1 bushel apples.

Rev. W. Smith Harper, Chicago, 18 books for library.

Rev. Homer Casto, Weaversville, 21 books for library.

Central church, Asheboro, at close of Conference, 26 jars of jelly, jam and preserves.

Center, Alamance, 2 pair shoes, 3 tablets, 3 pencils, 1 box crayons, a coat, a dress and other pieces for girls.

Woman's Auxiliary, Community church, Thomasville, cakes and cookies for school lunches.

We sincerely thank you for these offerings of money and substance. The dear Lord bless all who gave. When you read this many of you will have taken your Thanksgiving offering. Whatever it may be we thank you. If you have not taken it please do so at the earliest possible moment, and get it out of the way of other things.

Also please keep the coupons coming.

Thank you,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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CHILDREN'S HOME HISTORY

Do our people want this History?

I called on nine people one afternoon and sold eight. It didn't take sales talk, the booklet sells itself. Won't each church send for a few and appoint some one to sell them. Let's get this first 1,000 out by the first of the year so we can have printed the second thousand at less than half the cost, to send into the other states. We now have them in eight states. Send for yours today. It costs less to send several together.

This is for our Home, not me. Those who have them already please try to dispose of and send in money. Our bills will be due by December 10.

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No man can read with profit that which he cannot learn to read with pleasure.—Noah Porter.

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Fallston, Friendship; Friendship-Love's Grove, Friendship; Forsyth, Hickory Ridge, Maple Springs, Mt. Carmel and Union Ridge; Gibsonville; Glen Raven, Glen Raven and Haw River; Graham; Granville, Rehoboth and Union Chapel; Greensboro, Calvary, Grace and St. Paul; Greensville, Matthews Chapel; Guilford, Fairfield, Hickory Grove and Mitchell's Grove; Halifax, Eden and Bethesda; Haw River, Fair Grove, Friendship, Midway and Mizpah; Henderson; High Point, First Church, Lebanon and Welch Memorial; Kannapolis; Lexington, State Street and Bethesda; Lexington, First Church;

Liberty, Mebane; Mecklenburg, New Hope; Midway; Moriah; Mocksville, Bethel; Mt. Hermon, Bellmont, Friendship, and Mt. Hermon; Mt. Pleasant, Liberty Grove, Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant Union; North Davidson, Canaan, Mt. Pleasant and West Thomasville; Orange, Efland; Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion; Pleasant Grove; Randleman, Level Cross, Mt. Lebanon, New Salem and Worthville; Randolph, Bethany, Bethel and Shiloh; Reidsville;

Richland, Charlotte and Giles Chapel; Rockingham; Seagrove-Love Joy, Macedonia and Seagrove; Shiloh, Friendship, Greer's Chapel and Shiloh; Siler City; Spring Church, Lebanon, Pleasant Hill and Spring Church; Tabernacle, Julian and Tabernacle; Thomasville, Community Church and First Church; Vance, Gillburg and Harris Chapel; Weaverville, Clarks Chapel and Weaverville; West Forsyth, Baltimore, Pleasant Hill and Stony Knoll; Whitakers; Why Not, Flag Springs and New Hope; Winston-Salem, First Church; Yarboroughs Chapel.

Besides the above other churches have contributed to the Home as follows:

Five other churches contributed	9	times
Four	8	"
Five	7	"
Five	6	"
Five	5	"
Seven	4	"
Nine	3	"
Twelve	2	"
Twenty-one	1	"
Twenty-eight	0	"

Special Honor Roll: Mr. Bascom Frazier, of the Midway Church, contributed $1.00 per week out of his tithes; Miss Bonnie Silver, of Black Mountain, contributed an average of $6.00 per month out of her tithes.

The publication of this has been delayed because of the sickness of your superintendent. If all the churches in this last list can be led to make a regular monthly offering, and if all our churches and Sunday schools can be led to set a worthy monthly goal our financial problems would almost be solved.

We will, perhaps, change the form of the Honor Roll next year. More later.

Faithfully,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting.—Burke.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Bess Chapel, W. L. Harkey, Pastor—Last Sunday we began a new year with a new pastor, Rev. W. L. Harkey. However Mr. Harkey is not a stranger. We have been associated with him during the past year in our meetings, and have learned to admire and appreciate his many fine traits of Christian character. He brought us a very encouraging and inspiring message from Nehemiah 4:6, "For the people had a mind to work." We trust this message will be an incentive to many who heard it.

Fifth Sunday morning in October we held our dedicatory service. Dr. R. M. Andrews preached the dedication sermon to a large and appreciative congregation. Rev. T. F. McCulloch, a former pastor, was with us. Mr. McCulloch has served our church as pastor three different times during a period of 50 years. He is indeed a spiritual father to many of us. He made a short talk which was enjoyed very much. Two of his daughters were with him, Misses Pearl and Sarah. We were so glad to have them with us for the day. Rev. D. T. Huss was present and gave an interesting talk. We are always glad to have Mr. Huss and his family come back and visit us.

Our fifth Sunday district rally was held in the afternoon. Present were all pastors of the district, with many laymen and laywomen from practically every church in the district. We were very happy to have these worship with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Joyner and Glenna are leaving us this week for their new home at Roberta. Our wish for them is that this year will be a most successful one.

The November meeting of our auxiliary was held Monday night at the home of Mrs. A. A. Beam. The attendance and interest were good. Two new members were added to our roll, Mrs. John Heavner, a recent bride, and Miss Helen Yoder, one of our high school teachers. We welcome them into our organization.

MRS. B. L. HEAVNER.

Worthville, Randleman Charge, C. L. Spencer, Pastor, Nov. 21.—Since a new conference year has started, and I did not get in a report for the latter part of the year, I will give a brief sketch of that too.

Brother Trogdon, who served us for five years, was sent to the Guilford charge. We greatly regret losing him. We had learned to love him for the deep spiritual power that was dominant in his life. He, with his wife and daughter, will be pleasantly remembered by our members.

We felt fortunate in having the conference so near that we could attend some of the sessions. It drew us closer and made us more interestetd in the work as a whole. I hope that this church can report every conference claim paid in full hereafter. There was one or two items not paid up this year.

The church officers were elected the last Sunday in October, as follows: trustees, C. F. Allred, Wade Kirkman, Joe Gills, Arthur Ferree, and F. E. Allred; stewards, D. J. Allred, chairman, Mrs. W. H. Trogdon, Mrs. Fern Ferree, Miss Ruby Hudson, and Miss Jean Ward. Already the stewards have entered into their work whole-heartedly.

Mr. C. F. Allred was re-elected superintendent of the Sunday school. He has proven a faithful leader for four years. The Sunday school was voted to be the best we have had in 12 months, and we attribute this to a series of prayer meetings which has been in progress every night for the past week, preparing the way for a revival that is to begin in our village tonight, with Rev. J. W. Groce from High Point preaching. This will be a union meeting for all denominations. We are praying that this will be a changed place when it closes.

Our new pastor, Rev. Mr. Spencer, filled his first appointment last Sunday, to a congregation that filled the church. Everyone seemed anxious to see and hear him and perhaps "take the role of a prophet" too. Anyway, I will say every remark that was heard sounded good. I think we already like our new pastor. May we as a church lend a helping hand and a praying heart.

A committee composed of C. C. Ward, Mrs. D. J. Allred, and Mrs. C. O. Byrd was appointed to prepare the Christmas program for our children. We shall endeavor to make it beneficent.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Foust, two of our aged members, were able to worship with us last Sunday.

Mrs. C. C. Ward, who has been sick for several weeks, is almost recovered.

Mrs. W. E. Kennedy was able to be back today after suffering with septic sore throat for two weeks.

We wish for all the churches and pastors a good year in the work of the Lord.

MRS. C. O. BYRD, Reporter.

Kannapolis, D. T. Huss, Pastor.—I would like to say, since conference has adjourned, that we have been very lucky in having our same pastor back with us for the coming year. We have all learned to love Mr. Huss and his entire family.

We have accomplished much in our church and Sunday school since having Mr. Huss, and we know that we are going to have another good year, with everyone cooperating in the work.

Our different societies are still progressing in their work. The Ladies' Auxiliary turned in its monthly report which was very good, including both No. 1 and 2 circles. There also has been reorganized the junior girls' circle under the leadership of Mrs. W. T. Kiser. In the general meeting there was a large group of ladies from the Concord M. P. church. After the business session a play was given by Circle No. 1, and it was greatly enjoyed. Then after the play they were all called into the new assembly room, where were served sandwiches, cake, and coffee.

The Christian Endeavor societies, both Junior and Intermediate, have covered their study of the books in the Old Testament. The Intermediates plan to go into the New Testament after Christmas. This study has helped us all to know more about the Bible and we have enjoyed each group we have studied.

Our sick friends and members have improved very rapidly. Miss Gaynell Price has gone to Black Mountain Sanitarium where she expects to spend probably a few months, thus returning again to her family and hosts of friends and relatives in the spring. We are hoping she might be able to return before spring.

We have much to be thankful for. As Thanksgiving day aproaches, let us remember the many blessings we have received the past year. Not only must we be thankful then, but for every day.

OLLIE SLOOP, Reporter.

Seagrove-Love Joy Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. E. G. Cowan, filled his first appointment here November 21, choosing for his scripture St. Matthew 26:30-39, and using for his subject, "And He Went a Little Farther." Mr. Cowan preached a very interesting sermon. He also brought out some facts that would take place in life is peolpe would go just one step farther. There was a very good congregation out to hear our new pastor.

We were all very glad to have Mr. L. A. King with us in our worship service yesterday. We hope that he will come again soon.

RUBY BROWN, Reporter.

Shiloh C. E. Society, Shiloh Charge.—Our work is getting along nicely for the beginning of a new year. On Sunday night, November 14, we elected officers for the coming year, as follows: President, Mr. Ray Leatherman; vice-president, Mr. Protus Koontz; secretary, Arlene Berrier; assistant secretary, Julia Waitman; treasurer, Katie Leatherman; budget treasurer, Emma Berrier; chairman of program committee, Mabel Berrier; helpers, Blanche Sink, Mr. C. E. Ridge, and Grace Evans; flower committee, Katie Leatherman and Naomi Swicegood.

We have set our goal at $150 this year, and are planning to raise more if we can. Our young people are doing much for the work of our Master. We are sending $25 to the Children's Home in High Point for the Thanksgiving offering. We know the home is in need of all the help we can give.

We hope we can accomplish much during the year, and are asking our Christian friends to pray for us in our work, that we may grow in number and spirit. We are hoping to have the greatest year in the history of our society.

BEATRICE SINK, Reporter.

Henderson Church, T. J. Whitehead, Pastor, Nov. 22.—Our hearts were encouraged by the excellent reports made from our annual conference, and we are so glad to have Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Whitehead returned to us for another year. The new year is already on its way, and many tasks await us.

Sunday morning Mr. Whitehead preached a very impressive Thanksgiving sermon and a special Thanksgiving offering was taken at both morning and evening services for the Children's Home at High Point. There will be a worship service at the church on Thanksgiving morning at 9 o'clock.

The Circles and Woman's Auxiliary meet each month with a fine attendance and much interest.

The Junior and Senior C. E. societies, with their presidents, Dell Floyd and Ann Nichols, and the Girls' Mission Club under the leadership of Mrs. Clyde L. Finch, are doing a wonderful work, and we are thankful for the interest and enthusiasm of these young people.

The Junior Choir, directed by Miss Elizabeth Fox, with Miss Hallie Frank Mills as organist, are rendering beautiful music at the Sunday evening services.

The Primary department of the Sunday school, with its capable superintendent, Mrs. Robert Oakley, and the teachers, Mesdames J. D. Starkey, Joe Hayes, R. W. Dixon, and J. B. Burchett, with Mrs. Glenn Satterwhite as secretary-treasurer, and Miss Lucille Finch pianist, are working faithfully.

We are pleased to have as our newly elected superintendent of the Junior-Intermediate department, Mrs. William Mitchell, with her teachers, Mrs. T. J. Whitehead and Mrs. Clyde Finch. Mrs. J. B. Burchett is superintendent of the Cradle Roll department.

We are grateful for the faithful services of our superintendent, Mr. Alvan Nuckols, and the Workers' Council.

The Philathea class met with Mrs. W. B. Hight Tuesday evening, November 16. All present report a most enjoyable evening.

The family of Mr. E. G. Finch has our heartfelt sympathy. May God bless and comfort each troubled heart.

We are glad to know Mr. George B. Harris is able to attend church services after being confined to his home for some time by illness. As we commence the new conference year we would be true and pure, brave and strong, friendly, giving and humble.

"We would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift."

ANNIE C. LASHLEY, Reporter.

Friendship, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Nov. 22.—We have not had a report for quite a while, but we are coming along just fine; as we haven't had a report since conference, we want to say we are very happy over the return of our pastor, Rev. C. E. Ridge, for another year, and we hope to make this the best year.

The officers have been elected for the coming year. They are: treasurer, Alvin Walser; pianist, Mrs. Amos Snider; class leaders, Miss Lelia Byerly, Mrs. A. L. Hartley, Mrs. W. M. Byerly; chorister, Alvin Walser; trustees, N. W. Essex, A. L. Hartley, L. E. Phillips, Amos Snider, and Henry Shoaf; stewards, Alvin Walser, B. L. Koonts, J. W. Walser, Lelia Byerly, J. H. Shoaf, Mrs. Zeb Snider, Mrs. Russell Freedle, Juanita Phillips; Sunday school superintendent, W. M. Byerly; assistant superintendent, Henry Hartley; secretary, Berklin Snider; reporters, Adele Phillips and Robert Holt; ushers, Herman Snider, Howard Shoaf, Russell Freedle, Henry J. Shoaf.

Our Sunday school is doing fine, with much interest. The thank-offering amounted to $19.74 for the Children's Home.

Pray for us that we may be able to do greater work.

ADELE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

Welch Memorial, J. D. Williams, Pastor, Nov. 19.—Our pastor is back with us for another year. This makes seven years he has been with us. He preaches the pure gospel, the old-time religion.

The officers of the church have been installed and everything is pointing towards a good year. The Sunday school attendance is increasing every Sunday. Our superintendent, Mr. W. W. Fry, is working on the Christmas entertainment. Some time this month we are going to have the fellowship meeting with every member present, if it is possible for us to get them to come. We have a good program and are expecting Brother Pritchard to be with us and speak on the program. The writer attended the Christian Endeavor lost Sunday night, and it is a pleasure and inspiring to hear the young people. Each one does his or her part like their leader, Brother Roscoe Briley, president of the Christian Endeavor society. The Ladies' Auxiliary is doing some fine work for our church under the able leadership of Mrs. J. W. Mitchell. I think the different branches of our church organizations are doing fine.

E. F. SEAGRAVES, Reporter.

Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, E. A. Bingham, Pastor, Nov. 21.—This finds us back at work again on a new conference year. We are glad to welcome our pastor and family back with us for another year. We are hoping to make this the best year yet.

We are planning on holding a Thanksgiving service Friday evening of this week at the church, the first one of this kind in some time. We are asking everybody who can and will to come and bring an offering of some kind for the Children's Home at High Point. The committee has already been appointed to get up a Christmas program.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Neal Hargrove the second Friday night in December.

Promotion day was observed today for the pupils in the smaller classes.

We are glad to note that Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Moore are some better at this writing.

BESSIE COBLE, Reporter.

Mitchell's Grove, Guilford Circuit.—Our Sunday school is growing in numbers and spiritually. Attendance last Sunday was 91, with 98 on roll.

We had with us Sunday at 11 o'clock, our new pastor, Rev. J. B. Trogdon, who preached an inspiring sermon, using for his text, "Who is on the Lord's side?" (Exodus 32:26). I'm sure we are all going to love Brother Trogdon, and while we welcome him, we will not forget our former pastor, Brother Way. We wish him much sucess in his new work.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is sponsoring a play to be given at the church some time soon, under the direction of Mrs. Herman Billings. The date is to be announced later.

We are glad to report Mr. Lee Cashatt, who has been sick for the past six months, is able to attend church services again.

Pray for our church that it may do good work the coming year.

MRS. E. E. WITCHER, Reporter.

Seagrove, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. E .G. Cowan, filled his regular appointment Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, using as his text and subject, "Go a Little Farther." The attendance was not as large as usual, owing to the weather being so cold. However, we had a good service. We are glad indeed to have Rev. and Mrs. Cowan back with us another year, and hope and pray much good may be accomplished. Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Johnson spent last week in Florida, returning home Sunday.

We are having a splendid Sunday school, and plans are being made for a Christmas entertainment and Christmas tree. Christian Endeavor met as usual Sunday night, with Wade Harris as leader. We will have preaching next Sunday night at 7:30 and Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m., led by James Auman.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met Thursday night with Mrs. Noah Williams. Plans were discussed for a measuring social which will be held in the near future.

As Thanksgiving is drawing near, let's be thankful for the many blessings that are ours, and take advantage of every opportunity for betterment of the service.

Our thank-offering collection for the Children's Home will be taken next Sunday instead of last, as we are hoping the weather will be better and the congregation larger.

MRS. NOAH WILLIAMS, Reporter.

Level Cross Church, Randleman Charge, C. L. Spencer, Pastor, Nov. 21.—We welcomed the new pastor, Brother C. L. Spencer. A large congregation greeted him and welcomed him to our midst. He delivered a strong message on Moses' leadership, or God speaking from the burning bush. The message was well received by our people. We hope to be able, with God's help, to assist our pastor in his work here, and to carry the light and gospel to the unsaved people all about us.

We regretted very much to lose Brother J. B. Trogdon as our pastor. We hope he will prosper in his new charge. We had a great revival this fall; 77 professed as followers of Christ, and 42 were taken into the church here at Level Cross. Some others joined other churches. We want to keep this revival going for the upbuilding of our church and the Kingdom of God. We hoped Brother Trogdon would remain on this work, but the Lord willed otherwise. We accept our new pastor with a hearty welcome, hoping and believing that we will go forward and onward in God's work. May God bless Brother Trogdon in his new field and Brother Spencer in this, a new field for him; and may God's blessings be on His workers everywhere, and on me, one of His humble workers.

LEO V. CAUDLE, Reporter.

Efland Church, Orange Charge, C. F. Morris, Pastor, Nov. 22.—Yesterday was really the beginning of our conference year, not that we have been napping since conference was held, but it was the first time our pastor had been with us for a service.

We heartily welcome Rev. C. F. Morris and his bride from Danville, Va., and hope for them and the work a most prosperous year.

As Rev. and Mrs. Fogleman leave us after a brief stay, we wish for them much success in their new adventures.

In spite of the cold weather yesterday morning, our church was well filled and a very appreciative, though smaller audience, was present for the evening service.

In his introductory remarks, Brother Morris in a very pleasing manner made all of us feel that under his guidance we have a most prosperous year ahead of us.

Both sermons were fitting to the occasion, and well received. We hope as we "build for the future" that our foundation may be solid.

We are looking forward to the first of December, when Brother and Mrs. Morris will occupy the parsonage. Until then they will continue to make their home in Danville, Va.

We were glad to have among our guests yesterday, Miss Nelle Scarce and Mr. Hugh Yeates, who came with the Morrises from

Danville. We will welcome them when they come in the future.

Mrs. Della Murray's condition remains serious. We pray that the Great Comforter will be with her during her illness.

Our Thanksgiving program sponsored by the Teen Age circle of the auxiliary will be held the fourth Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

PATTYE J. CRUTCHFIELD, Reporter.

Friendship, Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—Our regular services were observed Sunday morning, with Sunday school at 9:45, followed by preaching at 11 o'clock. Our new pastor, Rev. Earl A. Cook, delivered a wonderful sermon. He made his message so plain that the smallest child in the audience could understand what he was saying. His text was, "Tarry ye here and watch."

We want to welcome Mr. Cook and his family to our church and community, and we hope that this will be the best year our church has ever had. We feel that if the members will pull with the pastor, this year will go down in history as being one of the best ever at Friendship.

The C. E. society is still doing very nicely, but we don't have as many members as we would like to have; and better attendance would be greatly appreciated.

The Ladies' Aid society met on Sunday, November 14th, after Sunday school, and elected new officers for the coming year.

Mrs. R. H. Shoe, who has been sick for quite a while, is slightly improving. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

The entire community wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Dan Herlocker and family for the loss of their home by fire last Sunday about 1 o'clock. We understand the stove flue was the cause of the flame.

REPORTER.

North Davidson Charge.—We began the new year's work on the second Sunday with a good sized crowd at Mt. Pleasant. Here we received one member by letter from Pleasant Grove church.

At 2:30 p.m. we met with the Bethesda congregation. Here at this newly attached church we found ourselves in the midst of a loyal group of fine people.

Spring Hill and Canaan were visited yesterday. The sudden and unusual cold cut the attendance somewhat.

WM. H. NEESE.

Flat Rock, Vance Charge, Rev. J. D. Cranford, Pastor, Nov. 22.—Congratulations, Mr. President, and best wishes from all your friends here at Flat Rock.

We are very happy to have Rev. Mr. Cranford for our pastor again this year. The longer he is with us and the better we know him and Mrs. Cranford, the better we like them. Mr. Crancord has given us two very fine sermons since conference. His Thanksgiving sermon yesterday was very thought-provoking. The text was from Luke 17:16, 17, "He fell down on his face at his feet giving him thanks, and he was a Samaritan, and Jesus, answering, said, Were there not ten cleansed, where are the nine?" We church folks are so busy about the things of our earthly life we forget or neglect to give thanks as we should. An offering was taken at the service for the Children's Home.

Officers and teachers for our Sunday school will be elected next Sunday. A new class is to be formed at that time also.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet in regular meeting Thursday evening at 7:30, at the home of the president, Mrs. T. P. Hester.

Plans are being made for a meeting of the four auxiliaries on Vance charge with the men in a Fellowship Crusade meeting and quarterly conference, early in December, at Spring Valley church. They will be served a hot supper, and after business sessions will hear addresses.

We missed Mrs. Cranford in our church service yesterday. Hope she is soon well again. We also miss Miss Gladys Satterwhite, who was our pianist, who is attending Peace College in Raleigh, and Adolphus White who has position as bookkeeper in C C Camp No. 3418, near Franklinton.

M. V. W.

Shiloh Church, Randolph Charge, Geo. L. Reynolds, Pastor, Nov. 22.—We were glad to welcome our former pastor for another year's work with him. I hope the church will join in and make this the best year's work yet. He filled his appointment the last second Sunday and gave us a very instructive message taken from Judges 8:4. He asked us what we would do if Jesus were here; would we go on doing some of the things we are, or would we try to serve Him better?

The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Grady Hemphill last week. In December we meet with Mrs. Callie Cable.

Mrs. Oliver Glascow, who has been confined to her room for some time, is able to be out again. Mrs. Ethel Leach is improving nicely. Mr. and Mrs. George Pickett have moved into their new home near Julian. Miss Emmadarah Burrow shows little signs of improvement. May she be remembered in our prayers.

We are looking forward for a successful year.

MRS. J. A. CROWSON, Reporter.

West End, Greensboro.—Last Thursday evening Circle No. 2 of the church gave a Brunswick stew in order to raise funds for their treasury. There was splendid cooperation from the members and friends of the church, and the women were well pleased with the results.

The Christian Endeavor society held its semi-annual election of officers Sunday evening. Those elected are as follows: President, Nellie Routh; vice president, Jane Gillie; secretary, Verla Mae Leonard; treasurer, Alice Hinton. Chairmen of the committees are: prayer meeting, Ray Routh; lookout, Sue Thomas; social, Marie Strtickland; missionary, Dowell Gillie. There will be an installation of those officers the first Sunday in December. The Christian Endeavorers are looking forward to a big year under the leadership of the newly elected officers.

REPORTER.

Love's Grove Church, Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—We are indeed pleased with our new pastor, and we extend to him our greatest and deepest appreciation. We want him to feel welcome and perfectly at home at our church, and by the cooperation of our members we know he will do a grand job of being our pastor.

Mr. Cook filled his first appointment Sunday, November 14, with a soul-stirring sermon. We had a large crowd present, and I am sure everyone was spiritually helped by it. We are expecting him to fill his next appointment on Sunday, November 28. Everyone come and be with us and I know we will be blessed.

Our Auxiliary Circle No. 1 met last Friday night at the home of Mrs. Henry Tarleton. There were only a few members present, due to the bad weather, but we are hoping that conditions will be better for our next meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Burris on the second Saturday night in December. Remember, the time is changed, so everyone please be present.

Our monthly joint meeting was held last Sunday immediately after Sunday school, with a good number present. Circle No. 2 gave an interesting program, with Mrs. Will Little in charge. We are hoping to make our auxiliary better as we go along, and by the cooperation of our good members I am sure we will.

VIRGINIA SMITH, Reporter.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"UNREACHED MILLIONS IN AMERICA"

Christian Endeavor Topic for Dec. 5, 1937

Scripture text—Luke 19:10; Matt. 14:13-21.

Hymn Suggestions: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains,". "Jesus Shall Reign," "Bringing in the Sheaves," "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

Points for Purposeful Prayer: "Thank God (1) for the church in your community; (2) for the men and women who have sacrificed in order to help spread the gospel; (3) for the men and institutions who are willing to help us in our own endeavor to reach the unsaved. Ask God (1) for an appreciation of the value of human souls; (2) for an understanding of the character and importance of salvation; (3) to guide and encourage us as we try to reach men for Christ."—Standard C. E. Quarterly.

Leader's Talk

When we hear someone speak of a group of people being unChristian, or of missions, we usually think of foreigners and foreign missions alone, and assume that America is Christian and that there is no need of missionaries here. I am glad that our topic calls for us to discuss and think of the people in America who are not connected with the Christian church, for they are more than we sometimes realize.

Dr. J. M. Ormond, of Duke university, in his recent book, "By the Waters of Bethesda," says, "In the fifteen southern states . . . there are approximately twenty-six million rural people. Less than ten million of these are reported to the church members, leaving sixteen million rural people who belong to no Christian church." P. 69. Dr. Ormond also says, according to the best information attainable, that only about half of the members of the church can be counted upon to support the church in any way. Therefore the rural church is actually rendering service to about 50 per cent of its membership. This leads us to discover that only one-sixth of the rural population of fifteen southern states, of which North Carolina is a part, is within range of the effective ministry of the church. If this be true of the rural sections of America how much greater will be the challenge when we include the people living in cities who are unchurched. Should we, and must we not do something to reach the unreached millions of America for the church? Let us try to make plans that will materialize in bringing more people into the church and the kingdom of our Lord.

Topics for Discussion

1. Is America Christian? Discuss.
2. What group or classes need the church?
    (a) What must America do for its foreigners?
    (b) What can America do to help the negroes of America?
3. Are the unchurched in your community all right without the church?
4. How can we as Christian Endeavorers help to reach the unchurched people of our community?

Quotable Poetry

TAKE YOUR PLACE

Somewhere the world has a place for you that is all your own;
Somewhere is work that your hands can do and yours alone.
Whether afar over land and sea or close at your door may the duty be,
It calls for your service full and free—
Take your place!

Somewhere the world has bitter tears your smile might dry;
Somewhere the burden of doubts and fears, the hopeless sigh.
There are steps that falter, weary, weak, for the strong, brave army they vainly seek—
Will you pass them by on the journey bleak?
Take your place!

Somewhere the world has a desert spot your toil might till;
Somewhere a life whose loveless lot your love might fill.
If the place that waits be high or low, question not, cry not—onward go!
The world's great battle needs every blow—
Take your place!

—Anonymous.

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COUPONS

Just about six weeks of the year left in which to raise our quota of coupons. We are quite a bit behind this year. I must take the blame, for I have not worked as I should to get information to the churches. We have several thousand of the quota, and by earnest effort perhaps we can yet get the full quota and so secure the $40 bonus offered to all institutions that raise their quota. It will take us all hustling. We will need about 90,000.

Keep in mind the different kinds of products from which we get the coupons. All Octagon products, all Kirkman's products, Ballard's Obelisk flour (this is new this year and the coupons count up rapidly), Rumford baking powder, Health Club baking powder, Luzianne coffee and tea, Borden's Premium milks, Knox gelatine and jell.

In the summer I sent out to a great many some advertising circulars to which was attached a certificate worth six coupons when sent back accompanied by six oupons from Octagon granulated soap or six coupons from Octagon soap chips. Please, will everyone receiving these circulars try to return the certificates with the correct kind and number of coupons. This will give us credit for 12 coupons.

I would like to make a shipment about the 15th of December and another the first of January. Please let me have all the coupons you can get by that time.

MRS. A. G. DIXON.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Surratt

L. D. Surratt, born March 5, 1855 and died October 23, 1937. His wife, Mary Jane Alice Morgan, died in September, 1927. Born to this union were eight children: three girls, one dead, Mrs. R. B. Ridge; Mrs. E. W. Stokes, of Charlotte; Mrs. C. D. Lookabell, of Jackson Hill; five boys: C. W. Surratt, of Warsaw; W. L. Surratt, of Warsaw; J. C. Surratt, of Warsaw; R. E. Surratt, of Greensboro; S. D. Surratt, of Jackson Creek. There are living 24 grandchildren and two dead; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Miss Margaret Frank, of Hardy.

He was a member of Pleasant Grove church for 30 years.

Funeral services were conducted at Jackson Hill church, by the writer, assisted by Rev. C. E. Ridge.

C. L. GRANT.

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Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, God, in His infinite mercy, has seen fit to take from this life our beloved friend and member, Mrs. Elvira Wright, therefore be it resolved:

That we submit to God's will, trusting in His great wisdom and loving kindness and mercy;

That the memory of her life shall ever be an inspiration and an encouragement to us;

That we remember her family in loving sympathy, and

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, a copy sent to the Methodist Protestant Herald for publication, and a copy placed in the minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Methodist Protestant church, Burlington, N. C.

MISS SUSIE STAFFORD,
MRS. J. T. DANIEL,
MRS. M. D. WILSON,

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Garmon

Mrs. Margaret Ellen Garmon was born December 24, 1863, and died October 30, 1937. She lacked only until December 24 of being 74 years old.

Mrs. Garmon was sick for a number of years, gradually growing weaker until her death. She was converted early in life and united with the church, and reared a large number of children, several of whom preceded her to her grave. When Roberta M. P. church was organized, she united as a charter member, where she remained a member until her death. She was a faithful mother and wife; she loved her home and was faithful in her duties there.

Surviving are her husband, William A. Garmon, one son, W. F. Garmon, four daughters, Mrs. W. C. Plummer, Mrs. G. C. McCurdy, Mrs. J. S. Stowe, and Mrs. W. D. Deese. Several grandchildren also survive, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Earl A. Cook, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Plummer. Interment was made in the church cemetery at Roberta, under a beautiful mound of flowers.

EARL A. COOK, Pastor.

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Lanaier

Edith Jane Lanaier was born July 8, 1937, and departed this life November 12, 1937. She is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Val Lanaier; one brother and one sister, Ralph and Francis Lanaier; one grandfather and one grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Talbert; one great-grandfather, Mr. B. C. Lanaier; two great-grandmothers, Mrs. M. F. Talbert and Mrs. F. L. Smith; and several uncles and aunts, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor at Pine Hill church. C. L. GRANT.

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REV. N. G. BETHEA
Subscription Booster

Fine business when a fellow likes his old tricks so well that he begins them again. Just look at the list for last week and you will see that Glenn Madison, in the land high and lifted up, started on time, and the one who starts on time gets there on time. Great for Cleveland! The biggest amount of money sent in came from that charge. Several charges show that they are in the race all right. Looks now as if we will have a spirited contest for the first places. Let 'em come.

A typewriter makes a weak brain say things that it does not mean to sometimes, and I am wondering how that word "enough" got into the statement about the Burlington First Church Pastor last week. I am sure Fred did not think they did "well enough." He does not do things that way. He goes in for a finish whether he gets there or not. You will pardon me if I said it, and if I did not, forget it.

Subsidy came in for a good start too. The N. C. Council of Religious Education sent in one of them "documents" that always look good, when there is the signature of an "Honest Abe" like Clyde Auman fixed to it. Thank you, Auman.

Now brethren, if all of us will just put this matter of subsidy up to our folks, just as soon as possible, I feel like we will have that off our hands, and there will be nothing to boost along this line. In fact I do not care how soon you take my job away from me by getting all your quotas in subscriptions and subsidy.

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HERALD FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1936-37
Receipts

Balance from last year, in bank		$ 476.98	
Deposit in post office		10.00	
Received from subscriptions		3,371.84	
Received by subsidy:			
From churches	$538.00		
From boards and institutions	470.00		
		1,008.00	
Total Receipts			$4,866.82

Disbursements

Printing Herald	$3,549.08	
Mailing Herald	104.40	
Bookkeeping	208.00	
Incidental expenses	66.37	
Rev. R. M. Andrews, editorial services	100.00	
Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, editorial services	50.00	
Rev. N. G. Bethea, assistance	25.00	
Total disbursements		4,102.85
Total balance		$ 763.97
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Subsidy	
Kistler's Union, Cleveland charge	2.24
Oak Grove church, Cleveland charge	1.00

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SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN

A surprise party was given Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wells, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Morris who are leaving to make their home at Efland, N. C., where Mr. Morris will resume his duties as pastor of the church there.

Many talks were given by various friends expressing their regret that he was leaving Danville, but wishing him success, health and happiness in his future work. Mr. Morris was presented an overcoat from his friends as a token of their love and esteem for him. Later Mr. and Mrs. Morris were given a kitchen shower after which refreshments consisting of a salad course, sweets, fruits and nuts were served.

Those invited besides the honor guests were: Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Parker, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Sides, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McNichols, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Forbes, Mesdames Lois Hellams, Jennie Boaze, Alice Allen, Geraldine Brafford, Maggie Cook, Grace Drumwright, Lillian Elliott, Cora Pickrel, Ida Sperling, Beatrice Jarrett, Myrtle Thomas, Mattie Riley, Blanche Morgan, Johnnie Clark, Ruby Sparks, Misses Nellie Scarce, Catherine Patterson, Helen Davis, Eleanor Tanner, Catherine Forbes, Helen Snead, Evelyn Ferrell, Esther McNichols, Hester Riley, Gladys Adams, Pearl Adams, Ravinell Vassar, Lee Golson, Electa Jarvis, Mary Hamlett, Elizabeth Thomas, Norma Drumwright, Marian Drumwright; Messrs. Hugh Yeatts, Wilson Tanner, Henry Grant, Fred James, Homer Lewis, Garland Morgan. Also present were Fay Wells, R. J. Wells, Jr., Carlton and James Wells, Earl and George Sides, Jr.

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CHILDREN'S HOME HISTORY

Mrs. R. S. Russell, of 1011 Lindsay street, High Point, N. C., has prepared a brief history of the first 25 years of the Children's Home. I think it will be interesting and informing to our people. Mrs. Russell spent a great deal of time and was at some expense to get together these facts. She is anxious for our people to have them. It cost something to publish them, and she is selling them at 35 cents per copy to pay for printing. Write her and get your copy, or better still, let pastors or Woman's Auxiliaries order a number of them and distribute among your people.

A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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FLOWERS IN MEMORY

When our church members pass on, one or more organizations spend $5.00 or more for flowers to place upon their last resting place. It's a lovely thought, but they fade in a few days. If the money was sent into the Children's Home endowment fund in memory of this church member it would live on and on and bloom in the lives of these boys and girls of ours. I believe our deceased friends and relatives would agree with me. We need this endowment fund.

One Who Loves Our Home.

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"No, of course not."

"Then what comes after July third?"

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"Let Us Go Up at Once . . . We Are Well Able"

The story of the conquest of Canaan is one of the stories of the Bible of perennial interest. Although it must be very familiar to all Bible readers; it is never old. You can easily see in your imagination the walled cities with the mighty sons of Ana strutting before their gates. You can see the dense forests stretching far back as the eye can search; you can remember the rushing streams crossed to get there. All these things stand out in your imagination. Then you can imagine how the twelve spies were startled by the scenes they beheld; the fortified towns, the gigantic inhabitants; the many difficulties of approach, etc. And when you look close you can see the faces of ten of the twelve blanch with fear while they silently gaze about them. Listen now as they go into a huddle to know what to do. Ten say, ''We are as grasshoppers in their sight.'' They return home and report to Moses all they saw and how they felt. ''The task is too much for us,' said the ten. But hear Caleb as he stilled the shouting and tumult. ''Let us go up at once, and possess it for we are well able to overcome it.'' And so confusion seizes the Israelites and they wander around for thirty-nine years before they try their strength with the Amalakites.

And so have there been in every group setting out to undertake a difficult task, those who are afraid, and those who are fearless; those who can't and those who can; those who see only the difficulties in the way and others who, while seeing the difficulties, see also the way over them. It was thus in the days of Columbus; so was it in the days of Robert Fulton as he tried out the Claremont; there were a thousand to one who said the Atlantic Cable would not work when, and if laid.

These situations having existed in every age of the world are with us now. And they will be with unborn generations, notwithstanding the fact we know that the fearless won and that the I Can'ts are not to be trusted. There is before us just now a movement to deepen our spiritual life; to increase the circulation of our Church papers; and to free our boards and institutions of debts; so all of us may be living closer to God; be more intelligent as to the program and needs of our Church, and many break the bonds of debt which hamper our boards and institutions. And it would indeed be mighty strange if there are not those among us who like the ten, see only the obstacles in the way; who are saying to themselves, if not to others: ''impossible, who is sufficient for these things?'' It is time now for the Joshuas and the Calebs in the group to arise and say, ''Let us go up at once . . . for we are well able'' to do this thing.

Every movement has its minority against it, or it was passed over the silent votes of the opposition. It was true with the Million Drive. All night long a small group of our leaders wrestled over the matter in a Pittsburgh hotel. And after the room was cold and the grey streaks of dawn in the east appeared A. Norman Ward moved that we set out to raise a ''Cool million dollars.'' It carried.

At the Enfield Conference a special committee was appointed to canvass the people in the North Carolina Conference to secure funds to build a college. Wherever that committee went from Albemarle Sound to Weaverville it found people who doubted that the thing could be done. Some would not contribute because they said it was doomed to fail. But it did not fail because there were enough who believed it could and should be done. And now as we soon shall set out to raise $30,000.00 on our debts, to secure many new subscriptions for the *Recorder* and HERALD, and we trust secure the signatures of thousands of our people to objective one—a pledge to pray daily, to try to know more fully what it means to be a Christian; to develop a deeper loyalty to their Church and to join the throng of personal workers in our Conference to win others to Jesus Christ. Surely, we are able for this; so let us go up at once to the task.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

First Church, Charlotte

The Sunday morning hour was spent with our First Church at Charlotte and it was indeed a day of rejoicing. The verdict in the Mecklenburg County Superior Court last week was a complete victory for our cause in Charlotte as the deed conveying the property to the Community Church was declared null and void, trustees were appointed by the court to hold the property for our Church until such time as their successors were duly elected, the trustees of the Community Church were ordered to return to the trustees of the First Church the keys to the building and the Community Church was taxed with the cost in the case. For the first time in quite a while the Church building was used. The people came with rejoicing, some of them weeping with emotion. It seemed as if they had returned from captivity. The pastor, Rev. T. E. Strickland, presided over the service and the people entered heartily into the worship. Even nature itself seemed to do its part for about the time the service was beginning even the sunlight burst through the artglass windows and brought rays of hope and good cheer. Quite a good many visitors were present and the auditorium was well-filled. Everything was conducive to a man's doing his best at preaching. It really was a joy to try to preach. An occasional ''Amen'' really helped the cause along. Following the sermon a business meeting was held in which trustees were elected. Our attorneys there had urged me to be there to see to it that trustees were elected in accordance with the constitution and discipline. In order to play safe the nominating committee recommended the election of the three who were appointed by the court. That there might be a record of this vote the names of the trustees were written at the top of a long sheet of paper and the qualified members recorded their vote by signing their names and writing the word ''yes'' after their names, it being stated on the ballot that the word ''Yes'' meant that the person so voting was voting for the election of these persons. As no ten per cent bid was put on the property there following the mortgage sale of November 15 the property now belongs to Bro. L. H. Sides, of Concord, who bid it in at the sale. We are now hoping that the Church and Brother Sides can get together on the proposition so that this congregation may go on in the use of the building.

Rev. T. E. Strickland, who was appointed pastor of the Church at the recent Conference, is taking hold of the task splendidly and the prospect is for good success.

North Davidson Quarterly Conference

On Friday afternoon of last week I held the first quarterly conference for North Davidson Charge at Spring Hill Church. This was my first visit to this Church. The Church is located only a few hundred yards from the highway about three miles from High Point. The fact that I did not see the Church and went a couple of miles too far serves only to emphasize the necessity of having markers to show people the way who do not know the way. The building is large and beautiful and must be ample for the needs of the community. The quarterly conference was well attended, each Church being represented. Some years ago Bethesda Church was taken off of this Charge and was put with State Street Church in Lexington, but the recent Conference put it back on the North Davidson Charge. A very beautiful spirit was manifested by all those in the meeting, first by those from Bethesda who were generous enough to say that they were willing to take whatever the others were willing to offer. The people from the other Churches said they did not want Bethesda to feel like a suppliant but like a brother. When the salary was apportioned to all the Churches it was found that the Charge will pay $100.00 more this year than last year, the amount being $1,125.00. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Neese, and his wife, are hard workers and always have the work well in hand. Brother Neese made a number of recommendations which were adopted without a dissenting vote. The Annual Conference budget was accepted in full without question and 25 per cent of the World Service budget was accepted. If this is raised it will be an increase over the previous year. I am really expecting them to raise this amount. Brother Neese let it be known that he was heartily in sympathy with the Fellowship Crusade and we will be hearing from this Charge along this line this year.

Rev. Atlas Ridge Appointed to Spencer-China Grove

Having conferred with China Grove and Rev. Atlas Ridge I am today appointing him to this Charge. He will begin his work next Sunday, preaching at Spencer at 11 o'clock and at China Grove at 7 o'clock.

Some Money Needed

While the Conference fixed January and February as the time to pay Annual Conference Expenses yet some money is going to be needed before that time. Any Charge which can send in anything will please send the money to Treasurer Allen. Who will be first?

Appointments

Saturday, Dec. 4—First Quarterly Conference, Mt. Zion Charge, at Mt. Pleasant Church, 2 p. m.

Sunday, Dec. 5—Mt. Pleasant at 11 a. m., and Mt. Zion at 3 p. m.

Saturday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p. m.—First Quarterly Conference at Charlotte.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p. m.—First Quarterly Conference of Richland Charge. at parsonage.

Wednesday, Dec. 15—First Quarterly Conference, Rankin Memorial, 7:30 p. m.

Saturday, Dec. 18—First Quarterly Conference, Randleman Charge at Level Cross, 2 p. m.

Sunday, Dec. 19—West Forsyth Charge, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.; Tabernacle, 2 p. m., and Harmony Grove, 7:15 p. m.

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A Message in Verse

THE BRIDGE YOU NEVER CROSS

It's what you think that makes the world
Seem dull or bright to you;
Your mind may color all things gray,
Or make them radiant hue.
Be glad today, be clear and wise,
Seek truth amid the dross;
Waste neither time nor thought about
The bridge you'll never cross.

There's useful work for you to do
With hand and brain and heart;
There's urgent human service, too,
In which to take your part.
Make every opportunity
Worth while, and not a loss;
The best is yours, so do not fear
The bridge you'll never cross.

If life seems drab and difficult,
Then face it with a will;
You do not have to walk alone,
Since God is with you still.
Press on with courage toward the goal,
With love your shield emboss;
Be strong, look up, and just ignore
The bridge you'll never cross.

—*Grenville Kleiser.*

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Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever thing are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise; think on these things.—*St. Paul.*

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Cure for Discouragement

Of all the roads which cross the earth, possibly there is no road of greater historic interest to the Christian than the Emmaus road. It must have been a short road leading from Jerusalem, with no town of interest by its side. It was not at all in a class with the Appian Way of its day. So the road becomes important to us as we know what happened on it nearly two thousand years ago. There were two men, Ceopas and his, to us unknown, friend going out of Jerusalem very sad of heart. They were sorely disappointed by what had just happened; their high hopes were dashed to earth and broken like a fragile vessel. Less than a week prior Jesus had come to town and was hailed as the Messiah, but was betrayed by one of his number and crucified; so their hopes had died with him. They could but speak of their sorrow as they journeyed that morning when a stranger from somewhere joins them and enters into their conversation. It is not long before it is he who is leading in the conversation; it is he who is interpreting the Holy Scriptures, and ere night fall, they recognize Jesus by the way their hearts burned and in the manner he broke bread.

And so all down the gathering centuries as discouraged men like Cleopas, wearily walk the highways of life, they need not be alone, nor need they remain discouraged; for those

> "Beneath life's crushing load,
> Whose forms are bending low,
> Who toil along the climbing way,
> With painful steps and slow;
> Look up! for glad and golden hours
> Come swiftly on the wing;
> Oh, rest beside the weary road,
> And hear the angels sing."

Possibly there is no human being entirely free of discouragement. Things happen in our lives which break down our morale and almost unfit us for life. So we need to find an escape in the companionship of this omnipresent One. We need to stop and listen to his interpretation of the affairs of life and hear him say to us, "Fear not the world, for I have overcome the world." And let him make our hearts to burn within us as we walk the highway of life.

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How Much Owest Thou Thy Lord?

It would require master pleading to make debt paying popular with some people; they do not pay any debt they can escape from paying. They stand on the receiving line of life. And even in their prayers the word used most is GIVE, give us Oh Lord. Try to get into their consciousness the thought that they owe the Lord anything and you will find a most difficult task. But the Bible is not a book full of formula teaching men how to get things from God; it has much to say about our obligations to God. The prayerful reader of the Bible soon becomes conscious that he owes the Lord a tremendous debt—one he may never be able to pay, but nevertheless, it is a debt he must make daily installments upon. Here are some of the reasons why we are indebted.

Take the conditions under which we live; our civilization. Even the most Godless boast of it. It is a wonderful civilization—a great time to be alive in. But could there be extracted from it the contributions which Christianity has made to it; well, you would be ashamed of it. Compare it with the best, the highest civilization of ancient times. Then the best people were drunken, warlike, licentious; their vices were a part of their religion. Mars was the god of war; Bacchus, the god of drink; Venus, the goddess of licentiousness. And these were the main gods these finest people of the finest civilization of the ancient world worshipped. How different from our time. How much owest thou thy Lord?

Consider what influence the Bible has had upon the entire human life, every phase of it has been influenced by the Bible. Our laws find their bases upon the Hebrew laws; our moral laws, rights respecting property, the sacredness of human life, came from the Word of God, just as every river gets is waters from a spring somewhere. How much owest thou thy Lord?

Take our homes, our holy of holies; our sacred citadel where a man may go unmolested. Our domestic relationships are sanctified by our religion. It has elevated womanhood; ennobled child life; refined our spirits and purified our souls. How much owest thou thy Lord?

It has built homes for the aged, for orphan children, for the insane, for the poor. Made human life sacred and sent to the helpless the ministries of love as is expressed in the splendid services our hospitals render the sick. How much owest thou thy Lord?

It has brought hope to the dying; peace to the sinner, and the joy of a glorious reunion beyond the grave. Nowhere outside the Bible are such tender words as "In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you. How much owest thou thy Lord?"

A CHALLENGE TO EVERY COMMUNITY

The following item from the *Christian Observer* found in the November issue of *The Missionary Review of the World* is of interest:

"There are in the United States 8,676,000 Catholic youths under 25 years of age, and of this number only 1,870,000 are enrolled in any parochial or other religious school under the auspices of the Catholic Church. So 78.4 per cent of the youth of the Catholic Church are not being reached by the Church. There are in the United States 1,630,000 Jewish children under 25 years of age, of which number 1,543,000 or 95.2 per cent are not enrolled in any Jewish synagogue or other educational agency under the auspices of the Jewish Church. Therefore in the United States 42,891,825 children who are Protestant, or nominally Protestant, under 25 years of age, and of this number 28,529,950 or 66.5 per cent are not enrolled in any Sunday School. Put this alongside the statement of Supreme Court Justice Lewis L. Lawcett, of Brooklyn, with 18 years of experience on the bench, that "Of 5,000 boys less than 21 years of age who have been arraigned before me, only three were members of Sunday School at the time of committing their crime. Of 1,902 boys who were sentenced to go to Sunday School and bring a written attendance report from the minister, only 92 of them ever appeared in court again; out of 1,902, 1,000 were cured by the Sunday School treatment."

CONFERENCE COUNCIL MEETS

The Conference Council of Religious Education will meet at Grace Church, Greensboro, on Tuesday, December 7, 1937, at 10:30 o'clock. At this time plans for the entire year will be outlined and action on many important items will be taken. A full attendance is expected.

T. J. WHITEHEAD, *President.*

The Fellowship Crusade

We are getting started this week. Dates for district meetings are being fixed and men are volunteering their services. Already a brother writes, "This is the greatest thing our Church ever undertook." A central meeting of the Council of One Hundred will be served a luncheon at High Point College, January 3. When you get your invitation keep the date open for the Crusade. Letters have already been sent to all pastors for their cooperation and now we are sending them to hundreds of our lay workers. So here goes the Crusade.

District Meetings Arranged

Second District: Friday night, December 4.
Third District: Thursday, December 9, place to be announced later.
Fourth District: December 10.
Fifth District: December 12.
Sixth District: Date not fixed.
Seventh District: December 15, place to be named.
Eighth District: Asheboro, December 16.
Ninth District: High Point, December 5.
Tenth District: Mt. Pleasant Church, December 12.
Eleventh District: December 16—tentative.
Twelfth District: Time to be determined.
Thirteenth District: December 12.
Fourteenth District: December 17.
Fifteenth District: December 19.
No plans for 16th or 17th Districts.
Eighteenth District—To be held later.

R. M. ANDREWS, *Director of Crusade.*

These Pledged to Support Crusade

In response to a letter sent to all pastors already the following have responded and pledged to support the Fellowship Crusade fully: J. C. Auman, E. A. Bingham, D. T. Huss, R. L. Hethcox, F. W. Paschall, W. H. Neese, J. D. Williams, C. W. Bates, H. W. Bell, J. W. Braxton, T. J. Whitehead, and J. C. Madison.

Whatever sweeter, richer, more enduring traits can we have than patience, courage, self-control, loyalty, and faith? Look at these things. There could be no patience were there no hard things to endure, no courage without danger and the attacks of fear, no self-control without the surge of insistent desire, no loyalty without the temptation to betray, and no faith that is not the triumph over the appearance of evil.—*Dr. Frank Crane.*

A poor woman once told Rowland Hill that the way to heaven was short, easy, and simple; comprising only three steps—out of self, into Christ, and into glory. We have a shorter way now—out of self and into Christ. That is heaven begun below—a little of what waits us over there.—*D. L. Moody.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Why Organizations Lose Their Grip

Organizations and groups find it hard these days to keep a tight grip on their members. Certain forces are operating to shatter the sense of loyalty, and social units find their individuals looking elsewhere for service and satisfaction.

Take, for instance, the home. As Ross says, ''Individuals are being released from the bonds of the family.'' Contacts and associations outside of the home rather than inside of it are setting the standards the boys and girls live by. The son or daughter comes home from town wearing different styles of clothes, speaking a different accent, and thinking a different philosophy. What the family says about collars and ties, shows or Sabbaths, matters little when compared with the more pressing demands of the city chumbs. People are more individualistic, and the old patriarchal authority is breaking down. Modern manners are made in Hollywood and on the highways as well as by the fireside. This all means that the members of the family are looking outward for their pleasures and that the home is relaxing its grip on its own numbers.

There are several reasons for this loss of grip. For one thing communication is now so full and free that we just cannot confine our interests to the home or any other small social unit. The radio, the moving pictures, the newspapers, and the highways bring us into a new world—or rather, they bring the new world to us. There is now no way of keeping the rest of the world out of our own homes. The world is pouring more into the home than the home is pouring into the world.

Again, the spread of popular education weakens the grip of local groups. Parents or political leaders find it difficult to dominate people when they have so many ways of finding out things for themselves. Children soon learn that no one home — even their own — has a monopoly on wisdom. A Church or denomination which once exacted strict adherence to its doctrines now finds the members sympathetic toward broader views of theology. Much reading makes a restless congregation.

There is also a liberating effect of money economy. While, as in the old days, ''hands'' were paid in board and lodging you could hold them under control, but when the practice of giving them money for their work came into use the workers were free to purchase food wherever they wished. This broke the grip of the employers. People can take their money and spend it where they please. This frees them. A few companies still resort to the ''company store'' plan of trading, but they are less numerous. And so with the spread of the money economy organizations lose their grip on individuals.

Finally, democracy, when given a chance, encourages this liberation of the individual. To be sure many states are not liberal, and their subjects come to be means instead of ends. But in a democratic society the state is supposed to exist for the citizens. On this proposition America was founded—that the state lives to serve the citizens. It is a bit alarming, therefore, to behold our own government making such inroads on her citizens' area of initiative. While our theory is toward liberating the individual, our practice tends to restrict him. The Amish farmers of Pennsylvania are finding the state bent on sending their children to school regardless of their own opinions. There is a contest between the grip of the family and that of the state, and doubtless the state will win. It may be that this widening grasp of the government is actually forcing smaller groups to loosen their hold. It may be that we experience as much grip in society as we ever did, but it has been transferred from the local to the larger unit. People are loyal only to those groups that are doing something for them, and more and more they lean, not upon the local small units for their aid, but upon the central government.

In such a mixture of forces the home, the local Church, and neighborhood organizations find themselves, and it is increasingly difficult to cultivate and maintain loyalty in these local but vital social groups. But these primary groups are of peculiar importance, and we must not suffer them to pass away.

CHRISTIAN REST

The International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, December 5, 1937

By REV. J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—Matthew 11:28-30.

Golden Text—''Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'' Mat. 11:28.

The ploughman in Gray's Elegy who ''homeward plods his weary way'' gives us a vivid picture of the man who is worn and weary from the toil of the day and is ready for the welcomed rest which awaits. There are some considerations which lead us to believe that here the Master is speaking to those who have been wearied by the labor of honest toil. When John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask Jesus if He be the Christ He anwered: ''Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard . . . to the poor the gospel is preached.'' We are led to believe that Jesus felt that His Gospel was especially a message of good news to the poor. His sympathy was always with those who were in need: the poor, the blind, the sick, the outcast. That does not mean of course that the Master taught that poverty was a virtue nor that blindness was an honor; His heart was one of sympathy that felt the force of every human longing. And apparently, as Matt. 11:25 indicates, He felt that those who were in need could better understand His message; it had been revealed unto those with the simplicity and innocence of children. In the words of the Golden Text He speaks of rest for those who labor but I do not believe, though His sympathy was beyond a doubt with those who live by the sweat of the brow, that He intended or wished to free mankind from honest toil. That might be far more of a curse than a blessing.

That Jesus was keenly interested in the physical and material welfare of people cannot be denied. He realized that inner well being may often depend upon outer conditions. However His message is primarily one of spiritual significance. The rest He offers is not necesarily for the hands but for the soul, heart and mind. It is that inner peace, poise and quiet which is the opposite of life's greatest burden, the burden of a confused and troubled mind. Judging from His words this inner peace is something to be learned; it comes as a result of a constant fellowship with Him. "Come and learn of me" not in a fit of emotional excitement but as a daily student of the good life.

There are two things in particular that I believe the Master would have us learn from Him:

1. He would have us learn to live at peace with our fellowmen. There is nothing which so tires the mind and soul as a burden of hatred and suspicion of others. Many a life has been made miserable and worn out by pet resentments. It is far more important that we forgive others than it is that they forgive us; it is far more significant that we love than that we be loved. That was the truth Christ meant to drive home when He exhorted us to love our friends, enemies and neighbors even as we love ourselves. There can be no peace and inner poise for those who are troubled with anger and hatred toward and for others.

2. Christ would have us learn the secret of His simple though powerful faith in God. He would have us know the beauty of fellowship with the Father in the closet, in the garden, or out on the mountain alone. The greatest toil and the greatest burden of all life is for one to feel that the universe is unfriendly, that the entire responsibility for righteousness in the world is upon the shoulders of the individual. Christ knew that such a feeling was and is untrue and unjust. Though He faced the burden of sin as probably no other has done He knew that He faced it not alone. He walked hand in hand with a God of love who has been on the side of righteousness from the beginning. Even in the greatest crisis Christ could say, "Thy will be done," thus resting His destiny in the hand of a greater wisdom than His own. To be able to do that is a peace and a rest indeed. Such an unwavering trust has been the glory of great religion in every age. The old veterans of the Hebrew faith could sing in the darkest hours:

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried unto the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

The assurance that "Underneath are the Everlasting Arms" is the faith that will give rest and peace to the soul.

There are certain conditions of course of this faith and trust which must be met. Christ teaches us that we must be at one with our fellowmen before we can be at one with God. How can you love Him Whom you have not seen if you love not those whom you have seen? The writer of the book of Hebrews points out furthermore that obedience is a condition essential to God's promised rest. It was through disobedience that the Children of Israel long failed to inherit the promises of Jehovah. And so many other conditions of spiritual well-being might be pointed out, but the real point of this lesson is that Jesus is saying to a world of humanity burdened with warfare, struggling with hatreds, prejudices, anxieties, toiling with fears and uncertainties, "Come and learn of me, and ye shall find peace and rest for your souls."

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our feverish ways;

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE SEMINARY

Dr. Forlines came down to Conference, "back home," he said, and talked to us on "The Financial Needs of the Seminary." I can't go into the details of it, except to say that the needs, all of them, are urgent. If they were not, you may be certain Dr. Forlines would not have told us about them.

But two of those needs are within our power to help. One of them, more books for the Seminary library, you may provide through the Sunday Schools. If each Sunday School in the Conference, or as many as are minded to do so, will give $5.00 for a book. (They do not all cost that, of course; that is an average.) But instead of your buying the book—send the money to Dr. Forlines and let him buy it.

The other thing you can do is to make a gift to the Scholarship Fund. Dr. Forlines brought out the fact that there were several of the North Carolina boys at the Seminary, all of whom are having to be helped. (And that's no disgrace.) But, he said, most of the help is being provided by the Maryland Conference through churches, individuals or organizations. It seemed hardly fair that the brethren up there should be called upon to help educate young men who plan to come back down here and unite with our Conference. So he is appealing to us to help our own young men. I am appealing to you to take a Christmas offering for the Seminary Scholarship Fund, sometime during the Christmas season—or during the month of December. Send the amount to Dr. C. E. Forlines, Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Md. He will apply it where it is most needed.

C. W. Bates, *Chairman,*
Seminary Alumni Chapter.

PITY THE PREACHER

A Texas paper comments as follows: "The preacher has a good time. If his hair is gray, he is old. If he is a young man, he hasn't had experience. If he has ten children, he has too many; if he has none, he isn't setting a good example. If his wife sings in the choir, she is presuming; if she doesn't, she isn't interested in her husband's work. If a preacher reads from notes, he is a bore; if he speaks extemporaneously, he isn't deep enough. If he stays at home in his study, he doesn't mix enough with the people; if he is seen around the streets, he ought to be at home getting up a good sermon. If he calls on some poor family, he is playing to the grandstand; if he calls at the home of the wealthy, he is an aristocrat. Whatever he does, someone could have told him how to do better."—*The Churchman.*

ORDINATION SERMON BY DR. P. S. KENNETT NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Text—Matt. 13:52. "Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."

I have a good friend and neighbor who is the daughter of a former Methodist Protestant minister. She was born, I think, during the civil war; and she lives in the house in which she was born—a lovely home built more than a hundred years ago. I go to see her now and then and she never tires of showing me her treasures. There are old books, oil paintings, portraits of her ancestors, and furniture which is priceless. Her garden is fragrant with lilacs and her conversation is fragrant with memories. It is delightful to hear her talk about the past.

But there are other occasions upon which I visit a bride and she receives me in "the darlingest little apartment" and exhibits wedding gifts that are brand new—sterling silver, china, cut glass, and real linen. Her living room is fragrant with potted plants and her conversation is fragrant with hope. It is delightful to hear her talk about the future.

But notice that both these ladies are like the man in the text in that they bring forth things from their treasures. There are many old things stored in our garrets and basements that really should have been burned a good many years ago. They are not treasure. They are rusted, moth-eaten, worthless things that we have been too indifferent to remove. And there are new things about our homes which are not treasure. Trinkets bought at the dime store, favors brought home from some party, cheap ties, scarfs, magazines. They attracted our fancy and for a day or two they seemed to have value. But they were never treasure and now they, too, are worthless. And so it is well at times to have a housecleaning and to remove both the old and the new which can no longer be used and to store the treasure more carefully.

Now, you my friends, who are to be ordained today and for whom this message is especially intended will find that in the life and work—yes and even in the faith of the Christian minister there is a lesson for you in this. And you of the larger congregation, who are here to participate in the worship, will find that it is not the less applicable to you.

The tragedy of the past has been an unwillingness to blend the old and the new. A tendency on the part of some to discard the treasures of the past—to pile priceless antiques in the garret and replace them with cheap articles of later manufacture. A tendency on the part of others to avoid modern improvements—to continue to sleep on a feather bed rather than use a good mattress. We still have some churches which will not organize—not even an Auxiliary. And we have others so completely organized that they serve more meals in the course of a year than they save souls. We must first learn to distinguish between treasure and trash and next we must be willing to so combine the old and the new as to make the best use of both.

I have an idea that in large measure you will find that you must cling to old processes but can use new methods. That has been the experience of history. Certain processes are fundamental in life but I do not know that there is any FIXED WAY in which ANYTHING has to be done. For example there are processes which every farmer follows every year. He plants, cultivates, and reaps. Farmers have been doing three things since the first primitive man learned that it would be well to save seed and plan for the future. Farmers will continue to do these things as long as the world endures. And any farmer would be foolish to expect to reap unless he had first planted and cultivated. The most up-to-the-minute graduate of an agricultural college has made no improvement over the fifteenth century peasant there. The *processes* are fundamental. But there has been wonderful improvement in the fields of method. The old wooden plow, the sickle and flail, the oxen—all these have given way to *modern methods* of farming. The labor is lighter and the yield is vastly greater.

There are no processes in life more fundamental than birth, marriage, and death. One may say that so far as this world is concerned they are essential and everlasting. But we vary our marriage customs from time to time and we build and equip new hospitals and provide new burial devices.

Just so I am sure that there are fundamental processes of the Christian life and the Christian ministry; but I am equally sure that methods must be varied as it seems wise.

You will never outgrow prayer. You do not want to outgrow it.

> Prayer is the soul's sincere desire;
> Unuttered or expressed,
> The motion of a hidden fire,
> That trembles in the breast.

Sincere prayer is communion with God, fellowship with Christ, the outpouring of the heart to him. You will not outgrow it but you will, perhaps, change your views about it and you should not be shocked if you do.

You will not escape from public prayer. It is a part of your duty, the priestly function in which you lift up to God the needs and longings of your congregation. You will try to do this as well as you can. You will concern yourselves about the problems of your people. You MUST pray.

But I don't know that you just MUST conduct a Wednesday evening prayer service in your churches. I've no objection to the mid-week prayer service. When successfully carried on it may be a means of grace to some. But by what authority did any one ever decide that the time to pray was on Wednesday night? And why should any minister lose his enthusiasm, his courage, and even his temper because people won't go to the Wednesday night meeting?

You cannot do without music. You do not want to do without it if it is real music. Singing is a part of the worship and a valuable part. But I do not know that there is any essentially worshipful feature about mournful, long-meter, tunes and I'm sure that there is something almost sacrilegious about some of the modern jazz used in some of our Sunday Schools and even Church services. Here is an example of where much of the old and new alike should be junked. But there are old hymns of the Church which have been a source of inspiration for ages; and there are newer hymns which breathe the spirit of challenge and loyalty of the new age. These we would keep.

You cannot get along without the Bible. It is God's word to you and if you must speak to Him you must also read His message. It is your personal comfort and inspiration and also your source material for sermons. Personally I love the King James version but I must not forget and you must not overlook the fact that newer versions shed light on the true meaning of the Book.

You will not neglect evangelism. The great aim of the Church and the Christian ministry is to introduce men and women to Christ. That is your mission and with warm hearts you will go about the work. But you may not find that the best plan is an annual revival. Is God most accessible during the week following the first Sunday in August? Is it the best plan to hold "services afternoon and night till Thursday any way and longer if the interest will justify?" That announcement has been made so many times that every circuit rider thinks he has a copyright on it. Or is a decision day in your Sunday School better? Or has that now been outmoded? I haven't heard of one recently. Perhaps the pre-Easter campaign is now the thing.

You will not forget your ministerial calling and dignity. But you will not suppose that there is any relationship between these things and a Prince Albert coat and wing collar.

Do you see what I am trying to say to you and to this congregation who need this message more than you do? I am saying that prayer, song, scripture, evangelism, ministerial dignity, and a host of other things are not only fundamental but essential. But that specific times to pray, particular tunes, favorite versions, ancient methods, and oddities of dress are not essential and sometimes even do harm. And so I repeat that in large measure you must cling to old processes but must adopt such methods as seem most effective. And many an older minister whose piety was unquestioned, whose devotion was undeviating, whose ability in most respects was excellent has been obliged to retire before he should because he would not accept new methods.

But let me warn you that not all new methods are good. This is an age of experiments. Men are trying new things in almost every field. And many theories which sound well are not practical. You have done well in that you have prepared yourselves so well as you have for the work of the ministry. You will, I believe, continue to study. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." There is need that you grow, not only in grace, but also in wisdom, and I am sure that you will do so. You will not believe all that you read, you will not try every plan that you hear recommended, you will not continue every plan that you do try, and you will not despise the council of those who have learned from much experience. There are advantages about the new methods but there are also disadvantages. You can reach your appointments more quickly in a car than the old circuit-rider could in his buggy but you will have less time to see the birds and flowers by the roadside. As you change tires you will meditate more on the wearing quality of rubber and less on the goodness of God. You can visit more houses than he could but you won't find as many people at home when you get there as he did. You will live in better parsonages and I hope you may live as near the hearts of your people but you will find their minds much occupied by the varied interests of a wider horizon. Your sermons will not lack in scholarship and may they not lack either in fervor, but may you find your own hearts strangely warmed by the old Gospel and be able to warm the hearts of your hearers. No open forums, or discussion groups, or vocational lectures, or social essays will take the place of the Gospel of Christ. You must determine not to know anything among men save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

Let no near-sighted zealot tell you that the Gospel of Christ is a narrow subject. It is not only the power of God unto salvation of every individual that believeth, it is also the greatest of ethics ever produced. Its social implications show how we should live together in groups and provide for those less fortunate than ourselves. Its teachings are good in the realm of government and politics and if followed in international relations would result in a day of enduring peace. The minister has a right and indeed a duty to speak about current topics but only in so far as he can feel safe in saying, "thus sayeth the Lord." When he is inclined to "speak as a man" he should exercise care. Yes, confine yourselves to the Gospel but do not be satisfied, as too many have been, with a mere segment of the Gospel. Believe it all and preach it all.

And just as you have so graciously allowed me to warn you that not all *new methods* are good so may I add that not all *old principles* are good. I hope we are done with religious persecution in this country and I wish we might be in all the world. But unfortunately this is not the case. We are faced with a German dictator who would control the Church as well as the state. There is nothing new, however, in Hitler's attitude. It has been tried in every country in Europe and in many parts of colonial America. It is one of the old things that was not treasure. It was discarded long ago and is just being readopted. God forbid that we of the United States should accept it again.

I am equally sure that we have done well to forget doctrinal disputes and controversies. What excuse is there for preaching Augustinianism or Pelagianism, Calvinism or Armenianism, when we should be preaching the gospel? What right have we to preach Calvin or Luther or Wesley or Knox or even Stockton when we ought to preach Christ? Why should we call the different names brethren of the same household?

But there is no need to continue with specific examples. Let us get beneath the surface. Jesus suggests here a process of selection and combination. The scribes were learned men. That is to say they were versed in the Jewish law and the faith of the Old Testament. They knew the law and the prophets and it was well that they did know these. But that was not sufficient. The text expresses a desire that they be instructed unto the kingdom of heaven. These scribes were faithful to a system but they made the mistake of confusing loyalty to that system with true righteousness. To them the ideal was to be found in Sabbath observance, tithes, burnt offerings, and obedience. They must have read Isaiah but they overlooked the exhortation to, "Bring no more obligations; incense is an abomination unto me; your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth; they are a trouble to me; I am weary to bear them." They had surely read Micah but they had overlooked the statement that, "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." And so they had no time for one who would heal the sick on the Sabbath day, who would converse with sinners and publicans, and who would talk about God's love. They were close akin to the pharisees . . an egotistical breed. Now it goes without saying that such a spirit as this has no place in the life of a minister. No minister, be he denominational official, institutional leader, or pastor has a right to confuse acceptance of his own personal program with loyalty to a cause, to conceive of himself as knowing more than anyone else, to set himself up as one of the "lords over God's heritage." And Jesus continually preached to these leaders of the Jewish cult that they must enter into the Kingdom of Heaven as little children. They must add to their wisdom of the old an experience of the new. Add to their "faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." And then like the man that is an householder they could bring forth out of their treasure things new and old.

Not only was this the wish of Jewish for the scribes. He is a living example of this blending of old and new. No one new the old faith more thoroughly than he. No one quoted the law and the prophets more freely. No one said more frequently, "Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time," but no one ever added with more fervor and more authority, "but I say unto you."

Yes, Jesus knew the old but He discovered and taught the new and he would that you and I should be grounded in the old and instructed in the new. That we should have,

"A faith that will not shrink
Though pressed by every foe
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe."

And that our minds should be wide open for the reception of new truth.

Nor should we ever forget that some of the worst tragedies of Christian experience have been the result of blind devotion to a wrong cause. One of our most brilliant young ministers recently said, "The men who stoned the prophets loved tradition more than they loved truth and the men who carried on the inquisition loved the Church more than they loved truth." He might have added that the men who crucified Christ loved the old faith more than they loved truth.

So you and I are to build upon our old faith, and old teaching, and old experience. We are to prize and reverence these things of the past. But note that I said we are to build upon them. They supply a wonderful foundation but it would be very unfortunate if we fail to erect thereon a structure worthy of our own individuality. And if we find some who cannot move as rapidly along the new paths as we can we are to be patient with them. Or if we find others who insist upon going faster than we dare we are not to be too critical. We must remember that

"There are hermit souls that live withdrawn in the peace of their self-content,"

and

"There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths where highways never went."

We need not expect to agree upon all points. Indeed some one has well said that, "God does not ask us to all think alike or all act alike, but He does ask us to all feel alike." Hearts overflowing with love; spirits in tune with His; minds open for the truth; a desire for the more abundant life. Then we shall neither stone the prophets nor burn the heretics. But with charity for all, with censoriousness toward none we shall do the right as God gives to see the right.

My brethren you have been duly elected to the order of elder in the Church of God and within a few minutes will be ordained to that order. You appreciate the sacredness of this occasion. It is a time for high resolutions. May you go out from this place determined that from this time forth you will combine in your lives the old consecration with the new scholarship, the old courage with the new gentleness, the old conviction with the new tolerance, the old sacrifice with the new aggressiveness, the old devotion with the new skill, the old determination with the new adaptability.

May you

"Be not the first by whom the new is tried,
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

May you "try the spirits whether they be of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things."

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

AN IGNOBLE END

Four years ago, Horace King, of Walthamston, England, won $84,000 on a Sweepstake ticket, which cost him $2.50 in cash and later his friends, his happiness and his life from alcoholism.

Dr. P. B. Skeels, coroner of that city, said, following an inquest over King's body, that the dead man had "entirely lost his head as a result of winning so much money." His former employer stated that King's winnings caused his whole nature to change from mirthfulness and goodfellowship to moroseness and to an attitude of suspicion toward everyone.

Thus it is of gambling: In its pursuit the mind is taken from the wholesome and spiritual to the sordid and material things of life. If the pursuit results in a windfall, the pursuer often dies an ignoble death or, in the quest of more winnings, loses all.

BEHOLD

How the Subscription Booster boosts, West End Church pays its subsidy in full this week. That is what we call efficiency, Dr. Bethea.—(Editor).

Our Children's Home

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

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Macedonia, Fallston(?), T. O.	3.00
Pilot S. S., Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, T. O.	3.50
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Flint Ridge, Chatham, T. O.	1.00
New Hope, Why Not, regular and T. O.	8.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Garrison, Burlington, T. O.	5.00
Cedar Falls, Richland, T. O.	13.75
Miss Mollie Vial, Old People's Home, Westminster, Md., T. O.	1.00
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First church, Elkhart, Ind., T. O.	16.00
Mrs. T. B. Richard, Lawndale, T. O.	1.00
Mrs. Mayme Neal, Lawndale, T. O.	10.00
Mrs. W. C. Lassiter, Rocky Mount, Va., T. O.	2.00
Roberta, T. O.	6.00
A Friend, T. O.	1.00
Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, Asheville, T. O.	7.00
Brown Summit S. S.	1.50
Rock Creek, Alamance, T. O.	5.23
Flag Springs, Why Not, T. O.	3.00
Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Ridge, Shiloh, T. O.	5.00
Woman's Aux., Kendallville, Ind., on bus	5.00
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
Miss Minnie Paris, Rocky Mount, T. O.	25.00
Ebenezer S. S., Greensville, T. O.	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Albert, Gideon's Grove, Flat Rock, T. O.	2.00
Mrs. D. S. Carroll, Reidsville, T. O.	5.00
McCulloch Bible class, Grace church, for shoes	3.00
Harris Chapel S. S., Vance	4.25
Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Whitaker, Whitakers Chapel, T. O.	5.00
Mrs. J. W. Dixon, Summerfield, T. O.	1.00
First church, High Point, T. O.	60.00
Southside, Winston, T. O.	4.23
Lebanon, High Point, T. O.	28.23
Hickory Grove, Guilford, regular and and T. O.	18.00
Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, High Point, T. O.	5.00
China Grove S. S., T. O.	3.27
Welch Memorial, High Point, T. O.	26.04
Mr. A. A. Moser and family, Winston-Salem, T. O.	10.00
Young Ladies' class, Gibsonville, feeding child	5.00
Concord S. S., Brokensword, O., T. O.	9.64
Woman's Auxiliary, Duncan, Okla.	1.00
C. E .Society, Glen Raven, for shoes	4.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

Mt. Pleasant, N. Davidson, 24 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables, one bag of potatoes and several pumpkins.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Howard Odom, Burlington, one gallon of cough medicine, wholesale value, about $10.00, and two small bottles of antiseptic for external application.

Mrs. W. A. Beavans, High Point, 4 suits of underwear for boys.

Eckerds Drug company, High Point, a large box of candy and nuts.

The Junior High School, High Point, a quantity of canned goods, oat meal, corn flakes, fruits and nuts.

Caroleen, N. C., two large wooden boxes packed with canned goods and other produce, sent by Mr. G. W. Wilson.

Pleasant Hill, on W. Forsyth (we suppose), 1 bushel Irish potatoes, 4 half-gallon and 2 quart jars of fruit and vegetables.

Southside, Winston-Salem, 3 half-gallon and 8 quart cans fruit and vegetables, 10 glasses of jelly, a package of apples and some notebooks and clothing.

Shiloh Charge, 3 hens, 1 turkey, 2 bushels wheat, 3 1-2 bushels corn, 1 bushel turnips, 3 bushels Irish potatoes, 8 bushels sweet potatoes, 3 pumpkins, 1 box prunes, 3 cans milk, 1 box cocoa, 2 packages of dried fruit, 48 pounds flour, 7 glasses jelly and 182 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables.

Pine Grove, Kernersville, 48 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables and 1 quilt, which was partly made by the late Miss Ellen Dean, and finished by her sisters, Miss Victoria Dean and Mrs. Josephine Hepler.

Mt. Carmel, Forsyth, 1 bushel wheat, 2 bushels Irish potatoes, 2 bushels sweet potatoes, 1 package of rice, 10 pounds sugar, 25 half-gallon and 4 quart cans fruit and vegetables, 2 pumpkins and other packages.

Flat Rock charge, 1½ bushels corn, 34 cakes soap, 1 package dried apples, 7 pumpkins, 5 bushels sweet potatoes, ½ bushel Irish potatoes, 5 pounds sugar, 1 pound baking powders, 14 half-gallon and 24 quart cans fruit and vegetables, a box of chocolate snaps, pair socks and a pair gloves, 2 bushels corn, 1 bushel wheat, 2 pair trousers and 2 dresses, 1 sweater suit for a girl.

The E. M. Holt Plaid Mills, Burlington, a bundle of materials for dresses.

Woman's Auxiliary, Pinnacle, 26 dozen cookies for .Thanksgiving.

Mr. J. B. Davis, Enfield, a large bag of shelled peanuts.

Hickory Ridge, Forsyth, 14½ quarts of preserves, 4 jars tomato juice, 98 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables, 2 jars honey, 1 chicken, 4 bags potatoes, 2 pumpkins, 3 pounds bacon, 1 package each of walnuts, dried fruit and corn meal. Coupons.

M. P. Church, Bloomingdale, N. J., a box of clothing, 4 cakes soap, 4 wash cloths, 3 towels and 1 tooth brush.

Duncan, Okla., 5 handkerchiefs, 3 towels, 4 wash cloths, 2 pillow cases, 1 pair pajamas, 2 cakes soap, 1 tooth brush and 4 pair socks.

Marion, Ind., a box of toys for Christmas.

Knoxville, Iowa, 1 blanket, 2 pair socks, a hat and a scarf.

Haw River Circuit, an additional donation, 7 pair trousers for boys, 2 pumpkins, 15 half-gallon and 15 quart cans fruit and vegetables, 75 pounds sugar, 6 bushels Irish potatoes, 12 bushels sweet potatoes, 2 bushels corn, 6 bushels wheat, 16 chickens, half-gallon syrup and some black-eyed peas. (They had sent 21 dozen half-gallon cans before.)

Rankin Memorial, High Point, 20 pounds sugar, 7 cans fruit and vegetables, 2 cans milk and a box of corn flakes.

Mr. C. E. Ridge, Jr., Wytheville, Va., 3 dozen tubes of library paste.

Moriah, 7 pumpkins, 15 half-gallon and 18 quarts of canned fruits and vegetables, 3 glasses jelly, a package of corn meal, 1 bushel sweet potatoes, 1 bushel turnips, ½ gallon molasses, 3 pair boys knickers, 1 raincoat, and 10 bed spreads.

Mrs. G. M. Taylor and Miss Bloomquist, Lawrence, L. I., N. Y., 12 books for our library.

Brown Summit, 1 box of clothing, 1 bushel sweet potatoes and 10 quarts of canned fruits and vegetables.

We are very thankful to all who have contributed either money, or other things to help make up this report.

We have done our best to report every offering of clothing and produce which has come in. Just at this season of the year so many packages come that it is not easy to keep up with all of it when one is well and can look personally after it; but in doing much of my office work from the bed it has not been easy to keep up with it all and get it all properly listed. Please write us if there are any omissions. We thank you over and over for your continued interest in the Home. God bless every one of you.

Yours in His blessed service.

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

LOOKING TO CHRISTMAS

Several have written to us for a list of our children, by ages, for their Christmas shopping. It has occurred to us that a list published in the Church papers might be of help to any Church, or Sunday school, or Sunday school class wishing the entire list, or any group in it.

We have:

1 girl and 1 boy	4	years	old
1 girl and 2 boys	5	“	“
3 girls and 2 boys	6	“	“
1 girl and 2 boys	7	“	“
4 girls and 1 boy	8	“	“
4 girls and 3 boys	9	“	“
7 girls and 5 boys	10	“	“
2 girls and 3 boys	11	“	“
5 girls and 5 boys	12	“	“
8 girls and 4 boys	13	“	“
3 girls and 7 boys	14	“	“
4 girls and 6 boys	15	“	“
7 girls and 8 boys	16	“	“
4 girls and 4 boys	17	“	“
2 girls and 1 boy	18	“	“

Two of our own boys are here working their way through High Point College, and one is helping with the farm work. So we have 3 boys who are 19 years old.

All these children do appreciate so much the individual packages which come for them. And to make up for that to the others we take out of the abundance of undesignated gifts which come, and try to arrange it so no one will feel that others are treated better than he.

White Gifts

In your White Gifts for the King services, silver is the best gift that can be made to the Home. But if you prefer to give other things then let it be handkerchiefs, towels, wash cloths, sheets for regulation size single beds, table cloths and napkins, and bed spreads, and any other white goods such as are needed about your own homes. Make it a real sensible Christmas for the Children's Home.

We thank God for you, and we thank you for what you are going to do for His little ones gathered here.

Note: The best Thanksgiving offering which has come to the Home from any local church this Thanksgiving came today, after our report for the week was already made up. There were three checks, one from the Sunday school, one from the C. E. society, and one from the Woman's Auxiliary, and they totalled $80.00. And it came from a country church, too.

May God richly bless every one of you and give you a very happy Christmas.

Yours in His blessed service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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MARRIED

Berrier-Reece

Mr. Sammie Berrier, of the Canaan church community, and Miss Mickey Reece, of Thomasville, were united in marriage by the writer on Saturday, November 20. The marriage was solemnized in the parsonage, witnessed by a small number of personal friends. Our best wishes follow them.

Wm. H. NEESE.

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CHILDREN'S HOME HISTORY

Please make an effort to sell what you have and send in the money before December 10. If you will do this we can pay our publisher, the remainder of our sales will go into the Home. This is a chance to do something for our children by giving a little of your time. We appreciate the help you have given us in this work, please continue until this project is completed.

Denton has sent an order for 25 copies.

MABEL W. RUSSELL.
1011 Lindley St., High Point, N. C.

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GREENSBORO RALLY, DECEMBER 12

The first quarterly rally of the fifth district will be held at Calvary church, Greensboro, on Sunday afternoon, December 12, at 2:30 o'clock, according to J. Elwood Carroll, chairman of the district. Complete details of the program will be announced in the Herald next week. Sufficient to say now, make your plans to attend.

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F. R. Stout, chairman of the board of stewards of Grace church, and treasurer of the Conference District Parsonage trustees, is satisfactorily recovering at Clinic hospital from an appendectomy received last Friday.

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Gamekeeper: "Didn't you see that notice at the entrance to these woods?"

Small Boy: "Yes, but it was headed 'Private' and I was too polite to read on."—Chelsea Record.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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INFORMATION FOR AUXILIARIES

At the October quarterly meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work I was asked to write Mrs. Shell for the information which is given in the letter below.

Yours for service,
MRS. JAMES T. BOWMAN, Cor. Sec.
(Inclosure)

304 Bigham St., Pittsburgh (11), Pa.
October 16, 1937.

Mrs. James T. Bowman,
Denton, N. C.

My dear Mrs. Bowman:

Your letter has just come to me. I appreciate your need for the information for which you ask.

On page four of the Constituion and By-Laws you will find the regulation concerning representation in Branches. This statement, as written, applies to Annual Meetings. Many Branches, as you know, have only that one meeting during the year.

However, this article applies to quarterly meetings in Branches where such meetings are held. We have quarterly meetings in Pittsburgh Branch and we always adhere strictly to this rule.

We always encourage as many of our women from the auxiliaries as possible to attend the quarterly meetings, and we have a larger number of women who are not elected representatives than those who are. But upon any question of real importance only the elected delegates vote. Of course, upon such questions as accepting reports, vote of thanks, etc., all vote. But when there is reason for only the delegates to vote upon any question, the president states that fact plainly, referring to the article on page four as her authority.

I hope this may help you in whatever way this matter may be troubling you.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. J. W. SHELL.

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LETTER FROM INDIA

Dear Friends:

I take my typewriter on my knee and pen a few lines to you.

As we daily read the papers of the war in China we are greatly concerned about our folks in China. Our missionaries have been forced to leave the station. They would give almost anything to return and try to continue the good news. And here I sit in my tent thinking, or trying to think. The wind is blowing from the south. The smell of village waste is so strong that one feels like going back. Here we are, all trying our best to tell of a great love which came to bring life, and light, and joy to a sad, hungry, ugly world, and they among whom we work don't want it.

Yesterday we went to preach. A dozen men came near. There were 20 or so small children playing around and everyone speaking, or wanting to go to work. One man gave us a chair and a table for our service and then took the pan and sat down to milk within ten feet of the preacher. This morning we drove in the cart to a village ten miles away. It rained last night, it was hard going. We found a few people waiting for the village barber. We explained our errand and began. But to you, my preacher friends, may I ask you to try to talk to this crowd. The barber has a cloth of some kind spread on the ground and a dirty one across the legs of his patient. There he and his patient both of them sit flat on the ground. Here we stand, singing and telling them to think of their souls, and of God, and goodness. The barber has a home-made razor. He has no clippers, nor scissors, nor comb. There is a stone on which he strokes the straight razor a few strokes, and then with some clear water he wets the week-old beard and begins to scrape. Soon the face is clean. It is wonderful how well he can handle the razor. He wipes off any extra soil on his shin and continues at a great pace to wet the head which has a pig tail and a month's growth of black hair. With nothing but water he wets the head and begins to lift the hair. His razor is like a scythe in the hand of a clever farmer. He soon cleans the head and neck. To be sure he does enough to earn his money; the arm is lifted and all hair hiding under the arm is removed. Then the stray hair on the nose and ears and between the eyes is removed. Any hair peeping from the nose is not overlooked and out it must come. Then a kind of chisel is found and off comes the nails, both of the hands and toes. This case is done. He takes a look at his face in a broken mirror and up he goes. Here comes a man with a plenty of hair on his head but his face is thin with a sprinkling of hair ten days long. No energy is wasted on a razor but a pair of the biggest tweezers I ever saw was brought out, and with nothing to ease the pain the uprooting begins. The man has a look of more than joy on his face. But with great speed the few hairs are pulled out and the face is smoothed with the razor for any hair which might have been broken in the uprooting process. Then he too had the usual shave and shine others received.

Now I saw all this, besides a small child over behind me which soon grew tired of having his head shaved by a second barber. I also saw men coming and going all the time and there were many who had something to say and who did not fail to say it loud enough for all to hear it. Besides I tried to pray for the men and the message. The barber called on the people to be quiet when the noise was too great, for which I was most grateful. Now just try to imagine a sermon of ten, fifteen, or twenty minutes under conditions like these.

After the meeting not a soul expressed any interest in the service. We hoped for them the blessings of God and went on our way. Tonight we go to another village to show the pictures of the life of Christ. Tomorrow we break camp and move to another community. We have been here three weeks today. I hope that we have accomplished something. But with the exception of a few outcaste no one has shown any interest. Last night we went to the outcaste community and had a service in song. Some of them joined in with us. They are hated by the people of the town and hope to get something from us, for which they come to hear us. They want us to apply to the government

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CONFERENCE COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

T. J. WHITEHEAD, President
Henderson, N. C.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, Supt.

A Christmas Wish

"There are lights at Christmastime, star shine, the glow of candles, and the gleam of holly berries amid the green; but none is more beautiful than the light in the eyes of children who are learning that it is more blessed to give than to receive. There is music at Christmastime, the chime of church bells and the lilt of carols on the frosty air; but none is more sweet than the chuckle of a child when planning a surprise. So may the season bring a happy Christmas to the teachers of children everywhere." (From "The Pilgrim Elementary Teacher," December, 1937).

Christmas Activities

Once again we approach the Christmas season—a season dear to the hearts of young and old alike—a season rich in opportunities for Christian fellowship. Thoughtful teachers will center the thinking of the children on the joy of giving rather than on the fun of receiving. The material presents which are exchanged at Christmas should be symbols of the greater gift of love. We want the children to come to realize that there are different kinds of giving—that it is possible to "give" friendliness, helpfulness, cheerfulness, and thoughtfulness as Jesus did, as well as material presents.

Through conversation lead the children to think of Christmas as a special time when we can show, by a little card or gift, how glad we are of all that people have done for us. Let them make a list of folks they wish to remember, such as father, mother, sister, brother, aunt, little friend, etc. From this list plan your Christmas activities. The children themselves may have definite ideas as to gifts they may make. Here are some suggestions:

1. **Christmas cards and calendars.** Little calendars may be bought at the dime store—six for a nickle. Cut pictures from old Christmas cards, paste picture and calendar on colored paper and tie with cord or ribbon with which to hang it up.

2. **Book marks.** Cut off corners of envelopes in irregular shapes. Decorate with Christmas seals or cut out holly leaves and berries, or have children print a Bible verse on a gummed label and paste it on a strip of ribbon.

3. **Decorated bowls or vases.** Have the children bring in glass jars. Cut bits of colored envelope linings and glue on the glass until the surface is all covered, then shellac. When dry, put a sprig of holly or mistletoe in each.

4. **Uncompleted scrapbooks** (especially good to give children in hospitals). These may be made in several ways. A large envelope tied in with the pages may contain selected pictures ready to be pasted in; outline pictures may be drawn, ready for coloring; or numbered dot drawings may be made. Attractive covers may be made of oilcloth. Tie in the pages with colored cord or shoestring.

5. **Picture puzzles.** If the picture is mounted on cardboard which has first been covered with a piece of bright paper, leaving a broad colored margin all around, the finished puzzle is much more attractive.

6. **Filled stockings.** Small stockings made of tarlatan may be stitched around with red worsted by the children and then filled with small toys. (Adapted from material found in "Pilgrim Elementary Teacher.")

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"WHAT MAKES LIFE WORTH LIVING?"

Christian Endeavor Topic for December 12

Scripture Text: 2 Cor. 3:6; 1 John 5:12; Col. 3:2.

Hymn Suggestions: "Take My Life and Let It Be," "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," "More Like the Master," "Take the Name of Jesus With You."

Points for Purposeful Prayer: "Thank God (1) for the beauties of His creation which abound on every hand; (2) for the glory of Christian personality. Ask God (1) for a clearer understanding of the meaning of life; (2) for a truer appreciation of worth-while things; (3) for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to give us radiant Christian personalities."—Standard C. E. Quarterly.

Leader's Talk

Robert Russell Wicks quotes a young man as saying: "The trouble with me is I have no reason for living. I see other young people who seem to exist without a reason. They simply desire to obtain work to earn money to buy things to have a good time. An aimless existence is fit for an animal, but a man needs a reason and I have none." ("The Reason for Living," p. 3.) This statement should cause each of us to ask ourselves the question which we have for a topic, namely, "What makes life worth living?" This is a question each young person should consider seriously before choosing a vocation, to which it intends to dedicate its life. Let us try to detect some of the things which we think make life worth living as we proceed with the program.

Suggestions for program: ((1) Have a number of individuals give their reason for living. (2) Ask a number of older people how they would choose or change their life if they were privileged to live it over again. (3) Have someone review and discuss a part of the book, "The Reason for Living," by Wicks. (4) Discuss the following questions:

1. How does one find the chief reason for living?
2. How does one find what his own particular life can mean?
3. What is a man's life worth?
4. Is the pursuit of happiness a sufficient reason for living?
5. Is the pursuit of wealth a sufficient reason for living? (a) Are rich people happier than poor people?
6. Is the pursuit of popularity a good reason for living?.
7. Is the pursuit of power a sufficent reason for living?

A Thought

Someone has likened life unto a market-place, to which each young person comes with a life to exchange. On one side he finds a place where fortune is for sale and where one may exchange a life for things. At another place one may find popularity for sale, where one may spend his life for the approval of men. In another place pleasure is for sale, where one may exchange his life for enjoyment. In another place one may find fame for sale, where one may give his life and receive in return the praises of men. At another place one may find a section marked "Others." Here one may give his life and receive in return an opportunity to serve. We see a young person going about the market-place stopping before each of these "bargains" trying to decide whether he shall spend his life for fortune, fame, enjoyment, or for service. He stops before each and each bids for his life; but finally as he stands before the choice of sacrificial service considering how he shall spend his life, a hand is laid on his shoulder. It is a strong, calloused hand—the hand of a workman. There is a scar in the palm as though a nail had been driven through it. There is heard a voice of infinite understanding and earnestness which says, "Come, follow me." "He that saveth his life shall lose it." "What shall it profit though a man gain the whole world if he loses his own soul?"

REV. J. W. BRAXTON.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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for them to secure a plot of land upon which to build a rest home for outcastes.

Though we have no encouraging signs, yet on we go telling the Old, Old Story. We are happy trying to show the beauty of Jesus in our every act, yet it is almost discouraging when we see no outward results from our efforts.

Again may I ask you to remember us in our work, that God will give us power in our speaking.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely,

J. F. MINNIS.

Dhulia, West Khandesh, India, October 27.

NOTICE TO AUXILIARIES

The promotion of the work of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work depends largely upon the interest of the workers. It is therefore of considerable importance that all our workers know the needs of the work. Because of this, I am asking that you elect delegates in December for the January quarterly meeting, as you do it in March for the annual meeting, so that these delegates may be present to help make plans and be able to carry back the necessary information for the successful working of the plans to all auxiliaries.

There is a vast amount of work to be done in the last quarter of our year if we reach the goals we set out for at last annual meeting. The work needs the cooperation of every worker. Watch this column for notice of time and place of the January quarterly meeting.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS,
President, N. C. Branch of Women's Work.

SPRING CHURCH CHARGE—NOTICE

The first quarterly conference will meet with the Lebanon church, Wednesday, December 15, at 7 p.m. A full attendance of the officials is desired.

Remember, Wednesday after the second Sunday in December, at 7 p.m.

B. M. WILLIAMS.

The man who is fond of books is usually a man of lofty thought and of elevated opinions.—George Dawson.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Randolph Charge.—Our first quarterly conference for the new conference year will be held at Bethel on Saturday before the first Sunday in December, at 2:30 p.m. We hope all official members will be present and help us in the adoption of a program that will mean progress along all lines.

We appreciate most sincerely the kind reception that has been given us upon our return to this charge for the fourth year. May this be a year of great spiritual progress in the hearts and lives of all our members. The better we know them, the more we appreciate them—their homes and all their kindness. G. L. REYNOLDS.

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Haw River Church, Glen Raven Charge, R. S. Troxler, Pastor, Nov. 22.—Conference has come and gone and we thank the conference for sending R. S. Troxler back to us for another year. He filled his regular appointment here both morning and night, with very good sized congregations. We are making our plans to have the best year's work in the church we have ever had. All church officials have been elected and we are starting our work off very satisfactorily. We are sorry to report that one of our members, Curry Coble, has been confined to his bed for several months, but will go to Black Mountain Sanatorium next week.

Our Sunday school is having the best attendance it has had for some time. We are planning to have some kind of Christmas program for the Sunday school.

We were very glad to receive Mrs. Lillian McCracken Martin into the church on Sunday.
T. S. COBLE.

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State Street Charge, O. C. Loy, Pastor, Nov. 22.—Rev. J. P. Pegg preached his final sermon on October 31, at which time a large number of the congregation learned with regret that he would not return to us after conference. We wish for him and family many rich blessings and a fruitful year in the Master's work. The election of officers was held on October 31 and everything made ready to begin the new year.

Mr. Loy, our new pastor, preached his first sermon last Sunday night, November 14, taking his text from Deut. 11:8-17, which was very inspiring and helpful. The church extended to him and family a cordial welcome and pledged whole-hearted support.

The C. E. society was reorganized last Sunday, with a very enthusiasstic group of young people in attendance. Mrs. F. J. Cox was elected president.

We were glad to welcome Mrs. Ernest Walser back to church after an absence of several weeks in the hospital for a serious operation. Sorry to report the condition of Bro. T. J. Aaron not so encouraging at present.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night, November 16. The president, Mrs. Annie Harkey, was in the chair, and Miss Mildred Leonard led the devotional on Builders. The entire program was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present. The president stressed the effectiveness of frequent praying.

The Circle decided to have one chapter of the study book given on one Wednesday night of each month by different members of the Auxiliary.

The thank-offering service was planned for Sunday night, November 28. Different classes of Sunday school will take part in the program. The collections will go to the Children's Home.

The Philathea class also met in the home of the writer Friday night, November 19. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. Baxter Leonard, with Mrs. O. C. Loy in charge of devotional. After the business session was over different ways to raise money were discussed, and the shopping basket was decided on and started at once. When the basket is filled there will be a bazaar held to sell the contents. There will be a 5 to 25 cent coin bank placed in this basket to receive any donations that might be given. The hostess was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. J. B. Leonard, Mrs. Henry Freedle, and Mrs. Garner. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. J. A. Walser as the annual Christmas party by revealing the heart sisters and exchanging gifts.
REPORTER.

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Granville Charge, J. P. Pegg, Pastor, Nov. 22.—It was with a feeling of deep regret that we left the good people on the State Street-Bethesda charge. Our good wishes and prayers shall follow them through the new conference year, and we trust that they will be able to go forward in a larger measure of Christian service.

We are now settled in the parsonage on the Granville charge. Although we have been here less than two weeks, it is beginning to seem like home. The people have exhibited a fine spirit of Christian courtesy and helpfulness. Congregations at each of the three churches are encouraging. There is interest in every department of our church program, local and general.

The churches on Granville charge go back in point of organization to the morning-time of Methodism in North Carolina. The older members of the congregations speak of the former pastors of this work, and it makes one feel very humble when the names of men who have been so influential in our conference in other years, or who are our leading ministers in many cases today, are mentioned. My predecessor, Rev. C. L. Spencer, is everywhere spoken of with esteem. For eight years he served as pastor on this charge.
PASTOR.

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First Church, Thomasville, J. T. Bowman, Pastor.—With conference over and the expectations, enthusiasm, disappointment, rejoicing and all the other accompanying ways of expressing one's emotions is calmed down to a presentable and respectable attitude, we face the new conference year with an earnest and whole-hearted desire to make our church a strong element in the making of God's Kingdom on earth.

Through the devoted leadership of our former pastor and family, we have been very successful in many ways, and it is with deepest regret that we surrender Rev. O. C. Loy to State Street, Lexington. In behalf of First church, may I say that we sincerely enjoyed his pastorate here and feel that his fine spirit has opened the way for bigger and better things for us.

But we have to many things too be thankful for. First, we owe thanks to Mr. D. R. Connell, our delegate, for his part in bringing to us such a worthy and spiritual man as Rev. J. T. Bowman. With his coming we realize that we have a pastor who has proved his ability elsewhere. We welcome Rev. Mr. Bowman and his family to our church and consider it an honor to have them in our midst. Mr. Bowman, you may count on us for cooperation.

Our Sunday school is progressing fine. Much interest is being shown and the attendance is good, but it could be better. New officers have been elected and we are looking forward to the best year ever.

We are proud to say that we have one of the very best C. E. societies. It is surprising and delightful to be in a meeting and see the pep and willingness and talent shown in this group. Much credit is due Miss Nell Reese Jarrett, president, and Rev. O. C. Loy, former pastor, for this build-up.

We hope for all a pleasasnt and successful year in serving the Master.
MRS. KNOX TEAGUE, Reporter.

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Midway Church, Greensboro, J. R. Hutton, Pastor, Nov. 21.—We were sorry that our former pastor, T. H. Strickland, was not returned; but we feel very fortunate in having as our new pastor, Rev. J. R. Hutton. He has been with us previously and we are hoping for a good year.

We were glad to receive Mrs. J. R. Hutton and three of her children into the church Sunday morning.

Four of our C. E. members, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Walters, Lula Thompson, and Hunt Pinnix, attended the C. E. State Fellowship banquet in High Point Saturday.

The C. E. society is having a Thanksgiving program Thursday morning at 7 o'clock. This is the first time we have planned a program of this nature and we are hoping for a good one. At this time we are preparing a Thanksgiving basket for one of the needy families of our neighborhood.
REPORTER.

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First Church, High Point, J. C. Madison, Pastor.—Circle No. 5, of which Mrs. Percy Payne is chairman, sponsored a "dressed-up" church bulletin Sunday, November 21. There were six pages, containing a dedication to parents in thanksgiving, the order of worship for both morning and evening services, the announcements, and three pages devoted to the parents' names, some living and some deceased, who were honored by their children for this special bulletin.

An interested congregation heard Mr. Madison Sunday morning. His subject was "Unseen Hands." At this service the annual Thanksgiving offering for the Children's Home was taken. Each individual was asked to contribute a day's wage.

The first quarterly conference was held on Monday night. The year's program was outlined and it is the wish of the official board that each member contribute weekly to the current expenses of the church so that obligations may be met as they fall due.

On Saturday afternoon a wedding of much charm and beauty took place at the church, when Miss Chloe Layton and Mr. Tyron Ferree were united in marriage, Mr. Madison officiating. Prior to the ceremony a program of wedding music was rendered by Mrs. Henry Koontz, organist, and Miss Dorothy Hoskins, soloist. The bride's only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Joseph H. Hoover, of High Point. She was escorted to the altar by her father, Charles V. Layton, and was met by the groom and his best man, G. W. Ferree, of High Point.

Immediately afterwards the couple left for a wedding trip to Florida. From there they will sail to Cuba for a short stay. Mr. Ferree is a member of the board of stewards and is a faithful attendant at the services of his church. Their many friends wish for them a life of great happiness together.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS.

Mitchell's Grove, Guilford Charge, Nov. 22.—Our new pastor, Rev. J. B. Trogdon, delivered a most inspiring sermon the second Sunday. We welcome him to our church. Also we were glad for visitors to worship with us, our pastor's daughter, husband and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Williams, from Archdale; also Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and Mr. John Marsh, from Vickery church. Come again. We extend an invitation to one and all to come and worship with us. We sincerely hope we may work together and so cooperate with our pastor that much good will be accomplished this year. We were especially pleased with our pastor selecting songs for the service; we feel much depends on what is used in connection with the sermon. The songs seem to have a more desired effect on us all when we sing the good old hymns that were sung in the past.

When getting a new pastor some of us will be sure to go and hear his first sermon, and we pass our opinion and sometimes we do not go again; we say we do not like his preaching. But is that all we are supposed to go for? We are to go to worship, pray and praise and glorify God, regardless of the kind of preaching we have. The question was once asked, Do you like your pastor? The answer was, I am supposed to like him, and when we are loyal, steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, we will attend our church. We joined the church, not the preacher. Our interest still remains in our church as the pastors come and go. MARTHA PARSONS.

Gibsonville, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Before we moved from Kernersville, Circles No. 1 and No. 2 gave us a shower of many very useful gifts, for which we are truly thankful.

We arrived at the Gibsonville parsonage Wednesday evening, November 17. Brother and Sister Stubbins had just moved out, and we found the house ready for our arrival; and while our household effects were being unloaded, the women of the community sent a well prepared supper to the parsonage, for which we gave thanks and did eat, and began to like our new charge right now. The next day (Thursday) in the evening, we were pounded; our kitchen and pantry resemble a modern grocery store; we are unable to mention here all the names that were represented in these gifts, and will not try to mention the kinds of good things that we now have to eat; you will just have to come and see for yourself. We do want to take this opportunity to say to these fine people here, we thank you one and all; and we are praying that our friendsship and fellowship at this church will prove a great blessing to all of us.

We find a well organized church here, with a fine Sunday school in attendance, and the preaching services, both morning and evening, are well attended. The women are well organized, and we have a fine C. E. society. We are following a new type of pastor here; truly "One soweth and another reapeth." Brother Stubins left this church in a fine condition; such pastors make it easy for their successors. The parsonage here is being improved; the living room, dining room and hall have been papered, and the inside woodwork and floors and bath room will be painted this week. We greatly appreciate these improvements at this time. We want to say that the folks here have a fine way of getting things done for their church and pastor. It just makes us feel like working harder; we desire to show our apreciation in this way. Please pray for us that we may be able to lead on in the work here.

We have a fine Herald reporter here, so you will not expect many letters from the pastor.

With every good wish for all our brethren in the ministry; and thanking God for the fine, loyal laymen that cause us to take courage and press on in the work of our Lord.

O. B. WILLIAMS.

Central Church, Asheboro, S. W. Taylor, D.D., Pastor.—The union Thanksgiving service was held in the Asheboro Presbyterian church, with Rev. Gerald K. Ford, director of religious education in the First M. E. church, preaching the annual Thanksgiving sermon. An offering was taken for the orphanages supported by the various denominations represented.

The first quarterly conference is scheduled for December 7, and December 12 is designated as Church Loyalty Day, when the membership is requested to meet the stewards at the church between 2 and 5 p. m., to make yearly pledges.

A pancake supper last Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock in the social rooms of the church, under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of troop 28, added considerably to the treasury to buy materials to build the scout hut. S. B. Stedman, scout counselor for Randolph county, has presented each of the four Boy Scout troops of Asheboro with enough lumber to build a hut. The local church troop enjoyed a weiner roast Friday night at their cabin on Elroy Cox's farm, accompanied by Carmen Parks, scoutmaster.

Dr. Taylor, Lacy Lewis, Jr., president of the C. E. society of Central church, Boyce Comer, Howard Brown, Lula Mae Hammond, Dorothy York, Jean Cox and Virginia Lee Allred attended the statewide Christian Endeavor meeting at Lebanon M. P. church in High Point Saturday night.

Mrs. Virgil Williams, Mrs. Clarence Luck, Mrs. Garland Pritchard, Mrs. Bess Ridge, Misses Lola Luck, Esther Tucker, and Lucy Davis were hostesses to the senior Philathea class at the home of Mrs. Williams, on route 62, Friday evening. Mrs. Nettie York is class president and plans of the Christmas cheer committee constituted the business. The class remembered Mrs. Paul Burchfield, nee Miss Elsie Akins, recent bride, with a miscellaneous shower.

Miss Cynthia Mendenhall, of Woman's College, and Miss Martha Mendenhall, of Winston-Salem, were Thanksgiving guests of their mother, Mrs. Cora Redding Mendenhall, who is at present residing with her father, W. F. Redding, Sr., on Hill street. A. B. Copenhaver is ill at his home on Waiman avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Callaham, of High Point, spent Thanksgiving with their mother, Mrs. Eli Pritchard. Mrs. Garland Pritchard and son, Poster, were with relatives at Clinton during the holidays.

Mrs. I. M. Thomas, of the local church, has been advised of the death of her brother, Walter C. Cagle, of San Diego, California, with funeral rites in the western city. Mr. Cagle was a native of Star, N. C. Mrs. S. L. Hayworth attended the funeral Wednesday of her brother, Kelly Lowdermilk, of Norman, which was held at Pleasant Hill M. P. church.

Mrs. J. M. Allen returned to her home in Miami, Texas, last week, after passing the summer with relatives in Asheboro and Greensboro. Mrs. Allen is originally from Randolph county and retains her membership with the Flag Springs M. P. church.

The following of the local church were at home from the various colleges for the Thanksgiving holidays: Misses Helen E. Brown, Jane Page Walker, Anne Ross, Catherine and Elizabeth Phillips, Frank Burkhead, Hal H. Walker, Billy and Thomas Bulla, and John Redding.

CLETA RICH.

Lincolnton, W. L. Harkey, Pastor, Nov. 29.—We are very glad that conference saw fit to return our pastor to us for another year. It seems that we have entered into the new conference year with added zeal, as we had such a splendid Sunday school last Sunday, and more than the usual number for preaching service. Also we were encouraged to see a number of visitors and extend an invitation to everyone that will to come and worship with us at any time.

Renewed interest is noticed throughout the Sunday school which is now under the capable leadership of Mr. O. G. Carpenter, our newly elected superintendent, with Mr. Robert Eurey as assistant and choir director.

Plans are being made for a pageant to be given at Christmas to commemorate the birth of our Lord.

Our first quarterly conference will be held at church Saturday evening, December 4, at 7:30.

MRS. LOY REINHARDT, Reporter.

Denton Church, Geo. L. Curry, Pastor, Nov. 29.—A crowded auditorium greeted our new pastor, Rev. Geo. L. Curry, as he filled his first appointment at the Denton church on Sunday, November 21. Inspiring sermons were delivered at the morning and evening services to attentive congregations.

We are happy to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Curry and their family to our community, and we trust their stay with us will be a pleasant and prosperous one. While we regret to lose Rev. and Mrs. Bowman, we rejoice that they are so well situated. We are proud of the progress made by our church during the four years they were here, and they will always hold a warm place in the hearts of the Denton people.

The Young Women's Auxiliary and the organization formerly known as the Ladies' Aid society met in joint session Monday night, November 22, for the purpose of organizing the two groups into an Auxiliary. Each group retains its old membership and will be known as circles No. 1 and 2 respectively.

Auxiliary officers for the remainder of the year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Coy L. Kearns; vice president, Miss Golden Morris, and recording secretary, Mrs. John Mitchell. Treasurers of the old groups and secretaries of causes will serve until the end of the Auxiliary year.

According to custom, the three churches in Denton unite for the Thanksgiving service, taking turns in place of meeting and speakers. The Baptist church was host this year and our pastor was the speaker. He delivered a forceful and timely Thanksgiving message to a large audience.

A special service was held on the fourth Sunday night, when Rev. Mr. Curry preached on "Helping to Live." A harvest home offering for the Children's Home was collected at the end of the service, and a considerable amount of produce and money was realized.

The former Ladies' Aid society has recently added to the comfort of the pastor's family by installing in the parsonage a new bed and a new kitchen range.

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First Church, Lexington, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—Last Sunday morning Rev. L. E. Mabry preached on the subject, "A Life Made Over," taking his text from Jeremiah 18:4, "So he made it again, another vessel as seemed good to the potter to make it."

At the night service Mr. Mabry preached on the subject, "The Sin Against Love," taking his scripture from Hosea 14:4-9. Mr. Mabry really poured out his soul to his people in this sermon. It would have been well if every member could have heard him deliver this message on the love of Christ.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met Thursday night, November 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mabry. A good number was present at this meeting. A thank-offering was taken last Sunday at the Sunday school for the Children's Home. Our children are getting ready to practice their Christmas poems under the direction of Paul Wallace, the Sunday school superintendent. Mr. Mabry preached last Sunday afternoon to the colored prisoners at the prison camp.

We are glad to report that the interest and attendance in our Sunday school and church services are holding up well. We are glad that our pastor was returned to us for another year.

JAMES L. MALLARD, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant, North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, Nov. 28.—The morning worship service centered around the Thanksgiving theme. Brother Neese used Psalm 107:8 for his text, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." He pointed out some of the major things which we may be thankful for.

On the second Sunday the church received Mrs. Ila Craven into membership. She came to us from Pleasant Grove church, and although we are sorry they must lose her, we are very glad to receive her. Every church needs more members like her.

Mrs. J. L. Shoaf, stricken ill a year ago, seems to be gradually recovering, although she is not yet well. We still hope that we shall eventually see her back at church. Mrs. Shoaf has always been a valuable member, and she still contributes to the cause, even though she cannot be present. One can see the esteem in which she is held by the anxious questions which her friends ask of anyone who has recently visited her. Surely her health will be restored so that she can come back to the place she loves so much.

No less valuable to the church are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hayworth. They have been confined to their home for some time, and we miss them keenly. They are like a cornerstone to the church, and we believe that God will not keep them away from us.

I believe that the Woman's Auxiliary is the most wide-awake organization in our church. They seem always to be doing something. They seem to have something up their sleeve, what with their meeting together and making quilts and serving hot suppers.

The Christian Endeavorers can well look to their laurels and get some new life into them, and we believe they are going to do it. Interest has been much too low, but let's see what they can do. Some publicity should help.

We are glad to have our pastor back with us this year, and so expressed ourselves in a vote of confidence on the second Sunday. We believe that a year of opportunity lies ahead.

We are glad also to welcome Bethesda as members of our circuit. They are old friends, we always got along splendidly together, and we believe that they can help us and we can help them to do a fine piece of work.

J. R. PAYNE, Reporter.

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Littleton Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, Nov. 27.—We are glad to say that we have Mr. and Mrs. Trolinger back with us again for another year. And I feel that everyone is going to do his best to help Mr. Trolinger make this a successful year. We all appreciate what he has done for us in every way.

Service was held at the regular hour, at 11 o'clock, and a very inspiring message was delivered to those present Sunday morning.

The Sunday school has been improving recently; it has increased in interest and number. Mr. Tommie Morris has been elected our new secretary.

Brother Ashbury is expected to be with us the week following the fourth Sunday, and we are looking forward to his coming with much pleasure. We hope to have a large congregation every night to hear him.

A box party has been planned by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to be given at the home of Mrs. Walter Perkinson, December 10, for the benefit of the church. Efforts are being put forth to make it a success.

Mr. Trolinger was the afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perkinson Tuesday, November 23.

MISS ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville, W. C. Clark, Pastor, Nov. 29.—On last Sunday morning our pastor held his regular appointment and gave us a message that should sink deep into our hearts. At this service our Thanksgiving offering was taken for the Children's Home. Of the many things we have to be thankful for, we feel that one of them is that our pastor was sent back to us for another year. Just now we are making plans for a Christmas pageant.

The paint for our church has been bought and we hope to have the painting completed before colder weather. The first quarterly conference on this charge will be held at the parsonage about December 13.

KATHLEEN BLANKENSHIP, Reporter.

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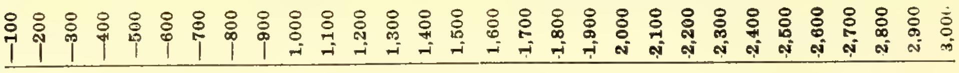

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REV. N. G. BETHEA
Subscription Booster

He doesn't make much fuss about what he does, but he gets things done, as you will see by looking at the list of last week. Pastor Grant sent in the largest list from Davidson charge. Keep that up long, you will have Davidson over the top, among the first winners, Brother Grant.

Look out, folks, for the Christmas slump this year. They are trying to tell us that there is a recession on now rather than a depression. Henry Ford says it's just getting a new grip on things for an upward swing. Let us hope so. Suppose that, instead of giving something to somebody that they will have to junk in a few months (and they won't let you know it) try giving someone the Herald for a year, six months, or as much as you can afford, and you will be doing something for them that they will remember all the year and not get tired of it, either. We have been doing that at our house for a number of years, and the folks that get it appreciate it, too. Good lessons and stories there that will not be junked. Try it.

No, there has been no change in the amount of subsidy asked of your charge, unless you have increased your membership. In that case you will have more to help you pay it. Am answering this because some have called up asking if there is any change. Not unless you can stand it better; see?

And that reminds me that two Cleveland charge churches have sent a payment on this important item; namely, Kistler's Union and Oak Grove. Thank you, folks; this keeps the ball rolling. Let some more try it and see how well it rolls.

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Craven Infant

Little Fred Craven, the two-day-old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Craven, was buried at Spring Hill M. P. church, November 18, at 2:30 o'clock. The writer had charge of the service.

Besides the parents, little Fred is survived by his grandmother, Mrs. Glascoe, and the following brothers and sisters: Colon. Stanton, and Benny Lee Craven, Mrs. Hobart Nifong, Mrs. Robert Hampton, Mrs. Forrest Lee Everhart, and Misses Ruth and Emmaline Craven.

Wm. H. NEESE.

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WHAT A COLLEGE GIRL'S DOLLAR WILL DO

(Acording to Roger Babson)

One dollar, spent for a lunch, lasts five hours.

One dollar, spent for hose, lasts five weeks (perhaps).

One dollar, spent for a hat, lasts five months.

One dollar, spent for a car, lasts five years.

One dollar, spent for a building, lasts five generations.

One dollar, spent in the service of God, lasts for eternity.

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"Well, my boy," said Uncle Tom, "and how are you getting on at school?"

His nephew looked a trifle despondent.

"Oh, not so bad, uncle," he replied; "and I'm trying awfully hard to get ahead."

"That's good," said uncle, absent-mindedly, "you need one."—Ex.

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Prayer

"Prayer is the voice of faith."—*Sylvester Horne.*

"Prayer moves the hand which moves the world."—*J. A. Wallace.*

"God's pleasure is at the end of our prayers."—*Quarle.*

"No man ever prayed heartily without learning something."—*Emerson.*

"Prayer is the chief thing that men may present unto God."—*Hermes.*

"Let me say amen betimes, lest the devil cross my prayers."—*Shakespeare.*

"Trouble and perplexity drive me to prayer, and prayer drives away perplexity and trouble."—*Melanchton.*

"Prayer is a powerful thing, for God has bound and tied Himself thereunto."—*Martin Luther.*

"So much of our lives is celestial and divine as we spend in the exercise of prayer."—*Hooker.*

"When we pray to God with entire assurance, it is Himself who has given us the spirit of prayer."—*Cyprian.*

"A single grateful thought towards heaven is the most complete prayer."—*Lessing.*

"Let prayer be the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening."—*Matthew Henry.*

"Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan."—*Bunyan.*

"If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked way; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."—*2 Chron. 7:13.*

"Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."—*Jesus Christ.*

"That if two of you shall agree upon earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."—*Jesus Christ.*

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."—*St. James.*

"Let us therefore, come boldly to a throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."—*Heb. 4:16.*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

The Mt. Zion Quarterly Conference

On last Saturday afternoon I held the first quarterly conference on the Mt. Zion Charge at Mt. Pleasant Church. This charge consists of four churches, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion, Piney Grove and Cid. All of these churches were once on the Uwharrie circuit. Since then they have been associated with various groups, two of them, Mt. Pleasant and Mt. Zion being on the Randolph Charge for two or three years. They are in a good farming section of the western part of Randolph County, although they are numerically not very large and financially not very strong. The charge does not have a parsonage and for the past few years have been served by a student of High Point College. While the attendance was not large, yet all of the churches were represented except Cid. The chief problem to come before them was that of a pastor as the charge was left without a pastor at Conference. By a unanimous vote the quarterly conference asked for the appointment of Rev. W. M. Loy, of Burlington. Previously I had received a letter from Brother Loy saying that he would accept the charge, so I am appointing him as pastor. He will begin his work there on the third Sunday, preaching at Mt. Pleasant at 11 o'clock and at Mt. Zion at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

On last Sunday morning I was at Mt. Pleasant for the morning church services. While the weather was threatening a goodly number came for Sunday School and remained for the church service. Even though they have not had a pastor since Conference they have gone right on with the Sunday School and seem to be making progress. I was to go to Mt. Zion for the afternoon appointment but a steady rain began to fall during Sunday School and continued during the remainder of the day. These churches are in the red soil district of western Randolph where the roads get seven times more slippery than they are wont to be (with apologies to Daniel and his story of the fiery furnace) and I was told that I could not drive over the three miles of road leading from one church to the other but was advised to go south five miles, then west three miles and then north about six or seven. When the first five had been negotiated with some hair raising experiences I decided to call it a day and come home, so I headed east ten miles to Asheboro and then to High Point. I am indebted to the family of Bro. E. M. Briles for a good dinner and to Brother Briles for accompanying me back to the church to make sure that I was not left sitting in my car in a side ditch.

A Sunday Evening Service at Lebanon

Soon after I arrived at home late Sunday afternoon Rev. O. L. Easter came by and said that his father and mother and two brothers had been in a serious auto wreck near Greensboro and that he wanted me to preach for him at Lebanon at night. This I agreed to do and found a fine congregation present and especially considering the rainy night. It was a real pleasure to preach to them. The people seem fond of their new pastor and were greatly concerned about the condition of his parents, who were injured. A large number of friends will remember Brother Easter and his relatives in this distressing situation. The parents are in the Wesley Long hospital in Greensboro.

Welch Memorial Church Has Fine Meeting

On Friday night of last week I had the privilege of being in a very fine meeting at Welch Memorial Church. The first part of the service was held in the church auditorium, Dr. J. D. Williams, the pastor, conducting the devotionals. Short addresses were made by various members of the church, Bro. E. F. Seagraves presiding and presenting the speakers. It was a pleasure to speak to the group and to try to reinforce what the others had been saying with a view of building up the church. After the addresses were delivered the group moved over to the social room of the church where sandwiches and coffee were served. I fully believe that any church would get good results from such a meeting and I am recommending a similar meeting to all of our people.

That Offering for the Seminary

Last year the Annual Conference endorsed the idea of taking an offering for the Westminster Theological Seminary at Christmas time. Some churches did this. Now we are asking you to do this again this year. The recent session of Conference endorsed this, so it is now an Annual Conference requirement. Perhaps no institution in the entire church has contributed quite so much as has the Seminary. For it is there that men are trained for the ministry and go back to the churches and give of their best. So this year let every pastor and every church put forth an effort to get as large an offering as possible and send same to Rev. C. E. Forlines, D.D., President of Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Md., and it will help the Seminary and help worthy students and the churches will have the consciousness that they have done a good deed. Let no one fail in this.

Appointments

Saturday, Dec. 11—First quarterly conference at Charlotte, 7:30 p. m.

Sunday, Dec. 12—11 a. m., at Kannapolis.

Tuesday, Dec. 14—7:30 p. m., quarterly conference on Richland Charge at parsonage.

Wednesday, Dec. 15—7:30, quarterly conference at Rankin Memorial.

Thursday, Dec. 16—In first District Meeting.

Friday, Dec. 17—6 p. m., Fellowship supper and quarterly conference, Vance Charge, at Spring Valley Church.

Saturday, Dec. 12—2 p. m., quarterly conference on Randleman Charge at Level Cross.

Sunday, Dec. 19—West Forsyth Charge, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.; Tabernacle, at 2 p. m., and Harmony Grove at 7:15.

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A Message in Verse

THE WORD OF THE LORD

"And the word of the Lord was precious in those days."
Reading these lines, I wonder, Lord, have we
In all the wild confusion of our days
Forgotten our dear legacy from Thee?
They had "no open vision"—we have had
The blinding vision of the living Christ:
His birth, his high example as a lad,
His manhood . . . we have watched Him sacrificed.

"The word of the Lord was precious," Oh, today
Our people need its guidance, need its cheer;
There is no other voice to lead the way
Through the entanglements that bind us here.
Lord, may Thy strong arm hold us lest we fall;
May Thy word still be precious to us all.

—*Grace Noll Crowell.*

The Disciples Were Called Christians

The word Christian has had a varied significance through the past nineteen hundred years. It was first given as a term of reproach to the disciples of Jesus. It has been used as a badge of honor and of dishonor. The Christian saint and the Christian devil; the Christian martyr or the Christian dog. It all depended upon who was doing the calling. But through the sufferings of noble men and women; through holy living and heroic dying; through patient enduring and victorious achieving of the followers of Jesus Christ, the name has become a synonym for saintliness; for a sort of goodness that is superior to the ordinary "goody-good" of earth.

So it is interesting to note what particular characteristic of life it was that made men of old stand out as sanits and servants of God. Enoch is one in the remote past. It is said of him that he walked with God. How different was his life from his associates? If we accept ancient traditions. What did it mean when men said Enoch was walking with God? It takes a writer many decades later to answer that question; "To walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing." "To do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with thy God." Evidently the real Christian is such an one. Lives in harmony with the truth of God; is humble before the Lord, and is holy in his acts with his fellowman. It was not the theology of the early saints that made them saints, nor their philosophy, but Jesus. There is a story of two rough boys who went into one of John Wesley's meetings to break it up, but when they looked at him, one said, "he is not man, Bill; no not a man at all." They remained through the services and as Wesley went out, the boy touched Wesley's sleeve and remarked to his companion, "yes he is a man, Bill; sure thing." St. Paul gave the world the secret of it all when he said, "Love suffereth long, and is kind." There are those who suffer long but are not kind. It takes the Spirit of the Master to be kind through it all. Has not the name Christian become the noblest of all names because those who bore it were kind, even when illtreated; were patient and gentle, though long suffering. While any one may assume the name, yet only those who exhibit the Spirit of Christ can give proof of being worthy of the claim. Let us turn to our Concordance and run down the alphabet to the letter C and trace the many references in the Bible which have to do with the life exemplifying the Christ Spirit—the qualities or virtues we would impute to the Christian. Here is a beginning, "Add to your faith virtue; to virtue, knowledge; to knowledge, temperance; to temperance, patience; to patience, godliness; to godliness, brotherly kindness; to brotherly kindness, love. For if these things be in you, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Make it a Well"

"Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well." This phrase always catches our attention as we find it in the Old Testament. Baca is thought to have been a most difficult valley to get through; either a part of a desert country or a waterless plain itself. So the phrase was used by the writer of old to express the effect a good life could have upon the world; it was like a man traveling through the valley of Baca and turning it into a fertile plain. And it was written of Isaac that he digged again the wells which his father, Abraham, dug, but which the Philistines had filled up. Isaac was no great hero, if compared to his father, or to Moses, or to David, or to Nehemiah. He did no exploits, led no armies, fought no decisive battles; but: he dug again the wells on the sunbaked plains, that men and their herds might have water and live. This was of sufficient importance that the writer of Genesis made a note of it. And this act in itself has lifted the life of Isaac out of obscurity into the Who's Who of saints and heroes of ancient times.

And so all down the years those who like this simple minded herdsman have "dug a well" here, built a machine there, brought relief to suffering when others failed, emphasized a truth, discovered a principle in science, spoken a kind word to a discouraged soul in the valley of decision; all these in their simplicity of life have been faithful over the few things God gave them and have earned a place among the immortals. It will do your soul good to read daily the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. It is a splendid record of golden deeds. These men and women listed here revealed to all their successors the value of faith.

But since this New Testament book was written this work has gone on. There is even a longer list we might show you. Here are a few—the greatest of all benefactors to America, Christopher Columbus—what faith, what perseverance was his! Gutenberg, who by his discovery of movable type has brought all men into his debt; Pasteur, although not a physician, by his discoveries has put the human race into his debt as long as time shall last; Thomas Edison's name will remain among the immortals because of one invention — though he had hundreds to his credit, the mazda burner, which makes our nights light as day.

What a debt this generation owes to the past! Who can pay it? He who would make a rose bloom on a desert dune. Any one who fights to win over poverty; he who breaks the grip of disease upon the human body; he who stops the march of the minions of crime—that one who can by word or deed, by prayer or wish, or life, help to bring in the Kingdom of God, will begin to repay his debt to the master workmen of the past.

To Our Correspondents

We hope you will be patient with us if your communication was delayed. We have had an unusual amount of manuscript since Conference—enough to fill a paper twice the size of the HERALD, but now we think we can keep up with the communications each week as they come in.

Do not forget that the HERALD is now edited in High Point; our postoffice box is 1817; but it is printed in Greensboro. The change was made for our convenience. It will save the Editor of at least a trip a week to Greensboro, and that is worth saving. Our box in Greensboro, 1950, will be closed this month.

To Our Subscribers

We adopted the policy in vogue when we took over the HERALD, of sending a notice to a subscriber four weeks before his time is up, announcing this fact, so he could renew if he wants the paper. We certainly want our subscribers to continue, but since it costs about four cents a copy to print the HERALD, we do not want to print more papers than we have subscribers for; that is our reason for conforming to this plan. But if you will let us know you want the paper continued we will gladly do that. We understand Dr. McCulloch had a permanent list, but have no access to that list and do not know who they were. So we ask your cooperation in keeping the paper going—since it is ours, you will help in its continuance, we trust.

The Fellowship Crusade Begins to Move

We presented the Crusade to several of the workers in the Second District last Friday night at Henderson. A most cordial reception was given the movement. Last Sunday we met the pastors and several laymen of the Ninth District in First Church, High Point. Thursday we are to have an all day program at Salem Church, Saxapahaw Charge, and Friday night, this week, we met at Glen Raven Church where we expect the pastors and the leaders in that District. Brother Paschall will be one of the speakers at Salem Church and Bro. P. E. Lindley will assist me at the Glen Raven meeting; Sunday, December 12, Calvary Church, Greensboro, speakers will be Dr. Humphreys and Rev. J. C. Madison; Mt. Pleasant Church, N. Davidson Charge, 3 p. m., Auman and Andrews. Next week, we will meet with Friendship Church, Mt. Hermon Charge, President Pritchard will assist me there. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, December 15, 2 p. m. December 16 Dr. Pritchard and I will go to Eden Church, Halifax Charge, Brothers Carroll and Bethea will go to Asheboro; Brothers Auman and J. C. Madison will speak at Shiloh Church, Shiloh Charge on same day. December 17, I will speak at Fallston Church to a group of pastors and lay-workers, and on the 19th will be at Love's Grove Church for an afternoon meeting.

The following pators have pledged their support to the Crusade: Auman, Bates, Bingham, Huss, Hethcox, Neese, J. D. Williams, Bell, Braxton, D. R. Williams, Bowman, Whitehead, J. C. Madison, T. G. Madison, H. L. Isley, C. G. Isley, Cranford, Pegg, Garner, Cowan, Cook, Easter, C. E. Ridge, Peeler, Taylor, Henderson, Carroll, Bethea, Paschall, Lambe, Brown, Spencer, and Surratt.

Remember the meeting of the workers. These and others, at High Point College, January 3, at 10:30 o'clock, luncheon meeting.

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GREENSBORO DISTRICT RALLY

Dr. G. I. Humphreys, president of High Point College, will be the principal speaker at the educational rally at Calvary Methodist Protestant Church, Sunday afternoon, December 12, at 2:30 o'clock, according to J. Elwood Carroll, chairman of the Fifth District. The purpose of the meeting is to disseminate information about the Fellowship Crusade. No collections will be taken; no pledges solicited. The nine churches in the fifth district are Calvary, Grace, St. Paul, West End, Midway, Moriah, Tabernacle, Julian, and Shady Grove.

PIEDMONT MINISTERS MEET

The members of the Piedmont Ministers association will meet in monthly session, Monday, December 20. Details of meeting next week.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Religion and Bread

A great deal has been said recently about religion's being identified with bread. It will never be possible, I suppose, to sever this relationship, yet I fear we are putting the wrong emphasis upon the bread side of the question. When food is the greatest need of a people, religion will, of course, busy itself about supplying that need. Religion always means a search for completion, and if the area of deepest need and incompletion happens to be far enough along now for religion to think less about bread and more about personality values.

Many writers and speakers insist that the validity of religion lies in its bread-getting quality. Accordingly, one is not religious unless he feeds the wanderer, helps the hobo, and sings poetry about the tramps. Little is said about the virtue of economy and honest saving, personal determination, and sacred self-respect. Altruism is a new god, and the spendthrift doctrine is the theology of the social gospel. So universal is the craze for helping somebody that those who, through toil and perseverance, enjoy a good measure of comforts are urged to repent for their selfish individualism and pay tithes at the shrine a vague "community movement."

There are three things wrong with this over-emphasis on bread. In the first place, religion is an end in itself and is not a means toward anything. We have cheapened the spiritual life already by making it a secondary, subservient experience, leading to something else. A young man does not love a girl in order to get her; he gets her because he loves her. We are not to seek religion in order to win something else, but rather we want religion for its own sake—for what it is within itself. Suggest that religion is to keep down strikes, protect automobile tires, and insure the safety of the hen-house and you have cheapened it. You have deprived it of that glory and dignity which belongs to real spiritual culture. Even to suggest that obtaining bread is the major function is to frustrate its very meaning and genius.

In the second place, when you identify religion with bread you are likely to magnify the bread more than the religion. Talk to the masses about religion and bread and they think only of the latter. Jesus realized this truth, of course, and guarded His words and actions at this point. He would not use His power to turn stones into bread, and warned those who followed for the loaves only. Most people are keen enough to smell the loaves cooking even though they detect not the finer art of worship. Ministers who have achieved a high and sublime appreciation of the spiritual significance of religion are in danger of forfeiting this true and noble plane by telling people it is only a means of getting bread. Rest assured the common lot, the crowds who are proud to call themselves the victimized salt of the earth, will fall for such a "sop," but in handing out such doctrines you descend from the realm of genuine spirituality, and in the end, leave the masses thinking no more of you for doing so. Once admit that religion is for bread-getting and you have classed yourself with all other bread-getters, losing your distinctive and divine function of inspiring immortal souls.

Finally, by making religion intensely spiritual as it is intended to be will, indirectly, bring untold blessings in the material world. "Seek first the Kingdom of God, and these things shall be added unto you." The way to get *things* is to get *God*. The bread question will look after itself when you have set people right with the Father. There is little hope of getting people right with each other until you get them right with God. Christianity is a personal religion, and the Christian way to bring about justice and peace is by making the indivduals of society just and peaceful. The Christian social order is to be a society of redeemed individuals. Bread and physical welfare will come to all when all live and act as sons of God. And this is the genius of Christianity. "For as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God."

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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, December 12, 1937

By J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—1 John 1:1-7; Rev. 21:1-7.

Golden Text—"Our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ."—1 John 1:3.

Let us begin the study of this lesson by asking ourselves just what Christian Fellowship really is. Evidently there are a great many mistaken ideas about it. An individual comes before the altar and takes the vows of the Church and then we say that he or she has become a part of the Church fellowship. Presumably that individual has but not necessarily. At least the mere act of joining the Church did not make it so. Two people may walk down the street together but their interests be miles apart. Two men may be associated in business for years but yet never attain common interests and common sympathies about anything except the business in which they are engaged. Many people who belong to our churches are no more at one in ideal, spirit and purpose than the cats and dogs which disturb the night with their fighting. The thing I am trying to say is this, fellowship does not depend upon Church rolls nor upon physcial condition; it is not something that can be had for the asking or that can be bought with money. Instead it is a spiritual relationship; it is a condition of like experence, like purposes, like deals. Of course this spiritual relationship is intensified when two people become conscious of their common experience but it does not necessarily depend upon that consciousness. The many people who lie on beds of pain today are members of one great fellowship though very few of them may be acquainted with each other. They have something in common; they may know each other better than they know or are known by their own family.

Now it is in a similar manner that we come to know and to fellowship with Christ. We do not come to know Him through reading scripture or through an occasional prayer though that is fine. Only through kind deeds of service may we come to know the Master who walked the dusty roads of

Gallilee long ago making the blind to see and the lame to walk. Only through a great passion for truth and righteousness may we come to know the Christ who hated all sham and hypocrisy and was willing to die for that which He thought to be right. Only through love for our fellowman may we come to know and fellowship with the Father who "so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosover believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We fellowship with Him through sharing in His experiences. Only through passionate suffering for the sins of mankind may we come to know the Christ of the Cross and Him Who is revealed thereby as having suffered from the beginning of time. Vicarious suffering is the result of love. Whenever imperfection is seen in the object of one's love there a cross is set up. He who loves as Christ loved must suffer as Christ suffered for the sins of the world and thereby we come to know Him and to fellowship with Him in the deeper experiences of life.

It thus follows that the man who has attained unto this common experience with the Master, has become loyal to His person and purposes, it matters not what his race, color or creed, that man has become a part of a great Christian Fellowship which knows no bound. He is a member of that group of people throughout the world who are bound together by one purpose, one hope, one faith, and in reality one baptism. In the words of John Oxenham:

In Christ there is no East or West,
In him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

The great task for the Church today is not only a task of going out to seek new members, but it is a task of leading its present members into this community of Christian Fellowship and devotion. It is really a process of Christianizing those who call themselves Christian. Church life must be a sharing life or it means little. It takes a group of people with common ideals, common faith, common devotions really to make a Church.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

In the scripture lesson which we are studying today the writer, John, preludes his message by saying that he knows what Christian Fellowship is. He speaks of those things which he has "heard, seen, handled, concerning the Word of Life." His is a message of experience and not of hearsay. He knows the Father and His Son Jesus Christ though fellowship deep within the experiences of his own life. That is the only message that really counts. It is a happy thing that the Fellowship Crusade is making as its first objective, "The deepening of the spiritual life." We have no enthusiasm for the program of the Church because we know not Christ. A failure to give material support usually bespeaks a poverty of soul rather than a poverty of pocketbook. Men and women will never support the missionary cause until they have an experience of fellowship with God worth sharing with the world. That is profoundly true even though you can raise your budget through oyster stews and rummage sales.

The vision of the New Jerusalem as pictured in Rev. 21:1-7 may be thought of in two ways: First, it may be thought of as the new world to be constructed by those who walk in the light, those who live in constant fellowship with God. If we ever have a decent world it must be built out of decent people and by them. In the second place this vision may be thought of as a place prepared of God for those of His Fellowship. Those who have come up through trial and tribulation, who have overcome the world, deserve to inherit a life where all tears shall be wiped away. John is speaking to a discouraged people assuring them that a reward awaits the faithful; "He that overcometh shall inherit these things." And the real blessing of this new world is to be that which we are permitted to know even today, a constant eperience of fellowship and comradeship with God. "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and he their God."

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METHODIST CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Cincinnati, Ohio—Nov. 30 to Dec. 1, 1937

For the first time in the history of Methodism the leaders in the field of Religious Education in the three Methodist churches, now contemplating union, came together in Cincinnati, Ohio, for a two-day conference.

The purpose of this conference was to make a study through discussion, group conferences, addresses, etc., of Christian Religious Education in the three Methodist churches for the purpose of bringing about a richer fellowship and a better understanding of our common task.

The program consisted of worship services, presentations and suggestions pertaining to the field of Religious Education, while the closing evening service was given to "Lifting the Church to Higher Spiritual Levels—Aldersgate Commemoration."

All of the seventy-five workers present concluded that the purpose was more than realized. The delegates from the Methodist Protestant Church were, Mrs. H. W. Maier, Rev. C. S. Johnson, D.D., Rev. F. L. Shaffer, Rev. F. W. Stephenson, D.D., and the writer.

The cordiality with which our delegation was received; the rich fellowship with those of the other two churches in a corresponding field; a better understanding of our common task; are highly prized possessions of those representing the Methodist Protestant Church.

F. L. Gibbs.

Pittsburgh, (16), Pa., Dec. 6, 1937.

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I remember one night when the Bible was the driest and darkest book in the universe to me. The next day it was all light. I had the key to it. I had been born of the Spirit. But before I knew anything of the mind of God in His Word I had to give up my sin.—*D. L. Moody.*

CONFERENCE COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

T. J. WHITEHEAD, President
Henderson, N. C.

THREE CONFERENCES TO BE HELD

The Conference Council Executive made plans for a series of three conferences on Christian Education to be held in January. The first conference will be held in Henderson on January 11; the second will be in Greensboro on January 12; the third will be in Concord on January 13. These conferences are planned for Christian leaders for the entire North Carolina conference.

T. J. WHITEHEAD, President.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, Superintendent

WORLD FRIENDSHIP PROJECT FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

The committee on World Friendship among children has launched a new project, that of sending suitcases to the Spanish refugee children, to show our friendship and good will at a time when they are suffering because of the ill will of war. It was estimated in April that there were 250,000 children in refugee colonies. The American Friends' Service committee, has been financing and supervising relief on a non-partisan basis for the children of Spain. Through them adults are sending food, clothing and medcine. Through them the ways opened for the children of America to make a contribution which will bring cheer to the Spanish children.

Below are listed articles from which you can select:

Articles for Suitcase

Ages 5-8

Boys: Ball, puzzle pictures, picture books, top, cardboard zoo.

Girls: Dolls, (already dressed), paper dolls, cardboard village, pictures of animals.

Ages 9-13

Boys: Games of skill, cardboard zoo, mechanical toys, ball, harmonica, and magnet.

Girls: Dolls, with material and sewing kit, so they can dress them; crayons and book coloring, jumping rope with bright handles, transfer pictures, snapshots of the groups sending the gifts.

For each suitcase: A sweater or scarf in bright colors; pictures showing American children at play and with these a blank book (preferably of cloth) and a tube of paste; handkerchiefs, tooth brush, soap (cellophane wrapped), wash cloths, three pairs sox with bright colors in them. Do not include candy, celluloid articles, food, liquids, anything breakable, military toys or airplanes.

In planning for this friendship project, the children of a group should use as many methods as possible for becoming acquainted with Spanish life and customs.

1. Compile a list of articles imported from Spain, such as olives, grapes, almonds, raisins, etc. 2. Read stories on Spain. 3. Learn songs sent from Committee on World Friendship.

To secure one of the suitcases send $1.00 to "The Committee on World Friendship Among Children," 287 Fourth avenue, New York City. Detailed information will be sent with the suitcases.

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M. C. Ivester, Cleveland charge	2.00
Mrs. R. E. Jurney	2.00
Miss Lillie Chandler, Denton charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Curry.	
Lucretia Johnson, Graham charge	2.00
Mrs. O. M. Henry, Richland charge	1.00
Subsidy	
Kistler's Union, Cleveland charge (completes apportionment)	3.56
Oak Grove, Cleveland charge	1.44
Sent by Pastor Madison.	

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Little Mollie sat down to write a letter to her father, who had been absent about three months, and this is what she finally sent:

"Dear father, we are all well and happy. The baby has grown ever so much and has a great deal more sense than he used to have. Hoping the same of you, I remain, your daughter, Mollie."—Toronto Globe.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"WHAT DO WE MEAN BY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS?"

Christian Endeavor Topic for Dec. 19, 1937

By REV. J. W. BRAXTON

Scripture text—Matt. 2:11; Luke 2:10-14.

Hymn suggestions: All of the Christmas carols.

Suggestive points for prayer: "Thank God (1) for His great Gift to the world, His Son, Jesus Christ; (2) for the faithfulness of Christ to His mission, so that we remember and celebrate His coming event today; (3) for the touch of divinity in man which recognizes and worships the deity of Christ.

Ask God (1) for a more popular understanding of the true meaning of Christmas; (2) for a fading of commercialism on this holy day; (3) for a world-wide acceptance of the true spirit of Christmas so that all nations and peoples might yield themselves to Him."—Standard C. E. Quarterly.

Suggestions for the Leader

It is well for us to take time to ask ourselves the question which we have for discussion tonight, namely, "What do we mean by the spirit of Christmas? Obviously there are varied conceptions of the spirit of Christmas. Some think of it as a time to capitalize on the public's desire to give, while others think of it as a time to exchange gifts, hoping they will receive as good, or better, than they give. Others conceive of Christmas as a time to explode all kinds of fireworks, while others consider it an appropriate time and occasion to consume all the liquor their pocketbooks and credit will bear. But a great host of people consider Christmas as a time of rejoicing because it marks the anniversary of God's greatest gift to the world, and it is in this spirit that they celebrate.

Questions That May Be Discussed

1. Is the spirit of Christmas, as observed today, spiritual or material? Which should it be? How can we help to make it so?

2. Should pleasure and good times be a part of the spirit of Christmas?

3. Which is in keeping with the life and teachings of Christ to give gifts or exchange gifts?

4. Did Christ give or receive most?

5. Do fireworks, such as fire crackers, etc., add to or detract from the spirit of Christmas? Discuss.

Something to Try

Let the Christian Endeavor society go out on Christmas Eve and sing carols for those who are old or sick and unable to be out. A college boy once said that he enjoyed singing carols to his negro wash woman, and seeing her appreciate them, as much as any thing he did for Christmas.

If there are needy families in the community visit them and leave a gift of food and other things that may be used and enjoyed.

A Christmas Prayer

We open here our treasures and our gifts;
And some of it is gold,
And some is frankincense,
And some is myrrh;
For some has come from plenty,
Some from joy
And some from deepest sorrow of the soul.
But Thou, O God, dost know the gift is love,
Our pledge of peace, our promise of good-will.
Accept the gift and all the life we bring.

—Herbert H. Hines.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Mt. Zion Charge	$ 2.39
Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.00
Shiloh S. S., Shiloh, T. O.	45.00
Shiloh C. E. Soc., Shiloh, T. O.	25.00
Shiloh Auxiliary, Shiloh, T. O.	10.00
Rockingham S. S. and Aid Soc., T. O.	6.00
Oak Grove S. S., Cleveland, T. O.	8.67
Pleasant Union S. S., Mt. Pleasant, T. O.	11.50
Friendship, Fallston, T. O.	16.10
Hobbs' Chapel, Greenville, T. O.	3.06
State Street, Lexington, T. O.	8.70
Fairfield, Guilford, T. O.	9.00
Mrs. E. G. Lowdermilk, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant, additional T. O.	3.00
Efland S. S., Orange, Aug. to Nov.	15.12
Shady Grove S. S., Connelly Springs, T. O.	3.00
Kernersville, Kernersville, T. O.	10.00
Liberty, T. O.	20.00
Flat Rock, Vance, T. O.	20.00
Shiloh, Randolph, regular and T. O.	12.65
Welch Memorial, T. O.	26.77
Friendship, Mt. Hermon, T. O.	7.45
Pleasant Hill, Spring Church, T. O.	4.00
Flat Rock, Flat Rock, T. O.	7.10
Hickory Ridge, Forsyth, Reg. and T. O.	17.75
Caroleen S. S. and C. E. Soc., T. O.	8.62
First Church, Lexington, T. O.	3.25
Mt. Carmel, Lexington, T. O.	2.00
Stony Knoll, W. Forsyth, T. O.	10.00
Midway, Greensboro Rd., Reg. and T.O.	7.00
Salem S. S., Saxapahaw, T. O.	6.47
Pensacola S. S.	1.00
Bess Chapel, T. O.	14.05
Stallings, Mecklenburg	3.00
Chestnut Ridge, Orange, T. O.	18.00
Center, Alamance, T. O.	9.00
Mebane, T. O.	15.30
Grace Church S. S., regular and T. O.	30.00
Canaan S. S., N. Davidson	3.50
Choptank, Md., M. P. Sun. Sch., T. O.	5.00
Fountain Pl. S. S. and C. E. Soc., T. O.	48.75
Julian S. S., Tabernacle, T. O.	6.75
West End, Greensboro, on repairs, Boys' building	6.43
Mrs. F. M. Parker, Enfield (Eden, Halifax), T. O.	15.00
Mt. Gilead S. S.,Finksburg, Md., on bus	8.00
Lebanon S. S., High Point	8.12
Bellmont S. S., Mt. Hermon	5.17
C. E. Soc., Hopwood, Pa., T. O.	2.25
Asheville, T. O.	4.00
Community Ch., Thomasville, T. O.	51.60
Ladies' Aid, Elwood, Ind., clothing child	5.00
C. E. Soc., Glen Raven, clothing child	5.00
Moriah S. S.	4.50
Hebron, Orange, T. O.	11.06
Mr. P. P. Richards, Lawndale, feeding child	30.00
Mrs. Carrie Glenn, Center, Alamance, T. O.	1.00

We thank all who have contributed very kindly for their thought of us, and for their gifts. God will bless you every one.

This is written from Charleston, S. C. Our daughter had to undergo a major operation in the Riverside Infirmary here, two weeks ago, and we came down hoping to take her home, but that is a bit uncertain just now. She hopes to return to High Point, though in a few days to remain there until after Christmas. Pray for her and us.

Produce

Please pardon no report on produce this week. Several nice lots have come in and will be reported next week.

Thank you every one.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Earnhardt

William R. Earnhardt was born July 6, 1868, and departed this life on November 1, 1937. He was the son of the late Lawson and Catherine Culp Earnhardt. In 1890 he was married to Miss Mary Scarboro, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Miss Bertha Earnhardt, of Concord; two sisters, W. H. Scarboro, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Ed. Melchor, of Concord; and one brother, J. E. Earnhardt, of Concord.

He was a member of the Junior Order, Sons and Daughters of Liberty, and a member of the First Methodist Protestant church of Concord, of which church he remained a faithful and loyal member until his death. He served the church in an official way for many years, and at the time of his death he was a member of the official board.

He was not only faithful to his family, his neighbors, his church, but he was active and interested in all good community enterprises. He was every inch an upright Christian gentleman, whose influence was felt throughout his entire community. Those who knew him valued his council. He spent much time visiting the sick and the needy. No distance was too far, nor was he ever too busy to call on a sick or a needy friend. He was like Dorcas of old, "he was full of good works and almsdeeds."

Mr. Earnhardt could have said truthfully the words of St. Paul when he said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all those also that love his appearing."

Funeral rites were held at the church of which he was a member, on November 2 1937, at 4 o'clock, by the pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor of Kerr Street Methodist Episcopal church, South, and Rev. C. E. Baucom, pastor of McGill Street Baptist church. Burial was made in Oakwood city cemetery.

These words seem fitting to close this obituary:

"Now the laborer's task is o'er:
Now the battle day is past:
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

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Office Manager (to new office boy): "Has the stenographer told you what to do in the afternoon?"

New Boy: "Yes, sir; I was to wake her up when I saw you coming."

MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL, Editor
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"PRAYER TO SHARE" PLAN FOR INDIA

The "Prayer to Share" cards, which were printed by order of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work, to aid in the support of the Minnis family in India, have been distributed partially, others may be had upon application to either of those, whose names follow this notice. As was announced this plan was adopted as a means to raise the unapportioned budget ($1,000) of the N. C. Branch, as laid by the Missionary convention. Inasmuch as the Minnis family are our own missionaries in India it was thought and believed, that many of our Methodist Protestants would be glad to "Pray Share" in this plan. Cards were also printed for the young people of this state, with the suggestion that they raise $300 of the unapportioned amount, this being for the support of the three Minnis children. These cards may be had by applying to Miss Mary Margaret Bates, Secretary of Young People's Work, Brown Summit. Latest news from the Minnis' is that there is now so much interest among the people of India that there is an appeal for our church in this country to assist in the building of a church, the poor people of India having raised $1,250 toward it. Surely our people will begin to use the "Prayer to Share" cards for a work great as Mr. and Mrs. Minnis are doing in far-away India. Make this a "Prayer to Share" Christmas, sending your offering to Mrs. Coy Kearns, Denton.

THE COMMITTEE,
Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, Asheboro,
Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, Mebane,
Mrs. Coy Kearns, Denton,
Miss Mary Margaret Bates,
Brown Summit.

December 6, 1937.

NOTICE

A meeting of pastors and laymen of the First District is called for December 16, 1937, at 10:30 o'clock. The meeting will be held at Eden church on Halifax charge, and is in the interest of the Fellowship Crusade. Dr. Andrews will be present to outline the purposes and plan of the Crusade.

Everyone is asked to bring lunch, as our custom is, and we will enjoy a good day together. Let's have a good number from each church and please come by 10:30.

W. M. HOWARD, JR., Chairman.

A CORRECTION

Randolph Charge.—Our first quarterly conference will be held at Bethel on Saturday before the second Sunday, 2:30 p. m., and not the first as stated in last week's paper.

G. L. REYNOLDS.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Brower's Church, Richland Charge, M. C. Henderson, Pastor.—Since we haven't had a report since conference, we want to say that we are very happy over the return of our pastor. We have learned to love him and his family and appreciate very much the things they have done for us. We feel that our church has grown much in numbers and spirit during their years with us, and hope that much more can be accomplished in the new year that is before us.

Our pastor brought his first message to us since conference last Sunday. This was a very inspiring message and I am sure that everyone was benefited by it. After the sermon we received Mrs. M. C. Henderson, Billy and Alma Ruth Henderson as members of the church by letter. We know they will be a great help to our church.

Our Christian Endeavor society is getting along nicely under the leadership of Mr. Clifford Brown. Although this is a new organization with us, we are happy to report that we have 58 members. The average attendance of this society is around 50. We sent a thank-offering of $10 to the Children's Home and are now trying to get up enough money to buy a heatrola for the church. We expect to get this next week. The C. E. meets every Sunday evening at 6:30 in the church.

The church and all of its organizations are looking forward to a most successful year.

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Kernersville-South Winston Charge, C. B. Way, Pastor, Nov. 29.—We have been kindly received by the people of this charge, and have conducted services at all five of the churches on the charge. The people seem very responsive and loyal to the Methodist Protestant church. The pastor and family are comfortably located in the parsonage in Kernersville, which is one of the best parsonages in our conference.

It was with much regret that we left the Guilford charge, for we found good people on that charge, who were loyal to the church. They were very kind to their pastor and his family, and we will not forget them and what they did for us. We wish for Brother Trogdon a happy and successful year.

The people here speak well of Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Williams, who gave their faithful service to the churches of this charge for four years. This writer was pleased that Brother and Mrs. Williams could be with us in two services the second Sunday; namely, at Handy Ridge and Kernersville. We appreciated very much the gracious introduction and "send off" which Brother Williams gave us at these two services. The high esteem in which Rev. and Mrs. Williams are held by the people was evidenced by the tears in the eyes of some at these last services which they attended. They will be long remembered by the people of this charge.

It is the sincere desire of the writer and family that we shall have a very prosperous year during 1938. The prospects seem bright for a good year for the Kingdom of Christ. We have plans for young people's organizations at some of the churches. Christmas programs are in the making.

The first quarterly conference will be held in the Kernersville church Saturday afternoon of this week, beginning at 3 o'clock. We were unable to secure Dr. Pritchard, the annual conference president, owing to another engagement. We expect a good attendance of officials from the churches.

PASTOR.

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Kistler's Union, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor, Nov. 29.—Since the church elected this bad reporter again, I will try to do the best I can.

We were indeed glad to welcome Brother Madison and family back with us for another year. He filled his appointment on the third Sunday in this month, and brought us a very timely and worthy message taken from the 5th Psalm. A portion of the third verse was used as the subject, "I Will Look Up."

A nice Thanksgiving offering for our Children's Home was given by the Sunday school on Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Our Sunday school is doing nicely. We have good attendance and much interest is shown. Mr. M. C. Ivester was re-elected as superintendent.

Since the beginning of this conference year, death has visited our church and taken Mr. T. Z. Bumgardner, one of the most prominent and faithful members of our church. We have used our new church three years, and this is the first time our Sunday school and church circle has been broken. We as a church feel this loss very keenly, and wish to express to his wife and daughter our sympathy in this dark hour.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held its monthly meeting on the second Sunday with very good attendance.

Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Madison are the proud parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Ann, born November 23 in the Edwards clinic. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Due to sickness in my own family, my reports were far apart, but I ask to be excused; perhaps I can do better in the future.

We hope for all a very successful year in God's service.

REPORTER.

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Spring Church, Spring Church Charge, B. M. Williams, Pastor.—Our new pastor arrived on Spring Church charge Sunday, November 14, and preached at Spring Church at 11 o'clock, using for his text for his first sermon in this church, James 1:27. I am sure that for the Christian this sermon was very helpful. We are indeed glad to welcome Brother Williams and wife into our church and entire field of labor, and hope for this church to be one of real Kingdom service for both pastor and people. We deeply realize that the field is white unto harvest, but the laborers are few.

We were happy to have at this service Rev. G. L. Curry, our former pastor (as he had not moved at this time). It was hard for some of us to give up Mr. Curry as pastor, also Mrs. Curry as one of our co-workers; but we pray that in their new field they, too, may have a good year in the work which has been appointed unto them. Brother Williams filled his appointment with us again on Sunday, November 28, using for his subject "Neighbors." Thanksgiving offering was made for our Children's Home.

We are sorry to report Mrs. J. J. Massey in Stuart Circle hospital, Richmond, Va. Glad to report Miss Doroshyne Massey returned home from Roanoke Rapids hospital. We extend our sympathy to the congregation of Mt. Moriah church.

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Lebanon Church, O. L. Easter, Pastor.—A goodly number of our people worshiped together at a Thanksgiving service on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, bringing along to the service fruit and food to be carried to shut-ins and the needy early Thanksgiving morning. The service was most impressive and those helping in the delivery of the baskets on Thanksgiving morning received a great blessing.

A number of our members who have been sick for a while were able to worship with us on last Sunday, and it was good to have them back.

The JOY class of young girls had charge of the opening service in Sunday school and brought a message of Thanksgiving. The morning service was well attended. We were happy to have Mrs. Dixon and a number of the girls from the Home with us and they contributed to the service, along with the message from the pastor. Our thank-offering for the Home was taken at this time.

Prayer meeting was announced for Wednesday evening and our first quarterly conference will be held Friday night, December 10. All in all, we feel that we are getting lined up for a year of service in the Kingdom.

MRS. GLENN LAMBERT, Reporter.

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Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge.—As we haven't had a report lately, I will try to tell a little we have accomplished before conference.

The Sunday school has been busy and raised money and bought new song books. We surely did need them and are proud of our new books.

We regretted to see our pastor, Rev. K. G. Holt, and his wife leave us, but we wish them much success in their new field of work.

We were glad to have our new pastor, Rev. Mr. Vickery, and his friend, Mr. Hubbell, with us Sunday. This was his first appointment with us this conference year. He brought us two splendid messages. The morning message was "The Two Builders"; in the afternoon "Go Forward." He brought out points that each one of us can better ourselves and live better Christian lives.

We feel that we will be able to accomplish much this year with the cooperation of everyone. Since our pastor has such a distance to come, he will be able to be with us but once a month.

Remember us in your prayers that we may be able to "Go Forward."

REPORTER.

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Corinth, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—We are very glad to have our same pastor back with us for another year. We have learned to love Rev. and Mrs. Trolinger, and we feel that if we all cooperate with our pastor we will have a good year.

Brother Trolinger filled his regular appointment at this church third Sunday night.

We are very sorry to report that Mrs. M. J. Morris is still on the sick list. We miss her from our services and we hope she will soon be out again.

Rev. Mr. Ashburn is spending a few days with Mr. Trolinger.

Mrs. Uran Cox and children from Greenville, N. C., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Morris. Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Barbee and family, of Wilson, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Morris.

Services at this church the first Sunday at 11 o'clock. We hope to have a large crowd out to hear Rev. Mr. Trolinger preach.

Miss Hazel Inscoe from E. C. T. C., Greenville, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her mother.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

Oak Grove, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison Pastor.—We would like to take time and space here to extend our sincere appreciation to our pastor, Rev. T. G. Madison, and his wife, for their return to this charge. When the conference year came to an end and we knew there was a possibility of a change in pastors, we realized then more than ever what their ceaseless efforts to promote Christianity had meant to our church and community. May God's richest blessings rest upon them and inspire them to continue their good works.

On Sunday night, November 21, our pastor brought us a wonderflu sermon. His subject was "Looking Upward." He told us that the problems which confront youth today and the problems which will confront us in the future demand us to look upward. I cannot think of a better time to look upward than just before Thanksgiving. We have so many things to be thankful for. Then there is not a better time to look upward than at the beginning of a new conference year.

We have decided to have our third Sunday night preaching serieve on the third Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Our crowd is rather small during the cold winter months, and we felt this would be more suitable for some of the older people who do not like to be out at night.

Everybody seemed to enjoy the sermon our pastor brought to us yesterday. The scripture reading was taken from St. Matthew, 22nd chapter. His text was found in the 21st verse, "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." The Pharisees were trying to entagle Christ in his talk and they asked him if it was lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or to put it in a more simple form, "Are we supposed to pay taxes?" Christ told them to show him the tribute money, and they brought unto him a penny. And he said unto them, Whose is the image and superscription? And they said, Caesar's. Then Christ told them to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's. I invite you to think with me on the subject of loyalty. What is loyalty? Loyalty is faithfulness to an obligation. There are but few and probably none but who have some time in their life made a promise to God. It may have been at the altar when you professed faith in Christ, or it might have been at the bedside of some member of your family who was seriously ill. A very miserable man who was trying to profess faith in Christ told me that he felt that he had committed an unpardonable sin, because he had failed to keep a promise which he had made when his child lay sick, probably near death. He said that he had promised God that if he would help the child to get well, which he did, that he would live his life for him. But he failed to do this and he found himself in a miserable state. Promises to God are obligations which we are obligated to fulfill. You had faith in the promise to God, then why not be loyal to the obligation?

Another obligation which we are responsible for is an obligation through which we have received a favor. If a person gives you a Christmas gift, you say, "I am much obliged to you." You have received a favor from him and obligated yourself to him for the favor. In the beginning God created man, and from then he has extended favors to us. Therefore we have obligation upon obligation to fulfil.

We are obligated to our church. As I have told you before, the church in my estimation is the greatest institution in the world. God wants us to give him our heart, then our lives and talents and help support the church. This we can do in part payment of the great debt which we owe him for the many favors. We should not merely enjoy the activities of the church and share in the pleasures which are dished out to us, but we should acquaint ourselves with the purpose and program of the church and pledge ourselves to be loyal in every respect.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Madison on last Monday night, November 22, a dainty daughter, at the Edwards Clinic at Toluca, N. C.

The Christian Endeavor society enjoyed an oyster stew at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Pendleton on Saturday night, November 20.

REPORTER.

Caroleen Church, Shelby-Caroleen Charge, L. S. Helms, Pastor.—As this is our first report since conference, and being my first report, I am glad to say that we have many things of good report we wish our fellow members to know.

Our work has begun with the best interest shown in many years. It is very evident that a good deal of enthusiasm is shown in all our church work.

We can say we are glad to have our new pastor with us for another year. In fact, he is only six or seven years new to us, and gets newer each day as we let him.

Our Sunday school one year ago was 150 in attendance and $3.25 in collection. This was due to the fact that people came to see their new preacher. On last Sunday we had 140 in attendance with $6.12 collection. We know we must be growing in numbers, dollars and cents.

Much stress is placed on money and great numbers, but we are thankful for the spirit that is behind this increase.

Our church is in the best shape spiritually it has been in many years; we are not boasting, but giving the fruits of God's works.

The young men's class has offered to see that every mother is brought to church that wishes to come. Many mothers live at some distance, and bad weather takes its effect upon their being absent from church.

We are very glad that our Uncle "Bart Sisk" has reunited with our church; Uncle Bart is a power in any church, and has a great influence upon people. We missed him for all these years he has been absent.

On Sunday morning we use the junior boys and girls by forming them into a choir, and giving them Bible verses to memorize. This helps us and will work equally sucessfully in your church.

We wish to hail Brother Braxton's plan in conference for the beautification of our churches here in this conference. We are with you 100 per cent. Our aim is to have the most beautiful church in our conference. We are working on our circle driveway and parking grounds, which will enable us to have more space; and during funerals it will remove the embarrassment of turning.

Our young people's C. E. society is taking on new life. We have had some of the best programs and meetings that have been held in many years. A great spirit is shown among them, God has wonderfully blessed us in our feeble efforts, and we are, by His help, going to see souls saved in C. E., people made to rejoice; and on May 1, 1938, we are going to paint our church inside, put new lights overhead. These are our plans, and we are not going to be defeated.

Bro. G. W. Wilson, our C. E. president, gave us a very fine supper on Saturday night. We enjoyed it, and we can say that we have the best president in the conference.

The fourth quarterly conference was held in Shelby, Sunday afternoon. A very good meeting was had. We are going to hold rally days for C. E. and other organizations at different churches during the year. Pray for our success.

LUCILLE SCRUGGS, Reporter.

Welch Memorial, J. D. Williams, Pastor, Nov. 29.—Sunday, November 28, was a great day for us at Welch Memorial. At the Sunday school hour Brother Luther Medlin taught our Baraca class and we all left the room saying we were lifted up by hearing a teacher who can teach. At the 11 o'clock service Dr. Williams gave us a good sermon from the text, "Little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not, and if any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous." Subject, "Man's Purpose in Life." He spoke of Moses' purpose in life; how he desired to lead the Children of Israel into the Promised Land, but by disobeying God's command failed in that purpose. David failed to build God's house because his hands were stained with blood, and we all miss our purpose in life because we disobey God. It was a wonderful sermon. I wish all members could have heard it.

At 2:30 o'clock we had an invitation to go with the Christian Endeavor society to the Sandy Ridge convict camp where they go once a month and hold service. Being the Sunday after Thanuksgiving it was a Thanksgiving service. I wish you all could have heard the old-time songs they sang. They had the old-time ring.

It was a good day well spent.

E. F. SEAGRAVES, Reporter.

Haw River Circuit.—Well, here we are for another year. And as good as the last one was, I am expecting this one to be even better. The work is starting off well. The folks have given us a warm welcome back; and we have tried to tell them how glad we are to be back.

Beginning next Monday night, December 13, and continuing through Friday, we are to have a series of Bible studies at Midway. The lectures will begin at 7 and close at 8 each night. No examinations, no credits—just an hour given to the study of the Word of God, in the hope that we may know more about the Book, and, if we are teachers, how to teach it better. We are extending an invitation to the members of Fairview Baptist church, and any others, to come in with us. The writer is to be the teacher at this school—if you want to call it that, and me that.

The offering in kind and cash for the Children's Home—Thanksgiving offering—has already gone in. About as much in kind this year as last—more of some things, not quite so much of others—but not quite as good in cash. Due, in part, I suspect, because we had to call off our service at Friendship on the third Sunday morning because of smoky stoves. (I have been snowed out, rained out, frozen out; but this is the first time in my ministry that I have been smoked out. But the stoves have been fixed, so it isn't likely to happen again.)

The first quarterly conference will be held at Mizpah church on Thursday afternoon, December 9, at 2:00 o'clock. We are expecting a good attendance of the membership to plan the best year yet.

We have been living on the fat of the land lately; meaning, mostly, hog fat. Well, you city preachers, pancakes and sausage goes—yes, that's right—mighty well these frosty mornings. And pumpkin pie for dessert—with an occasional persimmon pudding for the better half.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

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Bethesda, North Davidson, W. H. Neese, Pastor.—Although there hasn't been a report from our church in some time, things are moving along nicely. Attendance at both Sunday school and church is good, but we still have room for improvement.

Our hearts were saddened when we had to give up our good pastor, Rev. J. P. Pegg, and family. But we wish them great success in their new work.

Mr. Neese and family have been with us twice and preached. We already love them and give them a hearty welcome in our homes. We feel that with their work and our cooperation, a great year is before us.

Officers have been elected for the new year. Our former superintendent, Mr. C. L. Wagner, whom we have let rest for two years, was re-elected this year. We are all glad to have him back at his old job.

We are planning a Christmas program and treat for the Sunday school Our Ladies' Auxiliary has done splendid work this year on their budget and also home work.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

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Chestnut Ridge Church, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, Nov. 29.—The fact that our church hasn't had a report in several editions of the Herald doesn't mean that we are not progressing. Our Sunday school is still doing its share, although small in number.

We gladly welcome our new pastor and his bride who came to us as though they were whole-hearted to do their task. They seem interested in our young people as well as the older ones. We hope to see a Christian Endeavor society organized in our church in the near future. We feel that it would be a blessing to both our church and Sunday school.

We wish to welcome our two new members, Mrs. C. M. Dodson and Mrs. S. E. Holmes, who came to us by letter from Hebron.

We are thankful for our two new circulators that have recently been installed, which add much beauty and comfort to the interior of our church.

Friends of Mr. Merrill Hobbs will regret to learn that he is in a Greensboro hospital for an operation.

We are looking forward that we may be one of the many on the honor roll for Herald subscriptions this year, for we have as our agent Mrs. O. F. Jones, who is very wideawake. Miss Treasa Sykes was elected Children's Home Secretary. We wish her much success, for we realize the great needs of the Home.

Our attendance at church Sunday was good and our thank-offering was very liberal.

ANNIE RUTH PENDER, Reporter.

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Union Church, Halifax Charge, W. M. Howard, Pastor, Dec. 2.—It has been a long time since a report has been sent in from Union, but as this is the beginning of a new conference year, we hope to do better. We are proud to say that our church made the honor roll, and I believe Union was the only church on the charge to get this honor. Especially are we thankful for the return of our pastor, Mr. Howard, for through his leadership it has been possible for us to accomplish what we have.

The Woman's Auxiliary took an offering at the last meeting, this will be used for our November Thank Offering.

Miss Martha B. Rice, who is attending Louisburg college, spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. G. B. Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lewis and little daughter, Betty Dora, and Mrs. W. T. Smith, visited relatives and friends at Brunswick, N. C., the week-end of Thanksgiving.

REPORTER.

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Shelby-Caroleen Circuit, L. S. Helms, Pastor, Nov. 31.—We began our duties here immediately after the close of the annual conference. Our work here has been enlarged; one more church has been added, and the three have given me the privilege of preaching at Pleasant Hill this year, so this gives us four churches for this year. I have made the rounds to all four of the churches and have been kindly received by all of them.

Our appointments will be: at Caroleen first Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, third Sunday night, 7 o'clock; Bessemer City, second Sunday at 1 o'clock, and fourth Sunday night; Pleasant Hill, third Sunday at 11 o'clock, fourth Sunday at 11 o'clock, and second Sunday night. The first Sunday night will be given to all the churches until we get around.

The work is starting off well. All churches seem to be hopeful of a good year. They gave evidence of this by the large attendance at the first quarterly meeting Sunday evening. The largest attendance that we have seen at a quarterly meeting in many years. A good spirit was in evidence. The business of the conference was transacted in a spirit of love and cooperation.

Bessemer City, the new church, seems to be much alive. We arrived there Sunday night in time for C. E. society and found a fine group of young people there for Christian Endeavor. They were full of pep and had plenty of go in them. We enjoyed speaking to this fine group for ten minutes on Christian work and fellowship. We are looking for great things from these young people.

At Shelby we organized a C. E. two weeks ago and have only held two meetings, but much interest was had in them. Bro. J. T. Bradley and Miss Arvene Willis are the leaders. We are expecting it to grow and be a strong force in the church here.

At Caroleen they have a strong C. E. and are doing a fine piece of work. They are well organized. They continue to improve the church building and grounds. If this church is classed with the rural church, it could qualify for a place along with the rest in making a beautiful place to worship.

The Pleasant Hill church used to be a part of the Cleveland circuit, and could not give up their church and go over with the union of the Kistlers church, so they decided to stay with the old church. They are Methodist Protestants and want to remain M. P.'s. So they brick-veneered the old church and they have a good place of worship. I am happy to get them lined up this year. Pray for us there.

We want to thank the good people of the Shelby church for a generous pounding on Wednesday night of November 3, before we started to conference on November 4; and also Bro. J. T. Ramsey, Jr., for a nice fat hen for Thanksgiving; Brother Aster Ramsey for a nice shoulder of meat and backbones and ribs. We cannot find words to express our thanks; but we pray that we may be able to express our thanks in service.

L. S. HELMS, Pastor.

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Union Grove, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, December 6.—Our new pastor, Rev. C. P. Morris, has delivered two inspiring sermons, his first one the third Sunday afternoon in November and the second one the first Sunday morning in December. At this service the Thanksgiving offering was taken for the Children's Home, and at this time we also decided on the time and place for which to get together some produce for the Home.

We are glad to report that the attendance in our Sunday school and church services are holding up very well, although the bad weather has caused our Sunday school attendance to fall some from the past months.

The date for our first quarterly conference has not been definitely decided on but will be announced by the next third Sunday afternoon in this month, which will be the next regular appointment for this church.

MISS FLORA RILEY, Reporter.

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Gibsonville Church, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Here we are all set and going places; inventory has been taken, so to speak, with the following assets: one preacher in pretty good shape, one church needing some paint and a little repair in places; one Sunday school, doing good work; one hut doing a greater work, with superintendent and teachers making a real sacrifice for the cause of Christian enlightenment.

One complete board of stewards; "the best to be found." With the above-mentioned assets with which to work, plus a lot of work (personal), prayer, and sprinkling of the grace of God, brethren, we're going places!

Wanted: to find the party guilty of leaving sausage, with some of the trimmings, on Pastor Williams' front porch; say, that's dangerous; someone else might have gotten there first.

A goodly number of the faithful gave Parson Williams and his wife, soon after their arrival in town, an old-fashioned welcome in the form of a real Methodist pounding.

I heard someone say that services were just fine Sunday at 11 o'clock. Now, any reporter should be on the job and be able to report verbatim most of the sermon, at least. I went to the night service and counted; yes, the number had increased some: the ushers had room to sit down.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is getting in its stride; met Wednesday evening with Mrs. D. M. Davidson.

Wednesday, December 1, the board of stewards will be the guests of their chairman, D. M. Davidson, in the first meeting of this conference year.

Dr. P. T. Garrison's Sunday school class, under the leadership of C. M. Allen, is making great progress in digging a basement under the church; a nice roomy Sunday school room is their goal.

Well, all I know is what I pick up here and there and observe from the sidelines. So long until next time.

HAMMER.

Hebron Church, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, Dec. 4—We are a little late but we want to welcome our new pastor, Rev. C. P. Morris and his wife to our church and community.

On Sunday morning, November 28, Rev. Mr. Morris had as his subject, "The Cost of Christianity." He delivered a very inspiring message.

Mr. Ben T. Wilson, chairman of the board of stewards, presented to the church a plan to secure a definite pledge from every member of the church to be paid in semi-monthly installments by the stewards or by envelope. All members are requested to give to the church treasurer their financial pledges. Those not desiring to contribute semi-monthly are asked to pledge the amount they promise to pay for the year. Everyone is asked to give regularly and in proportion to their income. By the cooperation of each member this should be a very successful financial method.

On the second Sunday afternoon, December 12, the young people of the church are planning to organize a Christian Endeavor society so everyone please be present.

We are looking forward for a very successful year in our church work.

MRS. ELMER LLOYD, Reporter.

First M. P. Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—"Truth crushed to earth will rise again," and so we are here, again. We, as a reorganized church, have greater zeal and determination to go forward in our Christian work than before. Our conference, as our parents, have been constantly by our side, guiding and encouraging us in many ways, during our trials. Our friends have cheered us, our city has looked on with an anxious heart, and our neighbor M. E. Church, South, namely, Hawthorne Lane, has shown an unusually beautiful spirit of cooperation and service to us, aiding both morally and financially. And, besides these blessings, we have a most consecrated, powerful pastor, whom we all love, to guide, strengthen, and encourage us. He has led his people here, in the short time he has been with us, out of a formal or "surface" religion, into a deeper vital one. And so, to this confused, scattered, people have come these many blessings for which we are very grateful.

Our Sunday School was organized Sunday, December 5, with good attendance.

The Junior and Senior C. E. societies, newly organized, have 12 and 14 members each. The state C .E. officers met with our C. E. Sunday, giving them aid and encouragement.

Some of the church officials have been elected and the remainder are to be elected Saturday night, December 11, when Dr. Pritchard will be with us to help hold the first quarterly conference.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday night.

Our Christmas program is being prepared, and the parts given out. The hope to present the program Sunday night, December 26.

Rev. T. E. Strickland conducted vesper services at Hawthorne Lane M. E. church Sunday night. Next Sunday at 7:30 the pastor of Hawthorne Lane will preach for us.

MRS. D. D. BROOME, Reporter.

Granville Charge, J. P. Pegg, Pastor, Dec. 6.—Last Tuesday the Union Chapel members surprised us with a good pounding. We greatly appreciate the spirit of good will behind such generous and thoughtful acts. Too, living conditions have improved considerably since these good people came to see us. Our hearts go out in gratitude.

The parsonage is being renovated. The five downstairs rooms are being refinished. This will add both to the beauty and utility of the house. The interest shown in this work by each of the three churches on the charge, makes the pastor feel that it is a labor of love.

The auxiliaries have recently held their November meetings. The women are well organized at each church. Attendance and interest are gratifying.

The first quarterly conference will convene at Rehoboth on December 18, at 10 a. m. We trust that large delegations will be present.

PASTOR.

Mt. Hermon Charge, J. R. Anderson, Pastor, Dec. 6—We have visited each of the four churches on this charge since the Annual Conference, and have been very kindly received for the second year. They evidenced their kindness not only by a hearty handshake and a "glad to have you back" expression, but by many other very substantial expressions, such as, wheat, corn, sweet potatoes, fresh meats, etc. It begun with Bro. G. A. Nicholson, of Belmont, giving us a bag of wheat to take to mill; Bro. Arthur Thompson, of Mt. Hermon, a bag of corn for meal; Bro. Reid Brown, of Belmont, came over and hauled us several loads of wood; Bro. Amick Patterson, of Friendship, gave us a large choice piece of beef; Bro. Frank Holt, of Mt. Hermon, came over with a fine chance of fresh meat; Dr. Pickett, G. A. Nicholson, of Belmont, and Bro. Wes Rich, also of Belmont, all brought in a fine lot of fresh meats; Mr. Davis, a neighbor, a bag of potatoes. Then the climax came when Bro. Reid Brown, of Belmont, came over to the parsonage and said, "stop at a certain place of business when you go to town and they will take your measure for a suit of clothes and I will take care of the bill. I thank you one and all, and may our Good Father in Heaven bless you with all heavenly benedictions.

We are looking for this to be a good year. We had a good year last year; three out of the four churches paid out in full, and the other one lacked only a small amount. The spiritual life of the church is improving some and we believe will continue to improve. We have had the handicap of being a stranger to the people this past year, and we do not know all the people yet. It's a hard matter to get acquainted with around a thousand members in one year, some of them scattered over several counties.

Some of the churches are planning quite a bit of improvement this year. The Belmont church is planning a heating system, Mt. Hermon is to begin perhaps soon to put a new roof on one side of the church and paint the inside; they put in a circulating heater last week.

The women of the charge are repapering the living room of the parsonage and painting the floors. The women cooperating with the parsonage trustees have done some long and much-needed improvements on the parsonage this year.

Our first quarterly conference will meet at the Mt. Hermon church on Saturday night, December 18, at 7:30.

J. R. ANDERSON.

Kernersville-South Winston Charge, C. B. Way, Pastor, Dec. 6.—Our services at Ai and Pine Grove churches Sunday morning were well attended. We had an increase in the attendance at Ai over the attendance the previous Sunday. We were glad to observe the loyalty of members present for the service who reside in Greensboro. Three subscriptions to the Herald were secured at this church. A large congregation was present at Pine Grove church at 11 a.m., and four subscriptions to the Herald were secured.

The night service at Kernersville church was well attended, there being several visitors in the congregation. We were delighted to have a visitor to preach. Arrangement had been previously made with Rev. J. E. B. Houser, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, of Stokesdale, to deliver the sermon. The Stokesdale minister delivered a very inspiring sermon.

The first quarterly conference was held at Kernersville church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and was attended by representatives of four of the churches, South Winston not having any representatives present. Miss Hazel Hendrix, member of Ai church, was elected secretary of the conference for the coming year, succeeding Bro. A. N. Linville, who has served in that capacity for several years. He requested that he be relieved of the office. Reports were submitted by officials of the different churches. We are hoping for a good year's work during 1938.

Christmas programs are being prepared by the different churches. Dates for the presentation of the programs have been fixed for Sandy Ridge, December 24, at 7 p.m.; Pine Grove, December 23, at 7 p.m. Other churches have not announced dates for their programs.

A brief campaign for subscriptions to the Methodist Protestant Herald was conducted among three of the churches last week, which resulted in a total of $11 in subscriptions. The response on the part of members was very good. We welcome the following persons into the big family of Herald readers: Mrs. A. N. Linville, Mrs. Pink Linville, Mrs. John S. Linville, Miss Mamie Bull, of the

Kernersville church; Mrs. J. M. Ingram, Mrs. Flora E. Crews, Miss Hazel Thomas, A. B. Dwiggins, of Pine Grove church; R. M. Whitt, Mrs. W. B. Warren, R. S. Peoples, and Mrs. Norman Hester, of Ai church.

PASTOR.

Elbaville, Mocksville Charge, K. G. Holt, Pastor, Dec 6.—Our church hasn't reported in a good while. We now have a new pastor, Rev. K. G. Holt. He preached yesterday at the regular hour. Everyone seemed to enjoy the service. The theme of his message was, "Negative Christianity." We, as sociable neighbors, do not do anything to hurt or offend each other, but seldom ever do any of us do anything worthwhile for our neighbors. Our lives are too much self-centered. We expect a good harvest from sowing a few seed without cultivation. We would be more thoughtful of others; and realize that our lives are influencing on others, whether it be good or bad.

The first quarterly conference was held at Union Chapel, December 4. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lanier, Mrs. J. O. Markland, Mrs. C. M. Markland, and Mrs. S. L. Hege, of our church, attended. The stewards of the church want all the members to make a special effort to pay the preacher.

Our church school is doing very well. We are proud of the young people's class, yet there are more young people in our community who should be in church. We just need more Christian workers to back up our leaders.

Mrs. Victoria Myers, of our church, recently passed away. She lived in Winston-Salem in her latter years. She was faithful unto the end, and we know her reward was great. She was buried in Elbaville cemetery.

We are so thankful for all that He has given us. May we be glad to live and not afraid to die. We ask the prayers of all the readers for a sick mother in our community, Mrs. Dora Bailey. She is a member of our church and a true sister in Christ. Pray for all the needy and sick.

ALVIN CARTER, Reporter.

Concord, E. O. Peeler, Pastor.—We were very happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Peeler and Mrs. Whisnant come back to us for another year, or, we hope, for many more years. Our work has started off with good cooperation and our topic for the year is Work and Pray; so if we all do that we know we will have a good year. We started with today on a series of sermons. This morning Mr. Peeler gave us the first message on The Sermon on the Mount. As it was the first Sunday, the Lord's Supper was observed, so Mr. Peeler just made a short talk and let the scripture lesson be our message. Tonight we held our first candlelight service at 5 o'clock, with the message on the First Commandment. This was a very sweet service, and we were glad to see a good crowd out and very happy to have some visitors. A candle was placed for each family of the church membershsip, and if some member of the family is not present their candle has to go unlighted, as we light our candles as we come into the church. We hope next Sunday night to have most all the candles lighted.

We have been enjoying some special music by some of our young folks. Miss Alma Verble and Miss Helen Smith, Miss Mildred Burris and Mr. Hoyle Winecoff. We are really proud of our young folk and we are so proud to see them taking such an active part in church work. We are glad that our choir leaders can be with us at all the services now. Mr. Smith's work had kept him away from church.

The women's class did some very fine work for Thanksgiving. They fixed baskets of fruit and gave to some of our folk that were shut in, and carried market baskets to some that are out of work. Our Sunday school as a whole is doing good work this year, and we are sure that our superintendent felt proud when the Thanksgiving offering came up to $75 for the Children's Home. The Baraca boys can always be depended on in any project that is put on. We hope soon to have every member of our Sunday school at work. One teacher of our Sunday school said, "Wonder what the preacher would say if each member of his Sunday school would go to him and tell him they wanted a job in the church. Well, there is plenty of room and a job for everybody to work for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Next Sunday will be Dollar day for our building program. As the mill work has been rather dull we have not been getting along so fast with our work, but we are not discouraged.

Our Ladies' Aid is getting along fine getting the carpet money. We are sure our new president, Mrs. Fred Sides, was very proud when they cleared about $75 from a turkey supper. And our Intermediate girls and boys are still working on the chancel rail money. Mr. D. A. McLauren is teaching our Young People's class and we are glad to see our young people taking such interest and it sure does seem good to have Mr. McLauren with us. Also Mr. Eugene McLauren and daughter, Mary Greene. We were glad to have little Wally Talbot with us in Sunday school. He is the son of Mrs. Versie Nash Talbot; they are now living in Philadelphia. Mrs. Talbot was called home to be with her brother, Mr. Charlie Nash, who had the misfortune to fall off a smoke stack while painting. We hope if it is the Lord's will that Charlie will get well, but he is in a very serious condition.

We were real glad to have little Patsy Sides back at Sunday school today. Patsy has been sick with double pneumonia.

We just wish that we knew how to tell our brothers and sisters in the church and our good pastor and wife how much we appreciate how sweet and kind they were to us during the sickness and death of father. Our hearts are so sad and lonely it some times seems to be more than we can stand, but we know our Heavenly Father knows best and we know father is waiting for us with part of our family over in the glory world. Without faith we could not bear our sorrows.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

First Church, Danville, Va., R. L. Vickery, Pastor, Nov. 29.—We moved from the Friendship-Love's Grove charge on Thursday, November 18, and now we are settled on our new field. We regretted very much to leave our many friends, but we have found many new ones here. We enjoyed our work with the people at Friendship-Love's Grove charge and we hope the work there will continue to go forward, and we believe it will.

We were pounded by the good people there just before we moved, and we will always remember them, and pray that our Heavenly Father will richly repay them for all they did.

We have many things to praise our Heavenly Father for. We have been very kindly received here and have found a group of people who love the Lord and are striving to do His will. We have been in only a few services yet, but in every service we have felt the presence of the Lord.

Last Wednesday evening the good people here gave us one of the largest poundings we have ever received. We cannot tell all they gave, but we only say, God bless them! We pray that we may be able to live before them so that they can see in us a likeness of Jesus, and that we may be filled with power from above so that we may preach the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in its purity; and that many souls will be born into the Kingdom of God. Pray for us.

R. L. VICKERY.

Roberta Charge, Rev. Q. L. Joyner, Pastor, Dec. 6.—Sunday was a very cold day, but our attendance was not off very much, and the church is progressing nicely under our new pastor.

We held our first quarterly conference Sunday evening. The cemetery committee was appointed, and a treasurer for it, Dr. D. V. Furr, was elected. A chairman for the board of stewards was elected; Mr. C. W. Williams was chosen.

The painting of the church inside and out in the spring was mentioned, also.

The young people are busy preparing a candlelight service for Christmas. All are taking interest, which is very encouraging to the leaders.

Mr. Roberta Pennegar has returned home from the hospital, and is getting along fine.

The writer hopes for you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year in the Lord, and a more prosperous year in 1938 than 1937.

MRS. C. WILLIAMS.

Tabernacle Charge, Dec. 6.—It was with pleasure that we resumed our work with the people of Tabernacle and Julian after the annual conference. And, we can say that we have been well received.

On Friday evening, November 12, we were whisked away to Greensboro for our supper. During our absence, which was foreordained by those in charge, several of the members of Tabernacle gathered in the hut—which, by the way, had been put in order during our absence that afternoon—to await our return. We had been suspicious that something was up but we didn't know just what. After a very cordial reception from those present, refreshments were served. A recreational hour followed, during which several games were played. Before departing for our homes we were taken behind the curtains, and there was an assortment of things which had been brought for the parsonage pantry. Indeed, it was a very enjoyable evening and one we appreciated deeply.

On Friday evening, November 19, we were invited to attend a fellowship supper at the Julian church. When we arrived, a meeting was just closing in which various ones had pledged their support for the coming year. (It makes a fellow feel good to know that his people are talking favorably of him and pledging their support when he is not around to hear it.) Then followed the eats. The table had been arranged in the Sunday school room. The table was literally loaded down with many good things. After everyone had partaken to his fill, there was still plenty left. After supper we sat around the stove and chatted until time to go home. Again we departed with a feeling of gratefulness and a feeling that the evening had been well spent.

A very good offering was received for the Children's Home at Thanksgiving. We have several dozen cans of fruit and some produce to supplement our offering.

We are proud of a new hymn board and a Sunday school report board which have just been added at Tabernacle. We have felt the need of these for a long time. They were a present from the young men's Sunday school class.

At Julian we have been furnishing the children's department with new furniture, having added a beginners' table and chairs for the Beginners and Juniors. All these things, we feel, will considerably improve our equipment and contribute to easier teaching and worship experiences.

We are optimistic for the new year. We pray that we may go forward together to deeper spirituality and greater achievements.

EUGENE A. LAMB, Pastor.

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Reidsville, Dec. 7.—We were glad to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Brown for their 12th year with us, and hope the church will join in making this the best year's work yet.

November 17, Circle No. 3 honored Dr. and Mrs. Brown with a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Smith.

The Sunday school is doing nicely. We have good attendance and much interest is being shown. Prof. J. H. Allen is our new superintendent.

Our thank-offering program was given Sunday evening. We were indeed glad to have Mrs. W. C. Hammer with us to bring the message of the evening. Her talk was helpful and inspiring. This was her first visit to our church, but we hope she will visit us quite often. She will always find a hearty welcome awaiting her here. Mrs. J. S. Moore, our thank-offering secretary, concluded the program with a candlelight service.

Circles Nos. 1 and 2 had their Christmas party Monday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Moore. Pollyanna gifts were exchanged.

The first quarterly conference will be held at the church Wednesday evening.

We are glad to note that Mrs. S. J. Kernodle, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Mrs. Chas. J. Roberts is an operative patient at Wesley Long hospital, Greensboro.

Mrs. J. W. Pegram is in Memorial hospital, Reidsville.

Mrs. Zack Hall is ill at her home on Barnes street.

We hope that they all may soon be well and able to fill their places in the church.

We hope for all a very successful year.

EFFIE McCOLLUM, Reporter.

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Maple Springs, Forsyth Charge, R. A. Hunter, Pastor.—It seems there is one thing we can't do at Maple Springs—get a reporter who will **report.** And the one this time will promise not to use very much space in the Herald—just about like I did last year, at the best; though the nominating committee would not even try to do any better.

There is always, at this time of year, or earlier, a welcome to the new pastor and his family. We are all very glad to have ours with us starting out on his seventh year, with the best prospects we have ever had here.

The officers for the year were elected before conference. So far as I remember they are very nearly the same as last year. Mr. R. E. Watts, Sunday school superintendent, was elected for his third year.

I shall have the pleasure of mentioning some of the encouraging things. First, early in the fall it became necessary that we buy another communion tray and glasses. And about that time the Baity family made known the fact that they were giving ten new Methodist Hymnals in honor of Mr. J. F. Baity's birthday, which was celebrated about that time. Mr. Hunter then asked Mrs. E. M. Grubbs to see what she could do about soliciting funds for more. In "no time at all" we had 50 or more hymnals. Then next we must have book racks. The men's Bible class had that done, Mr. Motsinger donating half the money needed. Mr. Baucolm stained them. Within the last year the basement walls were "done over" and the water was stopped from seeping in, at least we hope it is stopped.

Next the church needs a new roof, and a cover or roof over a large cement porch which had never been finished. So imagine our joy yesterday when the announcement was made that someone not a member of our church but a wealthy person, was having that done for us. All credit was given Mrs. Ira W. Baity, as she had written the letter presenting our cause, and we were so happy because of the response. The work is to be started at once. Shingles were on the church grounds ready.

We have the largest Sunday school enrollment ever. Not large for most churches, but for us it is encouraging.

Mr. Hunter preached a very helpful sermon and administered the Lord's Supper, after which we were again made happy when Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Baucom joined our church family by way of transfer of letter, she coming from Centenary M. E. and he from First Baptist, Winston-Salem. They have been living near and working with us for some time. We are especially glad to have them join, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, who joined a short time ago. Their membership had been at High Point.

We're glad Ralph Long is able to be at church again, having been ill most of the summer. Ralph is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Long.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet at the parsonage with Mrs. Hunter on Thursday.

Mrs. Ira Baity and Mrs. Horne, together with Mrs. Harold Shoaf, are preparing the Christmas program.

MYRTLE KIGER, Reporter.

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Rockingham Charge, H. W. Bell, Pastor, Dec. 6.—This is the first report from our church in some while, but we hope to send one in regularly each month from now on.

We are very glad to have our pastor back with us another year. He and his family have grown very dear to the members and friends of our church. We welcome him back heartily.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. Mr. Ivans Dunn was elected superintendent. We hope to have a regular attendance of 150 each Lord's day. That's our goal for the coming year.

Our Wednesday night prayer meeting is always a great spiritual success, because the Holy Spirit is present in the hearts of the people. This meeting furnishes spiritual food for the hungry soul. Thank God for the prayer meetings!

We are hoping to have a Christmas program and tree at our church. This is a glad time of the year to us all because it means the birth of our Lord and Savior. We hope everyone has a very merry Christmas. We also hope that all the churches will remember us in prayer that we may accomplish all of our goals this new conference year.

REPORTER.

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Pensacola, W. C. Clark, Pastor, Dec. 6.—We were very glad to have Rev. W. C. Clark as our pastor again this year. He filled his last regular appointment with a wonderful sermon. The attendance was better than usual. We were pleased to have Rev. Ben Lee Ray, of the Baptist church, present with us for this service.

We were sorry we did not raise all of our annual conference claims the past year, but we did raise the superannuate claim in full. We also secured our full quota of Herald subscriptions. We sent our offerings to the Children's Home each month.

At the last appointment before conference our annual election of church officers was held. Those elected were: Trustees, Messrs. W. W. Gardner, Lindsey McMahan, and A. G. Wilson; stewards, Mesdames Kenzie Wood, C. W. Robertson, Messrs. W. W. Gardner, and A. G. Wilson; treasurer and reporter, Mrs. W. G. Blankenship; secretary and organist, Mrs. Emma Hensley, and Sunday school treasurer, M. H. Blankenship.

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New Hope, Why Not Charge, C. H. Hill, Pastor, Dec. 6.—This is our first report since conference, and we were very well pleased indeed to have our pastor, Rev. C. H. Hill, and wife, return to serve this charge another year. Brother Hill filled his appointment Sunday at 11 o'clock. His text was Jer. 8:22, his theme being "Physician." As usual he had a very interesting message to deliver to a good congregation, considering the unsettled weather. There were 77 present Sunday, a year ago only 34.

Plans are being made to have a Christmas tree and program at this church some time before Christmas.

Some of our folks have been sick since our last report, among them being Mrs. D. A. Dorsett, who was operated on at the Randolph hospital at Asheboro some time ago. She has recovered sufficiently to return home and is improving nicely. We hope she will soon be able to come back to church. Mrs. Angie Cox, who has been on the sick list some time, has been removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Buie, of Mooresville, N. C. Last reports are that she is slowly improving.

The three sons of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Sink have been ill. Walter returned from the Burrus Memorial hospital at High Point some days ago, where he went for treatment, and is improving. Ralph, who had diphtheria, is well again, and James underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Randolph Memorial hospital last Friday; he is resting very well. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family in their trouble and hope and pray that their sons will all be able to get out to services soon.

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Hugh R. Stevens and daughters, Ruth and Betty, of Fort Devens, Mass., who have been on an extended visit to this state, left Friday for New York, where they will sail December 8 for Honolulu, Hawaii.

A marriage that came as a surprise to the family and community was that of Mr. Winfred Sink of this section and Miss Evelyn Foust of Asheboro. The ceremony was performed by Brother Hill. We wish them a long and happy journey through life.

May this church do great and lasting good for the spiritual life of the community this new year. MRS. J. V., Reporter.

Grace Church, J. Elwood Carroll, Pastor, Dec. 6.—There is good attendance at our worship hour. This Sunday was observed as Universal Bible day, and the offering taken for the American Bible Society. Mr. Carroll's theme was "The Fountain of Life," from Ps. 36:9. He said that our world is rushing on and neglecting the Holy Bible. In our modern day we have forgotten the Bible; the family altar has been discontinued; the Bible is failing to be known as a source of light, yet it is the fountain of our life. The purpose in the heart of God was that man live by the gospels; in this world of pessimism, adequate light must be given to our youth. We need to study the scriptures and teach them. We have a persoanl obligation to the youth, and a moral responsibility to give to others the light of the gospel. What would we know of Christ if we did not study the Bible?

On last Thursday evening, December 2, the Woman's Auixiliary honored the pastor and Mrs. Carroll at a reception in the Sunday school assembly room. Sharing honors with them were some of the former pastors and their wives; also the president of the conference. These were Dr. and Mrs. S. K. Spahr, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Andrews, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Bates, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Stubbins of Calary church, and Dr. and Mrs. N. G. Bethea of West End.

Receiving at the door were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. York. On the stairs, Mrs. W. G. Starr and Mrs. Leo Westbrook, and at the assembly room door were Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Clapp. The beauty of the room, with the lovely bright flowers, made one forget the chilly night out, for on every window ledge were poinsettias and other potted plants, and on tables and piano as well.

A cordial welcome was extended by our wide-awake new Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Ernest Scarboro, to which Dr. Pritchard responded for the visitors. The honor guests were introduced by Mr. J. Norman Wills. A musical program was arranged by Mrs. J. Norman Wills, the Auxiliary president, which was most enjoyable, with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Teague in duet; Mrs. Ethel G. Hall, soprano solo; Mr. C. P. Bull, Jr., baritone solo; Miss Elizabeth Mendenhall, piano solo; and two lovely violin numbers by Miss Gertrude Grimes, with Mrs. Jesse Alderman, her accompanist. Mrs. Wills was accompanist for the others.

At the close of the splendid program ice cream, cake, and nuts were served from a beautifully appointed table, lace-covered, with the centerpiece a large sliver bowl of red and white rosebuds, carnations and ferns, flanked by two tall silver candelabra holding red candles and silver bon bon dishes here and there on the table.

Mrs. W. A. Hornaday and Mrs. J. M. Stone presided over the table, ably assisted by a number of young ladies of the church school, Misses Offa Lou Harris, Irma Grey Hornaday, Caroline Starr, Agnes Louise Wilcox, Cary Atkins, Carol Jones, Eleanor Cox, Helen Sharpe, Betty Hornaday, Marguerite Cox, and Carolyn Melton.

The general chairman was Mrs. T. D. Sharpe, with Mrs. O. S. Poer, Mrs. James Swain, Mrs. Jack Sutton, Mrs. Wills Staley, Mrs. F. R. Stout, and Mrs. Ralph Stout assisting her.

There is some sickness in our membership. Mr. F. R. Stout has returned home from hospital where he had appendix operation. Mrs. A. M. Troxler is improving. Mrs. J. H. Dixon, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is better.

Our sympahy is extended to Mrs. L. G. Holt in the death of her mother, Mrs. Mattie Southern, a faithful member; also to Miss Jennie Simpson and Mr. J. M. Simpson in the loss of a brother, Mr. Jeff Simpson, we express sympathy.

The Circles met in joint session at the Sally Southern rooms on Monday afternoon with a large attendance. Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll led the devotional, and Mrs. J. F. Dosier conducted the question box.

Here's wishing to each reader of the Herald a most happy Christmas, with health and the peace of God abiding in your hearts.

MRS. J. M. STONE.

Midway, Haw River Circuit, C. W. Bates, Pastor.—Our new year's work is getting off with a good start. We feel that we have been very lucky in having our same pastor back with us for another year. He did a great work last year, and our reports at annual conference were better than they had been for a number of years. We feel that we are going to have another good year if every member on the circuit will cooperate with Dr. and Mrs. Bates.

Dr. Bates has given us two very fine sermons since conference. We are having a splendid Sunday school and plans are being made for a Christmas entertainment and tree, which we will have on Thursday night, December 23. Our attendance yesterday was 80, collection being $1.49.

One of our little Sunday school boys Laurie Gene Hyatt, was run over by a car as he was getting off the school bus last Thursday afternoon. He is now in the hospital at Reidsville in a very serious condition. We hope for him a speedy recovery, and ask all Christians to pray for him.

Our Auxiliary met last Sunday after Sunday school with 29 members present. The interest seems good, and we hope to do a greater work this new conference year. Pray for us.

MRS. G. W. APPLE, Reporter.

Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary, North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, Dec. 7—.We are very much alive even though you have not heard from us since conference. We met in the home of Mrs. W. D. Payne for our November meeting, with 11 members and some visitors present. Mrs. Wm. H. Neese had charge of the program, which was taken from the guide book. The program was very interesting, with all members taking part. At this time we reorganized. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. V. B. Morris; vice president, Mrs. Roy Hilton; recording secretary, Mrs. W. D. Payne; treasurer, Mrs. Ray Ball; auditor, Mrs. P. C. Reid; corresponding secretary, Miss Treva Reid. At this time we decided to make a quilt. The writer volunteered to piece the quilt. Then the members met in the home of Mrs. P. C. Reid on Thanksgiving day and quilted the quilt, the name of it being Night and Day. It is now ready for sale. We met on December 4 in the home of Mrs. P. C. Reid. Our new president presided over the meeting. Mrs. L. H. Hilton had charge of the program. We were very glad to have two new members join, Miss Sarah Marie Neese and Mrs. Alfred Craven. After the business the hostess, assisted by Misses Edith Green, Evelyn Payne, Sarah Marie Neese, and Treva Reid, served refreshments. We all enjoyed a very lively social hour, revealing heart sisters. We then drew heart sisters again, planning to reveal each month. We then adjourned, to meet with Mrs. Ray Ball for our January meeting.

TREVA REID, Cor. Sec.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

I wonder if the Sunday School superintendents are setting examples for their pupils to follow. I wonder if they could invite their pupils in their homes in any kind of amusements that they may indulge in. I'm afraid some of them could not. I have just read a startling report from one of our superintendents who has called in friends and indulged in moving pictures. What do you think of a leader like this? He is leading some one—is he leading you? Do you think he is a worthwhile leader for the place he fills?

Let us think on our own way and keep our homes and hearts in order for He will come when we least expect Him. Christian leaders, will He find you watching?

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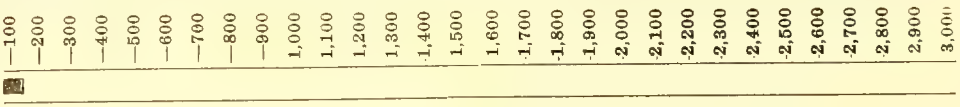

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REV. N. G. BETHEA
Subscription Booster

That we get from an Orange is always good. Good blood builder, they say. Fine tonic mornings. And like the fellow who had so many ailments, finally said, "in fact I ain't well myself." An orange is a very desirable thing to eat any time. Now I have just been trying to tell you that Orange charge, through their new pastor, sent in the largest amount of money last week. Now watch that young fellow down there in the Orange grove succeed. Never saw it fail that when a fellow pushes his church paper, he always gets along. Good co-pastor. Try it this year if you never have, and if at the end of the year you say I am mistaken, will let you give it to some one for a Christmas present, next Christmas a year. Thank you, Morris, fine start.

Well, Pleasant Grove there are two of us here. That is fine. Hurrah for West End, also. I love to be in such company. Thank you, Fred. But Bethea, how did you do it? Don't suppose you know how Love did it. Well, love does wonders you know. But let me tell you how it was done at West End: Just before the offering was taken the pastor walked down in the altar, and told why subsidy was needed. Then he asked for the amount of the quota. Came right along till about half of it was raised. Then there was a lull. You have seen them in taking collections as well as other things. Possibly more there than anywhere else. Then the pastor told them that he wanted it all that day and would not stop till it was all in. He told them the balance was not coming from those who had paid, but from those who had not. So there was a rattle of musketry, the battle was over, the victory was won. Don't back down. That person who looks at you hardest may be one who will come across, and will not be cross when he gets there. Don't get impatient, you will win, subsidy will be paid, and next week there will be at least a dozen charges reporting in that there will be no more subsidy mentioned there this year. Try it!

Charge	Quota	Rec'd	Subsidy
Alamance	56	2½	....
Albemarle	20	....	....
Anderson	32	....	....
Asheboro	47	½	....
Asheville	13	....	....
Bessemer City	13	....	....
Bess Chapel	28	....	....
Brown Summit	7	½	....
Burlington, First	80	2½	....
Burlington, Fountain Pl.	13	½	....
Charlotte	59	....	....
Chase City	10	....	....
Chatham	10	....	....
Cleveland	63	32	8.24
Concord	26	½	....
Connelly Springs	19	....	....
Creswell	29	....	....
Danville	9	5	....
Davidson	56	5	....
Democrat	12	....	....
Denton	37	1½	....
Draper	8	....	....
Enfield	16	2	....
Fallston	90	....	....
Flat Rock	77	....	....
Friendship-Love's Grove	38	2	....
Forsyth	46	....	....
Gibsonville	24	½	....
Glen Raven	52	1	....
Graham	30	2½	....
Granville	58	....	....
Greensboro, Calvary	34	1	....
Greensboro, Grace	36	1	....
Greensboro, St. Paul	17	....	....
Greensboro, West End	25	5½	*7.50
Greensville	55	....	....
Guilford	37	3	....
Halifax	42	2	....
Haw River	48	....	....
Henderson	35	5½	....
High Point, First	75	6½	....
High Point, Lebanon	31	....	....
High Point, Rankin Mem.	14	....	....
High Point, Welch Mem.	22	2	....
Kannapolis	21	....	....
Kernersville-So. Winston	38	5½	....
Lexington, First	48	3	....
Lexington, State Street	38	....	....
Liberty	13	....	....
Lincolnton	21	....	....
Littleton	46	....	....
Mebane	27	....	....
Mecklenburg	35	....	....
Midway	8	....	....
Mill Grove Church	10	....	....
Mocksville	39	....	....
Moriah	17	½	....
Mt. Ebal	4	....	....
Mt. Hermon	99	1	....
Mt. Pleasant	62	½	....
Mt. Zion	16	½	....
North Davidson	36	2	....
Orange	77	4	....
Pensacola	5	....	....
Pine Bluff Church	11	....	....
Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	52	½	....
Pleasant Grove	17	3	*5.00
Porter	7	....	....
Randleman	54	1½	....
Randolph	78	1½	....
Reidsville	13	....	....
Richland	38	4½	....
Roberta	29	....	....
Rockingham	21	....	....
Roseneath	3	....	....
Saxapahaw	58	½	....
Seagrove-Love Joy	36	....	....
Shady Grove	2	....	....
Shelby-Caroleen	18	....	....
Shiloh	65	½	....
Siler City	22	1	....
Spencer-China Grove	7	1	....
Spring Church	35	½	....
Tabernacle	40	1½	....
Thomasville, Community	18	....	....
Thomasville, First	25	....	....
Union Grove Church	10	....	....
Vance	53	2	....
Weaverville	20	....	....
West Forsyth	68	1	....
Whitakers	8	....	....
Why Not	30	....	....
Winston-Salem, First	27	3	....
Yarborough	9	½	....
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FROM RANDLEMAN TO GUILFORD

I want to say we had five years of very pleasant fellowship and work with the people of Randleman charge, and regretted to leave them. But felt it best, perhaps, for the Kingdom of Christ. I had a very warm reception on Guilford charge. I trust we may have as happy sailing with these good people as we have had for the last five years. Mrs. Trogdon got a fall just before we moved and has not been able to do anything, nor go with me on the work. She is not much better yet. I fell and cracked a rib, so we have been under a great handicap. But trust things will get better soon. Was so sorry to hear of Brother Easter's accident Sunday. Hope all will soon be well.

Our first quarterly meeting will meet at Fairfield church, Saturday before the third Sunday at 2 o'clock. I trust that each official member will be present. The business of the church of Christ is much more important than our little affairs.

JOEL B. TROGDON, Pastor.

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Faith Our Only Way to Improvement

If a sermon on faith is ever dull, it is not because of the lack of its importance; it is either due to the poor homilects of the preacher or to the dumbness of the hearer; for faith is one of the most vital words in our language, an indispensable element in human progress. It is the one power in man that takes him over, around, or through the barriers which otherwise would hedge in his life. And it is inconceivable to think of a normal human being without faith. While a person may become so warped in character that he refuses to believe in the existence of God, he may have been so frequently disappointed in his fellowman that he refuses to deal with him as neighbor or to trust any public official; yet when you sound him out, he still believes in himself. He is exercising his faith on a highway of life closed at both ends. But faith vigorous; faith vital; compelling faith, is even greater than love, because without it there may not be love.

The sacred writers make no other plea for man than that he did this or that through faith. Through faith Abraham went out not knowing whither he was to go. Through faith Moses refused to be called the son of a great king. Through faith the walls of Jericho fell down. Through faith the dead were raised to life again. It is through faith men find God, for "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." So the accomplishments of the faithful ones have bound the human race together like a golden cord, into that choice group of seekers after perfection. As the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen, it has driven men out of their smug contentment by the divine urge to know God in every age. And the measure of our improvement is by faith. As it was according to the faith of the two blind men before our Lord as to how well they were to see, so it is according to your faith as to how well your life shall measure up to the standard of Christian excellence set by our Lord. The Bible makes faith the means by which we are saved, by which we are justified, by which we are comforted in sorrow, by which we shall walk the highway of holiness, by which a Christ shall dwell in our hearts, and by which we shall please God. There is not a chord in the harp of life that does not respond to the touch of faith. And there is not a change that men make towards God that does not come through faith.

So this indispensible element in our lives must motivate our acts to give them value. He who acts without faith, who has lost his faith; he who refuses to believe in the possibility of changing human nature, is like a traveller on a highway closed without a detour—he must return to his starting point. Our urge to move must be more than a feeling of despair. Our message must be greater than "All is vanity and vexation of spirit." Our melody must not be wrung out on the minor keys. A pessimistic person is a bad enough companion, but as a leader he is just "awful" to follow. These days we are accustomed to tuning in to catch a message from another continent, let us tune in and hear the words of a man who knew no defeat; he is speaking, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" . . "I have fought a good fight, I have finished, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is a crown of life laid up for me." There is no defeatism in that tone or word. Is it not good for all of us to remember again that God has not laid upon us any burden we are unable to bear; He has not given us a task to perform we are unable to do. He does not take delight in our failure but in our victories. He is our God and He is the refuge and strength of His people; a very present help in trouble; "Therefore we will not fear."

And so beloved, as we enter upon the duties of the new year and as we attempt the objectives in the Fellowship Crusade, let no one falter but rather put on the shield of faith wherewith we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one; and having done all to stand.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

Rev. G. W. Holmes Passes

On returning home late Sunday afternoon I was informed of the fact that Rev. G. W. Holmes, one of our honored Superannuate ministers had passed away on Saturday morning and that the funeral was held Sunday afternoon. Brother Holmes read the scripture lesson in the memorial services on Sunday afternoon of our Annual Conference session at Asheboro. A good and noble man has gone to his reward. An obituary committee will be appointed in due time.

Mt. Pleasant First

Rev. J. W. Braxton, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Charge, informs me that immediately after Conference Mt. Pleasant Church sent the treasurer of the Annual Conference the appointment of that Church on Annual Conference Expenses. Mr. Allen wrote back that as soon as he could get a book of receipts he would send one to Mt. Pleasant, number 1. Good for Mt. Pleasant and for the pastor.

The Charlotte Quarterly Conference

On last Saturday afternoon I went to Charlotte where the first quarterly conference was held at 7:30 p. m. Since not all of the officials have yet been elected the attendance was somewhat small. But there was an interested group present and the reports showed that the work was starting off well. Rev. T. E. Strickland, the pastor reported that he had received five members into the Church since Conference and that the Sunday School had been reorganized and that the Christian Endeavor society was starting off well. It was decided to delay the fixing of the pastor's salary until the second quarterly conference but the treasurer was instructed to pay to the pastor $20.00 a week until the salary should be agreed upon. The chief business before the meeting was to finance the Church. Bro. L. E. Sides, of Concord, whose bid of $8,500 was accepted when the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company sold the property under mortgage on November 15 had asked the Church to finance the entire proposition at once as the insurance company was pressing for a settlement. The group present realized the gravity of the situation, knowing that if they could not retain possession of the Church property they would be at a great disadvantage. Bro. R. S. Garmon, one of the trustees, made the statement that Mr. E. M. Cole, a member of the First M. E. Church, South, of Charlotte, had expressed considerable interest in the welfare of the Church and that he had some hopes that Mr. Cole would finance the proposition. Brother Garmon was sent immediately to the home of Mr. Cole to see if he would receive a delegation that night to talk with him about the matter. When Mr. Garmon returned he announced that Mr. Cole had told him to tell the trustees to come to his office on Monday morning to get the entire amount needed and that he would have the deed made to the Church and that he would hold the matter open for ninety days, allowing the Church to reduce the indebtedness as much as possible and at the end of that period he would give them such terms for the remainder as the Church was able to accept. When the announcement was made the people were so overjoyed that they burst into prolonged applause. This will give the Church time to organize for the drive and it is expected that the amount can be reduced as much as $1,500 or more. Now that the finances of the Church are in this condition I believe they will go forward and I am expecting great progress to be made. Brother Strickland, the pastor, has been well received and seems to have made a good impression not only on the membership but upon the community outside of our Church. Other churches in Charlotte have shown a fine spirit toward our cause and some have volunteered to help us.

A Sunday Morning at Kannapolis

I was at Kannapolis for the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning. While I did not get there in time to see the Sunday School, I was told that 165 persons were present. The morning Church services were well attended, the house being almost completely filled. The people seemed spiritually minded and it was a pleasure to preach to them. Following the service I was shown the new Sunday School building. This consists of a large room which can be used as an assembly room or for social purposes and almost a dozen class rooms. As the most of these class rooms are on the second floor they are heated by two large Heatrolas on the first floor, the heat rising through ventilators in the floor. When I was told that the building cost only about $1,300 I could hardly realize it. This was my first visit to this Church and I was very much impressed with what I saw.

Following the morning service I went to the parsonage on the adjoining lot to take dinner with the pastor, Rev. D. T. Huss and his family. After dinner Brother Huss brought out some packages, saying that since it was my first visit the people wanted to present me with some gifts. I told him that since this was our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary I would accept the gifts as presents for that occasion. On arriving at home we found the packages to contain the famous Cannon towels. Well, we did have some wedding anniversary any way.

This is Brother Huss' second year and the work seems to be starting well. I am expecting this to be one of the best years yet for this Church.

That Meeting January 6

The commission on Methodist Cooperations has planned three meetings, one at Greensboro, at Charlotte, and at Asheville for January 6, beginning at 10:30 a. m. and running through the evening hour. Outstanding speakers will be present and it ought to be a great day. Let both our ministers and laymen plan now to attend one of these meetings.

Appointments

This week I have a number of quarterly conferences and engagements with Dr. Andrews in the Fellowship Crusade but

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A Message in Verse

MY WISH

"If I can live
To make some pale face brighter, and give
A second lustre to some tear-dimmed eye,
Or e'en impart
One throb of comfort to an aching heart,
Or cheer some way-worn soul in passing by.

"If I can lend,
A strong hand to the fallen, or defend
The right against a single envious strain,
My life, though bare
Perhaps of much that seemeth dear and fair
To us on earth, will not have been in vain."

—*Helen Hunt.*

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Debtors to God

"What I am and what I have
I owe to the Fatherland"

is the free translation of two lines from a German poem. Such would be entirely correct if we would omit the last four letters, "land." Then we would have:

"What I am and what I have
I owe to the Father!"

This fact we as Christians accept. Then the logic follows that what we know about the Father, and what of Him we have experienced, has come to us through His Church.

One of the soul-stirring moments in every session of an Annual Conference comes, when in the lull of business, some devout minister spontaneously arises and says, "If there is nothing before the house I would like to take this moment in which to give thanks to Almighty God for the privilege of serving Him through the Methodist Protestant Church." That is real news when one realizes how the Church is criticized in our day. Isn't it strange how so many folks condemn the very instrument of their greatest blessings? People seem to demand perfection in the Church in order to give her their allegiance.

Well, we hardly demand perfection in other objects of our allegiance! We support political parties which are not perfect. We praise our imperfect cities. We "defend to the last ditch" our imperfect Alma Mater. We honor our imperfect human parents. We should not, therefore, contend for, nor deem it necessary that our Church be perfect before she is worthy of our support and allegiance. She is God's eternal instrument—"the gates of hell shall not prevail against her." Yet because of her human constituency she remains imperfect.

Her imperfection is our challenge to deeper spiritual living out of gratitude to God for His mercy to us; to a finer culture and broader knowledge of her total program; and an appreciation of her financial obligations incurred in her effort to help save the world. My gratitude to God can not be paid in a rapid sentiment, nor a free lance individualism; but rather in a cooperative venture in Church fellowship. Let us arise and pay our gratitude to Him who gave us our lives, continues to maintain our lives, and gives us his living comradeship.
J. E. C.

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More About the Fellowship Crusade

All meetings held in the interest of the Crusade have endorsed it. A long list of our pastors have pledged their support to it; others will, and now our laity are pledging their support. Are you with us? Tell us. Seven district meetings have been held, and five are due this week.

How Is It to Be Done?

Full details will be given at the Central meeting, January 3, at High Point College. But here is in brief our plan. Have the Crusade presented in all three of its objectives to every congregation before pledge cards are given out. Emphasize 1, the importance of a deeper experience of religion—to know God more fully. 2 Emphasize the importance of knowing our Church—its program. Stress the need of reading the Church papers. Solicit subscriptions to the *Methodist Protestant-Recorder* and to the M. P. Herald. Already a quota for the Herald has been set — that will not be changed. Urge the people to reach it. 3 Present faithfully the need of setting our house in order by paying off the debts on our boards and institutions. Thirty thousand dollars is asked for this; equal to one dollar a member. Our gifts are to be sacrificial: i. e, we want to do this as a love token. A gift over and beyond our regular contributions.

This is what is proposed that all of us do: Pledge to read our bibles daily, to pray daily for the Fellowship Crusade, to rededicate our lives to Jesus Christ, and to attend all the worship services in our own Church during the period of the Crusade, from January to June, inclusive, unless providentially prevented; that we at least double the number of *Recorders* coming to the North Carolina Conference. Will you join in this, at least for six months? Last year more than one-third of our pastoral charges reached their quotas of subscriptions to the Herald. We are asking that all do it this year.

As to the money it is to be distributed like this: $7,000 to the debts of the Annual Conference; $8,000 to be paid on the boards of our General Church; and $15,000 to the reduction of the debts on High Point College. This money is to be paid by the 30th of June. The amount needed for this is exactly one-third of what our people paid their pastors in the year of 1936. So one-third of that gift will put your Church out. We would like to work this by the churches wherever possible. Let the pastor set the percentage of his members he thinks ought to sign the covenant card on the items of the First Objective; then set a quota for the *Recorder,* and raise the amount specified for the third objective, and behold it is all complete.

R. M. Andrews, *Director.*

More Crusaders

Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Mrs. B. L. Heavener, Miss Esther Ross, Rev. R. C. Stubbins, Rev. A. M. Smith, Rev. L. S. Helms, the N. C. Council of Religious Education, Dr. G. I. Humphreys, Dr. P. E. Lindley, Mr. L. L. Wrenn, Mr. T. S. Coble, Mr. R. M. Cox, Judge Lewis Teague, Mrs. R. M. Andrews, first quarterly conference Cleveland Charge, endorsed it.

If you have not yet notified me that you will attend the luncheon in High Point, January 3, to complete the set-up of the Fellowship Crusade, drop me a card now before you forget it.

The program for the meeting is as follows:

10:30—Devotions conducted by Rev. J. E. Carroll.
"The Aldergate Experience," Rev. W. L. Hutchens.
"Extending the Fellowship Crusade," Dr. Jas. H. Straughan.
12:15—Luncheon.
"Let's Do It This Way," R. M. Andrews, Director of Crusade.
Judge Lewis Teague, subject to be announced.
"Crusading for the Church," Dr. G. I. Humphreys.

R. M. Andrews, *Director.*

High Point, N. C.

IS IT RIGHT?

This scribe was in a Thanksgiving service, in a Church of another denomination, Thanksgiving morning. There was an opportunity given for all to express their gratitude for the good things that God had given, and one little boy, of about twelve, gave a ringing testimony on his gratitude for the Bible and what it mean to him. Evidently he came from a Christian home.

The pastor, a very scholarly man, carrying degrees fore and aft, seemed to appreciate this testimony so much. He knew the boy. He was happy over the little fellow's testimony.

Now suppose that pastor had made light of that child's testimony? Would it not have chilled his love for the Bible? Would it not have discouraged him in his Christian living? Would that have been the right attitude, though that minister may have had his doubts, about the Scripture? Though this writer believes that he believes it all, for he is a very successful pastor in a fine growing Church.

This brought to our minds an incident that happened not so long ago when a little fellow was "laughed out of court," in a religious gathering, because he said he believed everything in the Bible. He went away discouraged and perhaps will never attend a like meeting again. But suppose he does and takes in such teaching? Will he be any better off than if he turned away entirely?

Is it right for a teacher who is employed by the state to attack the Bible, in the name of science, to undermine the faith of a child whose parents support the schools by taxation? If the Bible is not allowed to be taught because a school is state supported, is it not a fraud to attack one's religion under the name of science? If it honest to say that religion is not taught here and still be allowed to attack it? We are ready to say that it is unfair to do such a thing, and that is right.

But, what right has a man of so-called "scholarship" to undermine the faith of your child, who is a Methodist Protestant, for instance, and say to him or her, "You just take what you want to believe, so much of it is not inspired anyway, and you will be counted more intelligent not to accept certain teachings." Is it right for a man to have work under a certain Conference, Association, Presbytery, that stands for certain things, and get his pay, be supported by that Church, and still not believe or stand for what it teaches? Is he sailing under false colors?

A certain Bishop, in ordaining a class of young preachers, said this some time ago: "Young gentlemen, if you are accepting the doctrine of the Methodist Church today and yet in your mind you are saying, "with mental reservations," you are not honest. And a dishonest man is not fit to preach the gospel."

One man when told that children should not be carried into these questions that unsettle them said: "They have to meet it some time. Why not here?" But we know this, that it is hard on grown up young people to have to come in contact with skeptical teachers, and many have gone down in defeat because of these things. How much worse to shake the faith of a child before he gets out of the adolescent period? Is it right? Do these things increase our spiritual power? If you are going to doubt any of it where are you going to stop? If some of it is untrue where is the limit? Where are you going to stop? If some of it is untrue where is the limit? Where will the plagues come in? What part of the book of life will be taken out that belongs to those who take our part? Which part? Does this cause us to have more power with God and man? Is it possible that God would let all these good people die without informing them? Do you suppose they are lost because they did not get an "intellectual grasp" upon the Scriptures?

One Who Wants to Know.

PIEDMONT MINISTERS MEET

Members of the Piedmont Ministers' association will meet Monday, December 20, at 10:30 o'clock, in Grace Church, Greensboro, to hear Dr. J. E. Pritchard, newly-elected president of the Annual Conference. Dr. Pritchard will bring us a message on the Conference plans for the coming year. All ministers are invited.

No Herald

There will be no Herald issued December 30th.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

The Four Steps in Worship

The sixth chapter of Isaiah has been called an ideal pattern of worship. What the Prophet experienced in the temple should be experienced by everyone who engages in the act of real worship. There are four steps in the experience as recounted there, and I am indebted to Dean Sperry for calling them so vividly to my attention.

First is the fact of the presence of God. This Sperry calls the *thesis* of the expiernce, the recognition of God in all His glory and holiness. Isaiah said, "I saw the Lord, sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up." He was so great and holy that even the angels covered their faces as they sang, "Holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The soul must catch a vision of God in his wonder and beauty in order to worship. I believe in most services we fall short here because we fail to achieve this first vital experience as the program begins. God is present, and we must realize this great fact, ponder on it, and begin with it the worship act. He who created us and all things; and by whose mysterious ways sustains us and the whole universe is there in the sanctuary as well as he is in the rolling sea or in "all the twinkling, starry hosts" above. This is a fact and the starting point in divine worship.

Second: Isaiah felt the contrast. He saw himself as he was, undone, a man with unclean lips. The frailty of man shows up when God is perceived. This *anti-thesis* is the second step. Something in every worship ought to make us humble—make us feel anew our sense of dependence on God, make us measure our limitations by divine perfection, set our secret sins in the light of His countenance. God's permanence contrasts with our passing, His strength with our weakness, His love with our hate, His holiness with our impurity. Thus humility is an element of worship. One's pride is to be punctured at Church, and it will be in case he sees the Lord. If step number one is realized this second will naturally follow.

But this self-abasing part should not endure. It is followed by an experience of relief, reconciliation. In the vision of Isaiah the contrast was broken and relief obtained when the angel took the live coal from off the altar, touched the prophet's lips, saying, "Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." God does not want us to remain in a depressed estate. He longs to impart His comfort to us. His love can come into our hearts, His spirit can fellowship with us, and thus a reconciliation and pardon is enjoyed by the worshippers. This step is called the *synthesis* of the worship act. It means, therefore, that people should not leave the Church feeling sinful and depressed. At one moment in the service they should have felt the weight of woes, but the burdens should have been lifted by an effective use of the synthetic principle. The worshipper ought to feel, then, a oneness and fellowship with the Eternal.

Fourth and finally, Isaiah committed himself to the Lord's work. The first three steps having been taken, he heard a voice saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then the worshipper said, "Here am I, send me." Rededication to the Lord's loving work is the crowning act of worship.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

The International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, December 19, 1937

By J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—Luke 2:1-20.

Golden Text—"There is born to you this day in the city of David Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

We are in the midst of that season when the story of the first Christmas rich in imagination and beauty is told and studied again. Its simplicity and directness gives it an appeal which never grows old. The part of the story which is printed for study in this lesson, however, is more interesting from the standpoint of interpretation than it is from the standpoint of fact. It is interesting to note that Christ was conspicuously silent about the fact and circumstances of His birth; not that He was ashamed of the humble beginning but that He was far more concerned with the meaning His life and message could and might have to the world. And so this story is most interesting to me as it throws light upon what Christ could and did mean to the world.

The first thing that presents itself to our attention is the fear of the shepherds when ". . . the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them." And to what kind of a scene that was I do not know nor do I particularly care. The fear of the shepherds, however, indicates an attitude which was by no means unusual or peculiar to themselves. Fear has probably been the basis of more religion than any other one attitude of life. It is evident that the early Hebrews were not religious because they loved Jehovah or wanted to be but because they were afraid not to be. Frankly, as we look at God through the stern, unbended laws of a moral universe it is difficult to keep from thinking of Him as a cold and distant Being, indifferent to the trials and problems of men, and Whose wrath the individual had better not arouse. Most religion has been concerned with protecting men from the anger of God. This fact is very evident even today. No wonder then that the shepherds were afraid when some strange happening indicated the presence of the Lord.

Now it seems to me that it was this attitude of fear more than anything else which Jesus sought to erase from the minds and souls of men. In prayer He approached God in the most intimate manner. He taught us to pray "Our Father." He lived a life of tender kindness and love and said that God is like this: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." The great passion of His life was to teach men to love God rather than fear Him, for God Himself is love. The real meaning of Christ is summed up in the words of the heavenly host: "goodwill toward men." Out of the darkness a kindly voice has spoken; from beyond the apparent coldness of a moral universe Christ has revealed a friendly spirit.

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." A Saviour indeed! Whereas the word, father, is used only about seven times in the Old Testament indicating the paternal attitude of God toward men it is used about 260 times in the New. Good news indeed, God loves the world, and "If God be for us who can be against us?"

Now someone may be tempted to make much of the fact that this good news was first revealed to the shepherds. God was apparently partial to the simple and needy folk and probably still is. But before we make too much of this fact let us remember that the Wise Men were apparently rather rich. I doubt that much significance can be attached to the fact that the angel appeared to the simple shepherds and the star was seen by the Wise Men unless it be this: those simple shepherds on the hillside, close to nature, were naturally more alert to the voice of God; the Wise Men constantly alone with God upon the desert were more likely to appreciate His ways toward men. It is not that God is partial, but men whose minds are always cluttered up with politics, business, excitement seldom give God a chance to speak to them. The babes and simple folk seem to have been most willing to learn from Christ.

As a side thought too we might note that these shepherds were very responsive to the words of the angel. They came with haste to find Mary, Joseph and the babe. And they were not too proud to become enthusiastic. They spread the news abroad; they returned, glorifying and praising God. It is a good thing that those poor fellows lived nineteen hundred years ago for they would certainly be out of taste in company with the sublimely indifferent Christian (?) people of today. O well, maybe those poor simpletons had not yet learned that religion rather than sex is not to be discussed in good company. Or, far more more probably, they had "heard and seen" something by way of a religious experience that was worth sharing with the world, and thank God, they were not ashamed to share it.

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." A good mother must keep and ponder many things of divine significance if she would rear sons and daughters worthy to be called saviours of men.

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The President's Letter

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since these will be over before the paper reaches our readers I will begin with Friday evening, December 17, when I am to be with Rev. J. D. Cranford and the people of the Vance Charge in a fellowship supper and quarterly conference at Spring Valley Church. Saturday, December 18, at 2 p. m., I am to be in the first quarterly conference for the Randleman Charge at Level Cross Church. Sunday, December 19, on the West Forsyth Charge, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m. Tabernacle at 2 p. m., and Harmony Grove at 7:15.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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Last week Randolph Ministerial association elected Rev. C. L. Spencer, Randleman Charge, for their president. Our best wishes to the new president.

"DOING OUR UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST"

By REV. J. ELWOOD CARROLL

(An address on Leadership Education delivered before the North Carolina Annual Conference in the Central M. P. Church, Asheboro, on Sunday evening, November 7, 1937, in a service under the direction of the Conference Council of Religious Education.)

"We have desired a leadership which would guide our boys and girls into the abundant Christian life, but we have not set in motion plans which would provide such an adequate leadership," was the agreement of a group of Christian Education leaders assembled in September of this year at Sabina, Ohio. To this I agree, therefore, what I have to say this evening will be said in a sincere effort to accelerate the motion of what plans for Leadership Education that we do have.

As leaders in our local churches, we conceive that the words of St. Paul are true of us when he says, "We are laborers together with God" (I Corinthians 3.9a), hence, our theme, "Doing Our Utmost for His Highest." As co-laborers with God we conceive our task to be three-fold: First, the saving and enriching of our own lives; secondly, the helping of others to come to their fullness in Christ Jesus; and finally, to relieve society of its evils which at present make right living almost, if not entirely impossible for many people.

The purpose of Leadership Education intends to help persons do these three things more efficiently. In the formal sense of the word Leadership Education means the taking of certain described courses under certain specified requirements. In the broader sense of the term, however, according to Dr. Forest L. Knapp, "from the standpoint of the work of the Church, Christian leadership is the ability to share in guiding individuals and groups in their own highest and best development, and in constructing a more Christian social order." Note those words. "Sharing"—from the standpoint of the teacher or leader it is not dictating! "Sharing"—from the standpoint of the scholar it is not servitude! It is the mutual cooperation of leader and scholar for the mutual benefit of both. "A more Christian social order"—the improvement of our total environment.

We recognize, in the first place, that there is a great demand for many types of trained leaders in our local churches. A mere suggestion of these four types is sufficient for you to think of many others. We need workers with individuals, such as teachers and counsellors for all ages. Perhaps the best combination is that of teacher and counsellor being the same person. In other days we had "personal work" in our evangelistic services. Just so in our modern day we need "personal work" with the boys and girls, men and women who come to our churches for spiritual aid. These workers are needed in all age groups—with younger children in the Children's Division; with adolescent boys and girls in the Youth Divisions; and with adults. The pastor has in many instances assumed the position as counsellor for the older persons. He is the adviser or "psychoanalyst." But the pastor cannot act as counsellor for all ages and all persons. There yet remains a place and a demand for the layman who will conscientiously prepare himself to fill this position.

We need leaders for the educational program of the Church. Personally I long for the day when I can see a Church School that is a SCHOOL! In recent days we have heard much about the "forgotten man," but I wonder if the most "forgotten boy," or "underprivileged boy," is not that boy who comes to Church School on Sunday morning and remains in his class room, with his nose pressed against the window pane awaiting the arrival of his teacher who never comes! We need layman who can arrange and prosecute a program of education which guarantees the imparting in an attractive manner the eternal truths of Christ's gospel.

Society puts the demand upon us that we supply Christian leaders in social action. In all our confusion and turmoil we cannot afford to rest on our oars and die in our indifference. Neither must we be swept along by all manner of fanaticism in the form of social reform. We must be delivered from the fanatical social reformer both religious and anti-religious. Nothing can so relieve our imperilled position as Christain conviction and scientific facts. Leaders will possess both.

We also need leaders to finance our churches. Our people have been "specialed" to death. Instead of teaching the principle of stewardship of all of life, we have put on campaign after campaign, drive after drive, until our people do not consider any need of giving unless a "special" is announced and urged. The awareness of our stewardship to God would also eliminate the unethical principles which are often practised by churches in the raising of money.

If our need of leadership is so great, then in the second place, we might raise the question of why we have not provided an adequate leadership. There are two answers, but the second may depend upon the first. The greater reason is ignorance. Time moves on and leaves ancient customs and methods inadequate. Many of our own minister have not been trained in the methods of Christian Education. Some were graduated from college and seminary before the day of Christian Education. Others never had the privilege of attending college or seminary. And worse still, some refuse to keep abreast of the rushing times. One minister this past summer in being asked if he attended the Seminary Extension School at High Point College, replied, "No. Why should I when I have enough sermons to last me the remainder of my life?" BUT AGE IS NOT THE DETERMINING FACTOR in ignorance of Christian Education. Some of our greatest laborers are our older ministers, and some of our most prejudice enemies are among the younger ones. The determining factor is the refusal to prepare one's self for the current demands of Church leadership.

The second reason for not providing leadership is our emphasis. We have defined and evaluated our total program in terms of numbers and dollars—noses and nickles—conversions and claims! Look at our pastor's reports to this Conference. This is a scale of testing our work. We laymen, therefore, have paid for services on the same basis. We are glad to contribute generously for an evangelist to preach to us for a week, but we reluctantly pay traveling expenses for a teacher of a Leadership Education class. We gladly pay a hundred dollars for a revival but quibble a long time over ten dollars for a Vacation Church School. We should not lose the numbers nor the dollars, but we must add "trends" if we expect our ministers to become concerned over the work of preparing an adequate leadership.

In the third place, allow me to make a few suggestions as to ways we can improve our leadership. First, enroll our present and future leaders in Leadership Education classes. These classes can be developed in any local Church. Other denominations offer local classes which often are available to us. Interdenominational classes are occasionally open to us in our communities. Some courses can be taken by correspondence. And since the opening of High Point College in 1924 we have held an annual school on that campus, usually about the last week of June. With all of these avenues open for the taking of courses you can get something every year to help you.

A second suggestion is to have a worth while Workers' Council. It has proved successful in our Grace Church, Greensboro, to have a monthly meeting with a full course supper on a specified night. Just as the Board of Stewards has a "set" night during each month for its meeting, so the Church School officers and teachers have a definite night for their meeting. Included in this meeting is a report on all activities of the School, a general study of every pupil in the School, the setting up of plans for coming month, or months, and the using of the booklet, "Enlisting and Developing Church Workers" (Order from International Council of Religious Education, 203 N. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, for 15c).

Honor your workers. This is a third suggestion. Install them at a morning Church service as you do the Stewards and Trustees. Furnish them with supplies GLADLY. Provide them with "International Journal of Religious Education." Have books available for their personal study. Remember them with favors, awards, etc. Pay their expenses to Leadership Education classes.

We feel that our Leadership Education program is practical and does help our local churches. For example there was held a demonstration project in Vacation Church School work in connection with the Leadership Education School of High Point College. Twenty-four adults took the course in Vacation Church School Administration, returned to their local churches and the first summer put on six local Vacation Church Schools with more than a thousand boys and girls enrolled. That same summer we offered the course in "Missionary Education" with Miss Bettie Brittingham as instructor. Some thirty-odd of our women took the course, then went back into their local circles and Auxiliaries to be better informed workers in missions. Last summer we offered a course in Children's Division Work with seventeen adults taking the course, then returning to their local churches to stand Sunday after Sunday in the leading of our boys and girls. We also offered the course, "The Art of Leadership" with thirty-eight boys and girls completing the course, then to return to their Christian Endeavor societies and Youth Church School classes to become better leaders of youth. Truly we are "laborers together with God" and ever shall be until the last local Church has sufficient leaders and every leader is a well prepared leader.

Bro. C. L. Grant said he resolved when the Conference adjourned to send something to HERALD on subscriptions every week. He has lived up to his resolution so far.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Denton, Md., for shoes	$ 4.00
Montgomery, Ala., for shoes	3.00
Men's Bible class, First, Thomasville	4.30
First, Thomasville, regular and T. O.	15.70
Miss Mary W. McCulloch, Calvary T. O.	5.00
Haw River circuit, T. O.	26.40
Mrs. C. Virginia Baum, Old People's Home, Westminster, Md., C. O.	5.00
Friendship S. S., Friendship-Love's Grv.	6.04
Fair Grove S. S., Haw River	.82
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Leonard, Bethesda, N. Davidson, T. O.	2.00
Mrs. Bernice Clark, Delhi, Ontario, T.O.	50.00
Danville S .S., T. O.	4.05
Danville S. S., regular and birthday	4.16
Concord S. S.	20.00
Concord, T. O.	75.00
Gideon's Grove, Flat Rock, T. O.	6.44
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	3.42
Hope S. S., Siler City, T. O.	5.00
Draper, T. O.	1.70
Philadelphia, Greensville, T. O.	11.00
Kannapolis, regular and T. O.	13.73
First church S. S., Lexington	3.10
Saxapahaw S. S., Saxapahaw, T. O.	5.75
Mt. Zion, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, regular and T. O.	6.83
Pine Grove S. S., Kernersville, Oct., Nov. and Dec.	3.20
New Hope, Vance	2.00
Siler City S. S.	5.35
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
Pleasant Hill S. S., Spring Church	1.00
Seagrove S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy, T.O.	10.00
Graham S. S.	5.64
Tabernacle S. S., Tabernacle	6.00
Denton S. S.	5.00
Bethel S.S., Mocksville, regular and T.O.	4.60
Bethel, Randolph, C. O.	3.00
Lebanon, Spring Church, T. O.	10.25
Maple Springs, Forsyth, T. O.	15.00
Henderson, T. O.	49.28
Enfield S. S.	5.00
Enfield, T. O.	20.00
Mt. Lebanon S. S., Randleman	15.00
Glen Raven S. S.	8.16
Rehoboth, Granville, T. O.	21.00
N. C. Branch, Woman's Auxiliary, by the Treasurer	99.75
Central Church S. S., Asheboro, regular and T. O.	90.00
Worthville S. S., Randleman, T. O.	21.60
Reidsville, T. O.	10.52
Whitakers Chapel S. S., Enfield	5.00
Lebanon S. S., Spring Church	1.00
Albemarle, T. O.	5.00
Albemarle and Porter, with Harvest Home offering	2.25
Matthews Chapel, Greensville, T. O.	7.80
Pleasant Grove	16.00
Efland S. S., Orange	2.00
Love's Grove S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	2.76
Concord, Saxapahaw, T. O.	11.01
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	2.76
Mrs. R. A. Plunkett, Graham, for support of child	10.00
Tabernacle, Tabernacle, T. O.	20.25
Calvary S. S., Greensboro, T. O.	18.00
Mebane S. S.	10.60
Graham, additional T. O.	5.00
Ladies' Bible class, R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., clothing child	5.00
Midway S. S., Haw River	3.46
Hope Hull church, Alabama, C. O.	5.25
Fountain Place, Burlington, for shoes	2.00
Disputanta S. S., Va., C. O.	3.00
Lawndale Union S. S., T. O.	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lester B. Taylor, Washington C. H., Ohio, C. O.	2.00
Pleasant Hill, W. Forsyth, Nov., Dec. and Jan.	6.00
First church S. S., High Point	15.00
The Rea Missionary society, Dundee, Mich., C. O.	5.00
Union Chapel, Granville, additional T.O.	1.00
Stony Knoll S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Lower Peninsula District Missionary Society, Md. Conference, C. O.	5.00
Ladies' Aid society, Hopewell, Ind., C.O.	10.00
S. S., Hopewell, Ind., C. O.	5.00
Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	11.25
C. E. Society, Cherry Tree, Pa., C. O.	5.00
North East, Md., C. O.	3.25

Clothing and Other Gifts

The 21 dozen half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables donated to the Home by Haw River circuit was a project of the Circuit Woman's Auxiliary, and not a part of the Harvest Home offering, as reported in Herald. We gladly correct.

Mt. Pleasant on North Davidson contributed four dozen half-gallons cans of fruit and vegetables, instead of two dozen as reported. We gladly correct.

Mrs. D. L. Johnson and Cletus Whitehead, Siler City, 1 suit of clothes, a sweater and a pair of trousers for boys.

During conference, Rev. G. L. Curry delivered to us a bag of peanuts, clothing, canned goods, and other gifts from Spring Church charge.

Also Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Grant brought another large bag of peanuts, clothing, and other packages. Later Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis, of Enfield, brought us a large bag of shelled peanuts. And this last week Mr. M. J. Morris, of the Littleton charge, sent us another bag of peanuts. So for the present we are well supplied with peanuts. We thank the folks who sent them. Rev. W. F. Ashburn kindly delivered the last bag.

Rev. J. F. Cowan, D.D., San Diego, Calif., a package of books for our library.

Denton, 11 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables, a small bag of apples and a pair of shoes.

Tabernacle, Tabernacle, 1 comfort, 4 pumpkins, 4 citrons, 76 half-gallon and 1 quart cans fruit and vegetables.

Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant Union, 25 pumpkins, 5 half-gallon and 34 quart cans fruit and vegetables, 7 pair trousers, 1 hat for girl, 1 bu. wheat, 1 pkg. Irish potatoes, 1 bu. turnips, 4 bu. corn, and 18 bu. sweet potatoes.

Henderson church, 1 pair shoes, 9 dresses, 1 skirt, 1 jacket, 1 scarf, 1 tam, 2 blouses, 1 can tomatoes, 1 glass jelly, and a package of coupons.

North East, Md., Cecil circuit, 1 pair pajamas, a package of handkerchiefs, 9 towels, 36 wash cloths, 1 pair gloves, 2 combs, 18 pair socks, 9 tooth brushes, 8 tubes tooth paste, 18 cakes coap, and a package of safety pins.

Woman's Auxiliary, Elbaville, Mocksville, 57 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables.

Ladies' Aid society, Canaan, North Davidson, 5 cakes and 8 boxes of cookies for school lunches.

New Hope, Mecklenburg, 156 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables.

Love's Grove, Friendship-Love's Grove, 2 bu. sweet potatoes, 1 bu. Irish potatoes, and 1 bu. corn.

Friendship, Friendship-Love's Grove, 4 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables, 1 quart and 2 pints of jelly and preserves, 1 bu. wheat, 3 bu. oats, 2½ bu. Irish potatoees, 1½ bu. sweet potatoes, 2 dresses, 5 lbs. dried apples, 1 pumpkin, and a package of peas.

Alamance Circuit, 327 cans fruit and vegetables and preserves, 1 bushel popcorn, walnuts, hickory nuts and peanuts, 5 bu. potatoes, 6 pumpkins, 9 bu. corn, 2 bags cotton seed meal, and 10 lbs. sugar.

Circle No. 1, West End, Greensboro, 4 new dresses.

Saxapahaw, 95 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables, 15 lbs. sugar, 1 bu. corn and 1 pumpkin.

Mrs. J. W. Boyles, Thomasville, 3 knit suits, 1 silk dress, and a bundle of magazines.

Level Cross, Randleman, 82 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables.

Albemarle and Porter, three 48-lb. bags of flour and two 24-lb. bags of flour, 20 half-gallon and 25 quart cans fruit and vegetables, 3 glasses of jelly and 2 quarts of pickles, 1 package of rice, 2 pumpkins, 2 packages of sweet potatoes, 2 packages of Irish potatoes, 1 package of dried apples, 1 pair overalls, 1 doz. pencils, 10 tablets, 5 notebooks and 2 lbs. coffee.

Mr. R. Hall Brown, Concord, N. C., kindly made a truck trip for us to Mecklenburg, Midland, Love's Grove and Friendship. We greatly appreciate his kindness.

Friendship, Haw River, 6 cakes and 3 boxes of cookies for school lunches.

We are very thankful to all our friends for helping us to make such a good report this week of both money and produce.

We had to put in a carlload of coal in the late days of November, and counting the freight, that cost us $322.45 besides the gasoline to haul it from the railroad yards. Everything we have to buy now is up in prices, as you know by your own experience.

We have tried faithfully to report everything that has come to us this Thanksgiving season. But having spent two weeks in bed since conference, and having made a trip to Charleston for our daughter, a good many packages came, and our matron in the girls' building did her best to keep tab on it. If anything has been overlooked or not reported just as you would do, please be patient with us, drop us a card and we will gladly give credit.

Our daughter is home now after a very heavy operation, is doing well, and hopes to return to Charleston early in January to take up her studies in medicine again.

We thank all of you for your continued interest and help. The dear Lord continue to bless and prosper you.

Yours in His blessed service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

NOTICE

The first quarterly conference of the Randleman charge will meet at Level Cross church on next Saturday, December 18, at 2 p. m. We are expecting our president, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, D.D., to be with us at that time, and we want to request all of the officials to be present at that time to assist us in laying the plans for the year.

C. L. SPENCER, Pastor.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF N. C. BRANCH

The quarterly meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work will convene at Calvary M. P. church, Greensboro, at 10 a. m., January 12.

Lunch will be served in the hut for all who notify Mrs. D. E. Curtis, 819 Douglas street, Greensboro, N. C., that they wish this service, at 35 cents each. Please send your notice not later than January 6 as mails are slow and food must be prepared in advance. (Do not send notice to her if you have sent it to Mrs. Bowman with your report.)

Refreshments are chosen for quarterly meeting as for annual meeting. Each Auxiliary being privileged to send five voting members. Visitors will be welcome.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, President,
MRS. JAMES T. BOWMAN, Cor. Sec.

MR. MINNIS' SALARY

At our annual meeting last April, we all voted "aye" when the motion was put "That the N. C. Branch assume of $750 of the Minnis' salary, as a special to be applied to the unapportioned part of our World Service Budget, a plan for the raising of this to be worked out by the executive committee."

The plan has been worked out by Mesdames Wm. C. Hammer, H. C. Nicholson, and Coy L. Kearns. They have sent out cards bearing the caption, "A Prayer to Share," asking that each person receiving one read and sign it and send $1 to Mrs. Kearns, our treasurer. If you have not signed the card please do it at once and send your dollar. Even if you have not received a card please send in your dlolar. There is need of haste—the year is almost three-fourths gone and there has been no response so far as most of us are concerned.

I hope no one will pray for herself again without also praying that she and others may have it in their hearts to share some of their material substance for the spread of the Gospel in India! Mr. Minnis is already there, the only M. P. Missionary from North Carolina on the foreign field. Are you keeping up with him through his letters in the Herald? Surely we will not let the Christmas season go by without sharing our substance with him! May Christ be born anew in each of our hearts at this anniversary of His birth, and may we remember how He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." There are those who will respond to an appeal for this fund if some one will approach them and give them the opportunity.

Let us make a faithful effort to raise this money at once.

Yours in His service,
MRS. R. M. ANDREWS,
Pres. N. C. Branch.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

M. A. Needham, Pinnacle charge, sent by Pastor Morris	$2.00
Rev. J. T. Bowman, First, Thomasville	2.00
Mrs. T. A. Lloyd, First, Thomasville	2.00
Sent by Mrs. Lloyd.	
J. L. McPherson, Siler City charge	1.00
Sent by Miss Wilma Dark.	
H. L. Swicegood, First, Lexington	1.00
Sent by Pastor Mabry.	
Mrs. E. N. Grubbs, Forsyth charge	1.00
Sent by Miss Myrtle Kiger.	
Mrs. F. C. Cecil, Orange charge	.50
Sent by Mrs. E. S. Taylor.	
Mrs. D. I. Offman, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
P. C. Reid, N. Davidson charge	1.00
Mrs. C. A. Green, N. Davidson charge	2.00
Mrs. J. W. Brower, Welch Memorial, High Point	1.00
Mrs. T. E. Marley, Randleman charge	2.00
Mrs. Belle Smith, Randleman charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Spencer.	
J. F. Glenn, Alamance charge	.50
Sent by Pastor Isley.	
Willie Smith, Liberty charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Gregson.	
Rev. J. B. Bivines, Fallston charge	1.00
W. A. Foust, Alamance charge	1.00
Sent by Dr. Bethea.	
W. B. Nance, Lincolnton charge, club subscription	2.80
Mrs. Norman W. Kirkman, Calvary	1.00
Mrs. David Glass, Calvary	1.00
Sent by Pastor Stubbins.	
W. C. Coley, Mt. Pleasant charge	2.00
Rev. J. W. Braxton, club subscriptions	1.40
C. H. Surratt, Denton charge	1.00
W. E. Hill, Denton charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Curry.	
Rev. R. L. Vickery, Danville church	2.00
Mrs. J. H. Forbes, Danville church	1.00
Mrs. Francis Hall, Danville church	1.00
Jas. S. Parker, Danville church	1.00
Ira Elliott, Danville church	1.00
Miss Ora Whisenant, Danville church	1.00
Sent by J. S. Parker.	
Mrs. Mable Williams Russell, First, High Point	1.00
Mrs. C. C. Smith, Mebane church	2.00
Mrs. E. L. Davis, Anderson charge	2.00
Sent by Mrs. J. D. McClimon.	
Mrs. B. C. Bracket, Cleveland charge	2.00
A. M. Canipe, Cleveland charge	2.00
Mrs. Ada Deviney, Cleveland charge	1.00
W. A. McNeely, Cleveland charge	1.00
S. M. Madison, Cleveland charge	1.00
Rev. A. G. Dixon, First, High Point	2.00
Mrs. S. P. Keltz, First, High Point	2.00
Subsidy	
Mebane church	7.50

REV. GEO. W. HOLMES PASSES

Rev. Geo. W. Holmes passed away at his home on Saturday, December 11, having suffered a stroke of paralysis. A good man has been promoted from earth to heaven. The funeral was held at Bethel church, Alamance charge, last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. There were 14 ministers present for the service. An obituary will appear later.

H. L. ISLEY.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"IS THERE ROOM IN MY HEART FOR JESUS?"

Christian Endeavor Topic for December 26

By REV. J. W. BRAXTON

Scripture text—Luke 2:7; Eph. 3:17.

Hymn suggestions: "You Must Open the Door," "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me," "Into My Heart," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and "Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus" (special).

Suggestive points for prayer: "Thank God (1) for the good year which now draws to a close; (2) for the forces which have worked for godliness and righteousness during the year; (3) for the ever presence of Christ in our lives."

"Ask God (1) for continued blessings; (2) to make 1938 a record year for gains in the Kingdom of God; (3) to help our leaders and our ministers as they preach the gospel and work for God this coming year."—Standard C. E. Quarterly.

Suggestions for the Leader

There is a popular expression which is used sometimes in trying to persuade someone to join an already crowded party which is "There is always room for one more." This may cause us to ask ourselves if there is always room for one more in the 'guest room' of our heart. Is there always room for Jesus in our heart? Does one's heart have to be crowded very much with some things in order to have no room for Jesus? Let us think together tonight to determine whether or not we are making room in our hearts for Jesus, and if we are not let us strive to find out how we may make room for him.

Questions That May Be Discussed

1. What are we doing with our lives which proves that Jesus is not being entertained in our hearts?
2. What are some of the things in life which demand a place in our hearts?
3. What are the marks of a good host? Are we good hosts of Jesus?
4. Is there room among our thoughts for Jesus? Would he be welcome among the thoughts which we mostly entertain?
5. How much time in these days can one give to entertaining Jesus? How much should one give?
6. Does worship help to open the door of our heart to Jesus? How?

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Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, director of high schools in North Carolina, suggests doing the following to really catch the true meaning of Christmas: first, read the most beautiful of all stories, in the New Testament, of the Christ's birth; second, read Milton's "Ode to the Christ's Nativity"; third, "The Other Wise Man," by Henry Van Dyke; and fourth, the immortal Dicken's "Christmas Carol," where the greetings of Tiny Tim really vibrate throughout the Christian universe.

C. RICH.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Graham Charge, H. F. Surratt, Pastor.—No report has appeared from Graham since the annual conference at Asheboro. However, several things of interest have occurred which ought to be mentioned.

The folk of this charge have been exceedingly generous in their reception of us for another year. The expresion has come from both those of the church and those of the town. Because of this kindness we feel under a great obligation to offer our very best service here.

Then, perhaps, a kind of extended expression has come. On Monday evening before Thanksgiving a group of friends surprised us with a fine kitchen shower. Many acceptable articles came, and since then other gifts have been received. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the donors.

Since conference the attendance at both church school and the morning worship services have increased considerably. In fact, the year seems to have started off in a very splendid manner. The new officials, many of them re-elected, have assumed their respective duties in a serious way. Even though some of the industrial plants have cut employment sharply, yet there remains a spirit of hopefulness for the future.

At the first business meeting of the church, working plans for the year were submitted. The program outlined was sufficiently large to keep us employed, and if we should measure up to our expectations we will have accomplished much for the cause of Christ. It is our hope to exceed last year, which was better than the year before.

Our people are beginning to catch the Christmas spirit. Preparations are being made for a delightful season. Other items of interest might be given at this time, but this is sufficient to indicate our undertakings.

We yearn for your prayers in behalf of our work and we sincerely extend our best wishes to all for profitable efforts this year.

PASTOR.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Dec. 6.—Things at Shiloh are moving along fine and in a very cooperative way. Since our last report our pastor has filled his regular appointment twice. The first appointment was November 21, which brought us a message on Service, using as a text John 13:4, "And he took a towel and girded himself." The message was deep and searching, and since that was the first appointment since conference, it seemed that Mr. Ridge had gotten a deep vision and appointment to a most worthy task. It always is that the annual conference gives a new vision and commission to the fields that lie waiting.

Sunday was the other appointment, and at the 11 o'clock hour the pastor brought what someone said to be the best sermon since he has been our pastor. His subject was "Fellowship with God," using as a text Acts 4:13, "And they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." He truly emphasized the great need of the restoring of "the lost something of the church," which of course is great spiritual power. We can readily see a need for this and know that all of our churches will regain it through prayer and fellowship with God. Our aim or desire should be the church at prayer. We are grateful for these messages and are hoping that God shall ever direct in the thought and meditation of our people, and that God shall ever direct our pastor in bringing to us the needed gospel, with all its saving power. Prayer changes things. Pray earnestly for your pastor and see if it won't prove helpful to him and to you.

The regular Thanksgiving offering was taken as usual, and from all organizations there was a total of $80.00. The C. E. society sent $25, the Woman's Auxiliary $10, and the other from the Sunday school. Watch for a picture of the C. E. society which will appear in the Herald.

Preparations are under way for our Christmas entertainment, which will be in charge of the C. E. society. The pageant, "Lasting Glory," will be presented on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, Dec. 23. This promises to be one of the best ever presented, so we hope that many will be present. There will be an offering taken, and no presents will be given at that time, because we want nothing to detract from the impressiveness of the pageant.

We were proud to welcome two new members to our church since conference, namely, Mr. Webster Swicegood, from Tyro M. E. church, and Mr. Curry Wagner, from Bethesda M. P. church.

We earnestly desire an interest in the prayers of the Christian people for our success in the Master's work.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

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Canaan Ladies' Aid, N. Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor.—On Wednesday, December 1, Mrs. Rose Smith, president of Canaan Ladies' Aid, entertained the members of the society in her home at a four-course dinner. The Christmas idea was carried out by using red candles and pine and cedar as table decorations.

The hostess was assisted in her serving by her sister, Miss Marjorie Talley, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Bessie Smith. Those enjoying Mrs. Smith's generous hospitality were the following: Mesdames Clara Smith, Hattie Reece, Vertie Lee Hines, Ora Hines, Emma Clodfelter, Lucy Clodfelter, Vallie Berrier, Willie Tuttle, Zell Robbins, Nell Linville, Sallie Motsinger, Minnie Berrier, Ida Motsinger, Etta Berrier, Gertie Primm, Ethel Miller, Cleve Mendenhall, Elzie Berrier, W. H. Neese, and the following children: Jackie Primm, Leland Clodfelter, Pearl Hines, and Vernon Clyde Smith.

Following the sumptuous dinner, the regular meeting of the society was held. Mrs. Nell Linville presided, and the following Christmas program was given:

Song, "O Little Town of Bethlehem.' Scripture, Mrs. Hattie Reese. Reading, "By Loving and Giving," Mrs. Ethel Miller. Reading, "Preach Christ," Mrs. Rose Smith. Reading, "Christmas Carol," Mrs. Elzie Berrier. Reading, "Christmas," Mrs. W. H. Neese. Duet, "Silent Night," Mesdames Ethel Miller and Gertrie Primm.

Following the program the president took charge and the usual business was transacted. Reports from the sick committee showed that 46 sick calls had been made and that flowers and fruits had been sent to eight homes. At this time we were very glad to receive Mrs. Cleve Mendenhall as new member.

On Tuesday, December 7, the society is sending cakes and cookies to the High Point Children's Home for the children's school lunches.

Plans were made for an all-day meeting at the church the 6th of January. At that time we are expecting delegates from the other societies on the work, and we hope to lay plans for a greater work for the year.

MRS. Wm. H. NEESE, Reporter.

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Rehoboth Church, Granville Charge, J. P. Pegg, Pastor.—The Peggs have been with us for several weeks now. Mr. Pegg has filled two appointment at our church. The first Sunday he used as his topic, "Open Doors," very appropriate for the beginning, I think, as he helped us to realize the many opportunities that are before us. For his text on the past Sunday he used Romans 15:24. He stressed the fact that we should never be too busy looking forward to great things and in so doing neglect the small deeds which come our way each day.

We are favorably impressed by Mr. Pegg and his family. We enjoy having them with us. It seems we are trying to entice them already, as the lower floor of the parsonage has already been renovated. Perhaps if we make them a very comfortable home they will not be in too big a hurry to leave us.

The Ladies' Missionary Auxiliary held its last meeting with Mrs. W. O. Cheatham. The attendance was below the average, but we hope to have more present at the next meeting for our Christmas program.

The quarterly conference will be held at Rehoboth church, December 18, at the usual hour. All officials are urged to be present, and visitors are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Kittrell are spending some time in Dover, N. J., and New York City as the guest of Mrs. Kittrell's brothers, J. C. and J. D. Harris.

Mr. K. E. Parrott has returned from Brantwood hospital, Oxford, N. C. We hope his condition will be much improved.

Mrs. J. S. Deal, of Statesville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Harris.

Wishing for the Herald staff and its many subscribers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

LUCY ROGERS, Reporter.

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West End, Greensboro.—The Philathea class of the church held its annual bazaar Friday night, December 3. The young ladies realized around $100 from the sales and were very much pleased.

An installation service for the newly-elected officers of the Young People's C. E. society was held the first Sunday in December. This meeting was led by the president, Miss Nellie Routh. Splendid talks were given by Miss Gladys Routh, a well-known C. E. leader in the state, and Dr. Bethea, our pastor. The new officers presented a brief outline of their plans for the coming year. It was a very inspirational meeting, and all who were present thoroughly enjoyed it.

Since the beginning of the conference year we have been having an unusually large attendance for the church services. A week ago last Sunday morning we had one of the largest, if not the largest, congregation we have ever had at an ordinary church service. Dr. Bethea brought us a very interesting message at that time. His subject was "Obedience Brings Results," and the scripture was taken from Hebrews 11:1-16.

The first quarterly conference was held last Wednesday night. The pastor gave the following recommendations for the new year: (1) that we join the Fellowship Crusade; (2) set a goal of one hundred souls for the Kingdom this year through our church; (3) that we increase our Sunday school attendance to at least 300 by the first of March. The chairman of the class leaders, superintendent of the Intermediate-Senior department, and the president of the C. E. society gave fine reports about the work they are doing. It was quite a harmonious meeting, with a goodly number of the officials present.

REPORTER.

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Mill Grove Church, Rev. E. A. Cook, Pastor.—This being the first report since conference, I would say for the first thing that we are very glad to have Rev. E. A. Cook returned as our pastor for another year. He has been a great help in financing our church program. He has paid and raised together himself last conference year over a hundred dollars. He first gives, and then the Lord sees to it that he receives. We feel like, if we ever get our church building paid for, we will show the annual conference a report from Mill Grove that they will be proud of. We admit that we are fighting the financial end of our work to a finish; while it seems we sometimes are not making a show as we should, considering the membership, but as I suppose is the case most everywhere, a few have the burden to bear to meet these obligations.

The 15th district rally will be held at our church in Midland Sunday afternoon, December 19, beginning at 2 o'clock. Dr. R. M. Andrews is the principal speaker. We are expecting a large crowd; everyone is invited to come be with us.

The services of worship at Mill Grove are as follows: first, third, and fifth Sundays each month, Sunday school at 10 o'clock; second and fourth Sundays each month, Sunday school at 1:30 p.m., with preaching following at 2:30 p.m. by the pastor.

W. M. MISENHEIMER, Reporter.

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Lincolnton-Bess Chapel Charge, W. L. Harkey, Pastor.—Well, the conference is over and we have been returned for another year. As you notice the change in our work, it is not Lincolnton any more but Lincolnton-Bess Chapel charge. This charge consists of Lincolnton, Bess Chapel, and Fairfield, which make a very fine charge. We have visted all three churches since conference and found a very fine spirit of cooperation among our people.

We have been received very kindly at each church and have observed much response in our services. We are looking forward to a great year with our fine people on this charge. We are sure there is no charge in the conference made up with finer people than this one which I have the pleasure of serving.

On the fourth Sunday night in November we had our service at Bess Chapel church, and to my surprise the church was almost filled. Fine, I think, for a country church. But the greater surprise came after service. The pastor and wife came out of the church and noticed quite a large group around our car. We wondered what had happened, but soon discovered. What a pounding! The largest pounding this preacher ever received. Also we have received personal gifts from members of the other churches. One of our faithful members of the Lincolnton church passed by the parsonage and left a half hog. Another from Fairfield church came in with a large supply of fresh meats. Many thanks to all of our people who gave. Dr. Bates has nothing on this preacher. I am living on the fat of the land.

We held our first quarterly conference on December 4 at Lincolnton, and a very fine representation of the charge was present. The business of the conference was carried out in a very fine cooperative spirit.

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Mt. Zion, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion Charge, J. D. Morris, Pastor, Dec. 13.—We are late getting in a report, yet we are expressing lightly our gratitude when we say we were indeed glad to have Rev. J. D. Morris and wife back for their third year with us. Mr. Morris has filled his appointments to date, preaching inspiring and helpful sermons. We hope to have a successful year in the church work.

Our Sunday school is holding up well for the winter months. A committee is preparing a program for Christmas entertainment and tree which we hope to give Christmas eve night.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. Marvin Needham, December 21, at 7 p.m.

We are glad to report Mrs. Dock Turpen, who underwent an operation in a Winston-Salem hospital, sufficiently recovered to be removed to her home, also Mrs. M. Lane, who has been sick, is improving. We hope they will soon be able to attend church again.

MRS. WESLEY JONES, Reporter.

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Pleasant Grove, Fred R. Love, Pastor.—I am very happy to be back at Pleasant Grove for another year, and wish to thank the good people of this church for the kind reception that they have given me and my family. We are serving a most loyal group of people who are real Methodist Protestants, and are backing up the conference and its various programs in every way possible.

The attendance and interest in all our services is very gratifying. Our Sunday school, under the efficient leadership of our superintendent, Mr. Clyde Payne, continues to grow. Our preaching services are well attended. One new member was received into the church Sunday at the morning service—Mr. Harvey Frazier, coming to us from the Prospect M. E. church. We welcome him into our fellowship.

The November meeting of the Brotherhood was in the home of Brother S. L. Murphy, with a good attendance. Rev. J. C. Auman and Rev. J. T. Bowman were guests, each making a splendid talk. At this meeting the Brotherhood voted to pay one item of the Annual Conference Budget, the Annual Conference Expense, which is $50. A delicious turkey supper was served.

The Ladies' Aid and Auxiliary both report interesting meetings. Each received one new member. Our ladies are doing a great work and we are very proud of them.

We are glad to report that some in our community who have been sick are able to attend services again. However, we still have some who are sick. Join us in prayer for them that they may soon take their places in the services.

The Senior C. E. society held its regular monthly business and social meeting at the home of W. H. Burton, with Mozelle Burton and Mrs. Walter Shuler joint hostesses. New officers for the year were elected. After the social hour, fruits, nuts, and mints were served.

A Junior C. E. society has just been organized, with 19 members. We are expecting more to join in the near future. This group of juniors are very enthusiastic, and we expect a real lively organization.

Pray for us that we may continue to extend His kingdom in this community.

FRED R. LOVE, Pastor.

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Seagrove-Love Joy Charge, E. G. Cowan, Pastor, Dec. 13.—This is the first report from our church since the beginning of the new conference year. We are very glad to have our same pastor back for another year. He and Mrs. Cowan have a very warm place in the hearts of the members and friends of our church.

Brother Cowan filled his regular appointment at Love Joy church the second Sunday morning, delivering to us a very inspiring message. At the close of the service the Lord's Supper was spread, to which the church was invited to renew its covenant with God.

We have worship service each second and fourth Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school each Sunday at 9:45. Prayer meeting each first and third Sunday following Sunday school.

Our Sunday school reports a very good condition, but there is room for much improvement. Our new superintendent, Mr. John Galloway, has taken a deep interest in Sunday school work. Our members are showing much interest. Plans are being made for a special Christmas program and tree at the church, with a treat for the children.

We are sorry to report that some of our leading workers, Mr. C. T. Russell and Mr. Coy Moore, are still sick and unable to be with us. We miss them very much and hope they will soon be back to help carry on the work of the Kingdom.

It is our sincere desire to cooperate together in making this one of the best years we have ever had. Pray for our success.

MRS. CLARA RUSSELL, Reporter.

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Alamance Circuit.—No report has appeared from Alamance charge since conference. This pastor is beginning his fourth year. He is not among strangers—some of the members are his schoolmates, some of them went to school with him, and some of them were his teachers. Attendance at most of the morning preaching services has been very good.

Our first quarterly conference was well attended, each church being represented. Bro. J. W. Whitehead was elected secretary for the 45th consecutive year. Brief addresses were delivered by Mrs. C. C. Richardson and Brother William A. Seawell, Mrs. Richardson speaking on "Stewardship" and Mr. Seawell on "The Ideal Church Member." It was decided to put on a campaign to increase the circulation of the Herald and to work and pray for a revival of religion at each church.

A number of our pastors have been reporting poundings. We held a Thanksgiving service at Center on the evening of November 25. Going to my Ford at the close of the service, I found it almost completely filled with things useful for the home, consisting of sugar, vegetables, meat, canned goods, peanuts, and wheat. Too much space would be required to give names. Others who have made donations are: Mrs. Arlie Cook, vegetables; Mr. Moody Mann, molasses; Mr. J. W. Whitehead, corn; and Mr. E. J. Braxton, vegetables. We are profoundly grateful. We shall give the charge our very best in service.

Brother Isaac Self, who spent some time in Duke Hospital for treatment, is back home improving.

Mrs. Paul McPherson is in Clinic Hospital, Greensboro, having had an operation. Mrs. Lou Lindley, who fell some weeks ago, is slowly improving. We hope these good people will soon be abel to attend church.

Christmas services are being planned at each church.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Center, Alamance, H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Rev. H. L. Isley entered his work for the new conference year Sunday afternoon, December 5, 1937. We were very glad to have our former pastor returned for another year.

The first quarterly conference was held at Center church Saturday, December 11, at 2 o'clock. All churches were represented and an interesting meeting was held.

Our hearts were saddened at the close of this meeting by the news of the "promotion" of one of our former and much loved pastors, Rev. G. W. Holmes.

Brother Isley used as his text Sunday, December 12, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." He gave us a splendid message.

Our church has lost one of its loyal members since conference. Brother Arlando Curl passed to his reward on the evening of Thanksgiving day.

Brother Curl will be missed in the church and community as well as in his home.

Our Woman's Auxiliary held its regular meeting with Mrs. Leona Braxton, our president, last Saturday night. Since our topic was Christmas, all present enjoyed the program very much.

We are putting on a community canvass in our Sunday school now to invite every person not in Sunday school to join with us this year.

MRS. C. C. RICHARDSON, Reporter.

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Asheboro, S. W. Taylor, D.D., Pastor.—Nine objectives adopted by the church for 1938 are as follows: ((1) larger church attendance, with more children present; (2) continuous evangelism through all departments; (3) 50 new members; (4) a vacation Bible school; (5) young people's worker for summer; (6) cooperation with the Fellowship Crusade; (7) the payment of annual and general conference allotments; (8) full quota of Herald subscriptions, and (9) the church finances met by October 30.

The third quarterly session of the Woman's Auxiliary met in the social rooms of the church Monday evening, with the president, Miss Esther Ross, presiding.

Approximately $2,000 was pledged on the yearly budget during the loyalty program Sunday, December 12.

Rev. J. Elwood Carroll and Rev. N. G. Bethea presided at the eighth district meeting on Thursday afternoon at Central church which was held in the interest of the Fellowship Crusade.

Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Harrison entertained the High Point College basketball team at a turkey supper Saturday night after the game in Asheboro with the McCrary Eagles. Twenty guests attended and the Lewis home afforded an attractive Yuletide setting for this enjoyable affair.

Miss Louise Swaim, Miss Exie Callicutt, Mrs. Otis Brower, Mrs. J. M. Lassiter, Mrs. Clarence Lovette, and Mrs. Stanton Presnell entertained the Rebecca Ellen circles Nos. 1 and 2 at the home of Miss Swaim on South Fayetteville street, Tuesday evening, December 7, with 24 members present. After a short business session of each circle, Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., and Miss Esther Ross gave a resume of the auxiliary home mission book, "Rebuilding Rural America," by Dr. Mark A. Dawber. Mrs. Earl Henley is chairman of Circle 1, and Mrs. Clyde Chisholm is director of Circle 2. During a social hour coffe and salad were served, carrying out the Yuletide motif of red and white. Mrs. W. D. McCullers and Mrs. J. R. Ross were visitors.

W. F. Redding, Sr., W. L. Ward, Dr. S. W. Taylor, Revs. M. C. Henderson and W. F. McDowell and Alton G. Thompson attended the funeral services of Rev. G. W. Holmes at Bethel M. P. church Sunday.

An aged and devoted member of the church, Mrs. Mary Ann Henry, passed away last week at the home of her son, O. M. Henry, on Cox street. Funeral services were conducted at Browers M. P. church Tuesday afternoon by Dr. Taylor and Rev. Mr. Henderson, pastor. The many friends extend sympathy.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, T. M. Johnson, Pastor, Dec. 13, 1937.—Our regular services were held Sunday as usual. I feel that everyone was greatly blessed from the sermons heard, both morning and evening. The regular Communion service was held immediately after preaching Sunday morning. May I ask that all of us commune together more in remembrance of our dear Savior and His love for us, who suffered and died for all.

Several of our faithful members that have been on the sick list are better. B. A. McClimon has improved some, but still has a deep cold. W. M. Compton is still improving. Mrs. J. K. Poole and Doris Poole are better. We miss these good workers and we trust they will soon be able to worship with us again.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Bennette Sunday were: Mr. B. A. McClimon, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McClimon and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Vaughn and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvie McClimon and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. McClimon's three children, Benjamin, Anita, and Junior underwent a tonsil operation Monday at the Mary Black's hospital in Spartanburg. We all hope and pray they will have a quick recovery.

We were sorry to learn of Mr. Allen Lynn's death in this community. He was the uncle of Mrs. Cecil McClimon.

Rev. T. M. Johnson spent Sunday night with Mrs. R. T. Bennette.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McClimon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Compton.

We extend an invitation to one and all to come and worship with us. We sincerely hope we may work together and so cooperate with our good pastor that much good will be accomplished this next year. May I ask the prayers of all reading this, that with God's help we may still continue to be workers for the Master, and as our Christmas holidays approach, we may be in the attitude of peace, content, and prayer.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

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Shoals, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion Charge, J. D. Morris, Pastor.—On the second Sunday at 11 o'clock the pastor read 15 verses from the 107th Psalm and brought such a wonderful message to us. His text was, "True and False."

We were glad to have our Baptist brethren to come to our Sunday school Sunday and were there for the preaching hour too. They had no heat at their church.

Among the visitors Sunday was Miss Nancy Joe Patterson from Pilot Mountain, who sang a beautiful solo, "Is Jesus Satisfied With Me?"

One of our faithful members, Mrs. C. V. Hauser, has gone to Winston-Salem to spend the winter. She is missed at her church when absent. The cold weather keeps our good brother Odell Moser from church. We all miss his cheerful face when he isn't here.

The Christian Endeavor society met at 6 o'clock Sunday evening for their regular prayer meeting. A large number were present. Mrs. Fulk, being leader, had a splendid program. One new member.

The C. E. society will meet with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Owens on Wednesday night, December 23, for their business and social meeting.

The Christmas program committee, Mrs. Roy Hunt, Mrs. J. P. Owens, Mrs. O. F. Hauser, and Miss Irma Mounce, are preparing the Christmas program, consisting of a pageant and other things which will be given December 24 at night.

The T. O. for Children's Home was taken Sunday at the morning service. We had no preaching at night on account of the weather.

REPORTER.

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Liberty, Aubert M. Smith, Pastor, Dec. 14.—We are very happy over the return of our pastor.

A Christmas cantata was given Sunday evening entitled, "The Birthday of the King," by Norwood Dale. The service was very beautiful and effective.

The midweek prayer service was conducted by Dr. N. F. Marsh. He used as his subject, "The Birth of Christ," and also talked of his second coming.

One of our loved members, Mrs. A. J. Brower, is in St. Leo's hospital. We are glad she is improving, and hope she can soon be back at church and in the auxiliary and circle meetings.

Our hearts have been saddened by the death of Mr. V. H. Dameron, one of our faithful and substantial members. The family have our deepest sympathy in this bereavement. Again our hearts were made sad by the death of another one of our good members, Mrs. William Smith, the wife of one of our ex-superintendents. May the

God of all comfort sustain them in their sorrow.

To show that our pastor is really loved and thought of, some of our auxiliary women with their president, Mrs. Wade Hardin, went to the parsonage and dressed up the windows, and thinking of his comfort, carried a new quilt, etc. And the same women have placed a beautiful carpet and table in the vestibule of the church right recently. In fact, our members and pastor have been working so much, it is difficult to get it all in a report unless we say it very briefly.

Circle 1 met with Mrs. B. J. Gregson as hostess at her home on Fayetteville street for the November meeting. Mrs. Mamie Smith had charge of the devotions. The subject discussed was, "Stone in Character-Building." Appropriate papers were read by Mrs. J. E. Cox, Mrs. Earl Frazier, and Mrs. Wade Hardin.

Circle 2 met with Mrs. Joe Swaim Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Shell Smith had charge of the scripture reading. Mrs. C. E. Brady, chairman, presided at the meeting. Mrs. Ross Ward chose as her subject "Brotherly Kindness." Mrs. Lawrence Brown real the poem, "I Would Be True." Mrs. Clarence Highfill gave "The Good Die Young," and Mrs. Wade Hardin gave "Not by Words."

Mrs. J. D. Cheek entertained Tuesday night at a birthday party honoring her sister, Miss Bettie Isley, Miss Edelweise Brower, and Mr. Lloyd Cheek. The hostess was assisted in serving delicious refreshments by her sister, Miss Annie Dare Isley.

My father, W. C. Shepard, has been quite ill for over two weeks, though he is slowly improving now, for which I am very grateful to our kind Heavenly Father. He sends greetings and love to all our former pastors and friends.

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

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Fairfield, Guilford Charge, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor.—Our community is saddened by the death of a neighbor, friend, Sunday school and church member, Mrs. M. M. Kearns. Having a heart trouble, she passed away December 3, leaving a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

Rev. Mr. Trogdon has been with us twice and seems to have met with the approval of the members, which, as you well know, means much.

The True Blue Sunday school class met in their monthly meeting last Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Gilbreath. The study of John Wesley was finished, and at our next meeting, which will be with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robbins, we will begin a study of the life of Christ.

A short Christmas program is now being planned. The exact time has not been announced.

Best wishes to everyone for a pleasant Christmas and a bright New Year.

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Draper Church, J. S. Love, Pastor.—As I haven't seen anything from our little church since conference, I will send in a brief report of what our church is doing.

We were very glad indeed that conference sent us our same pastor, Brother Love, as we have all learned to love him and his family. He has done a most wonderful work here and in the surrounding community.

We had a wonderful service Sunday morning, and had with us Brother and Sister Tilman and their good singers from Spray Mission. We enjoyed their singing fine. Some of our members sang a special also, which was fine. We also took two new members into the church, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Barker. We are glad to have them with us.

Some of the ladies are very busy getting the children all trained and ready for the Christmas program.

We are very sorry that several of our members have been on the sick list, but glad they are improving.

We have a fine Sunday school with a very good attendance, and our young people put on some good programs. Please pray for us that we may continue to serve the Lord as our Master. REPORTER.

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Fair Grove, Haw River Circuit, C. W. Bates, Pastor.—This is our first report since conference, and we feel indeed very grateful to have Dr. Bates and his family return for another grand year of work.

On Sunday morning, December 12, Dr. Bates used as his theme, "The Gift to God." This seems to be a very happy time of the year; everyone is perhaps asking these questions: What shall I give, or, What must I get John?

As usual, he had a very interesting message to deliver to a good congregation, considering the unsettled weather.

We have the largest Sunday school enrollment ever, it isn't large for most churches, but for us it is very encouraging.

The Christian Endeavor society is progressing nicely, with a large membership. Our social for Christmas will meet at the home of Miss Barbara Gray Troxler. We have planned to have a Christmas tree and exchange gifts.

The circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Lillie Troxler, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. We hope to have a much larger membership this year.

We have several members that are sick at the present. We hope they will soon recover and join us again.

We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

ETHEL VENABLE, Reporter.

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Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, December 13.—So many things have been happening here of late that we haven't had time to report to the Herald. So many nice things have been done for us since we came to Orange charge that I fear I shall not be able to tabulate them all.

First of all, we have found a very friendly people who seem to be enthusiastic about church work. They have shown a fine spirit toward us, and we feel that the work has gotten off to a good start. Since there are around 700 widely scattered members on the charge, it will be some time before we will be able to visit in all the homes and learn everyone by name. However, we hope to accomplish this aim by next summer.

We would like to thank all those who participated in making the parsonage comfortable. A lot of new furniture has been put in the parsonage, including a bedroom suite, some living room furniture, a heatrola, an electric refrigerator, several odd pieces of furniture, dishes, curtains, etc.

We moved into the parsonage December 1. A truck was sent to Danville for our things. My wife and I are enjoying the new experience of keeping house. I am teaching her to draw water and cut wood, but we do not yet have a cow for her to milk. She is learning fast how to build fires these cold mornings. We have a nice garden plot where she can spend her excess energy next spring. So with this spirit of cooperation I know we are going to come out on top.

On Tuesday night, December 7, we were very delightfully surprised when members of the Efland church gave us a real pounding. When a check-up was made, we found ourselves in possession of the following supplies: 2 bags sweet potatoes, 1 bag Irish potatoes, 1 lb. sausage, 1 lb. liver, 46 lbs. sugar, 1 bag grapes, 2 cans coffee, 2 pkgs. raisins, 1 lb. lard, 2 cans sausage, 1 jar vinegar, 1 can tomato soup, 1 can vegetable soup, 1 can cranberry sauce, 2 cans peas, 1 can corn, 1 jar pomientos, 1 box grits, 2 boxes oatmeal, 1 pkg. dried apples, 2 jars chow-chow, 1 can string beans, 1 can carrots, 1 can tomato catsup, 2 cans cherries, 3 cans peaches, 1 can apples, 1 can blackberries, 6 jars pickles, 1 can pears, 5 cans preserves, 9 jars jelly. A load of wood had been sent to us previously.

We have recently organized a Young People's Christian Endeavor society at Hebron, with about 30 enthusiastic members. We are hoping that we may soon be able to organize the young people of the other churches.

We are planning a circuit rally and first quarterly conference at Chestnut Ridge the fifth Sunday in January. At this time we are hoping to have Dr. J. E. Pritchard preach for us at 11 o'clock and conduct the quarterly conefrence in the afternoon. Dr. R. M. Andrews will be with us in the early afternoon to present the Fellowship Crusade. Everyone is invited to come and bring dinner. We are hoping that this will be a really great day for us all.

As most of you know, the parsonage is at Efland, right on the highway and adjoining the Efland high school. You are all cordially invited to stop in and see us at any time. C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

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Level Cross Church, Randleman Charge, C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his appointment again at Level Cross Sunday, December 12, and delivered a strong message on the parable of the talents. He gave us a new interpretation of this scripture, drawing some very plain word pictures about our duty as Christians and workers in the service of the Master. He will be with us again the fourth Sunday, December 26.

The first quarterly conference will be held here at Level Cross church at 2 o'clock, Saturday, December 18; hope to have a large attendance.

We are planning to have a Christmas tree and Christmas program and singing of carols December 24 at 7 o'clock. Everybody is invited. LEO V. CAUDLE, Reporter.

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Albemarle Church, C. G. Isley, Pastor, Dec. 13.—The Southeastern Christian Endeavor met with us last Sunday, December 3. Dinner was served picnic style, and was enjoyed by all.

We were very glad to have Lloyd Troxler, of Burlington, to join our church.

Mrs. James D. Gantt and Mrs. Hattie Isley are having charge of the Christmas program. A very interesting program is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gantt and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson have returned from a trip to

Florida. They visited many interesting places while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jasper Hatley announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris Elaine, to Robert Eugene Loy, of Burlington. The marriage will take place December 3 in the Methodist Protestant church in Albemarle.

Miss Doris Hatley spent several days in Winston-Salem last week with Miss Bessie Mae Burns.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor, Dec. 14.—Sunday evening, December 12, our pastor filled his second appointment since conference. His text was taken from St. Matthew 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

We are very glad indeed to have Mr. Madison with us again, and pray God's richest blessings upon him in his work this year.

Immediately after the service the women met for their monthly auxiliary meeting. Our auxiliary, which was organized in March, is a live organization. We have 15 members and the attendance is good at every meeting. We have had a meeting every month since we organized and have paid our apportionment for this branch year. We held our fall thank-offering service and plan to have one in February, too.

REPORTER.

Mt. Hermon Church, Creswell Circuit, Forest Wagoner, Pastor, Dec. 13.—Our new pastor since arriving on this work has preached four wonderful sermons at Mt. Hermon. He has added one service a month more to our church, it being the second Sunday night. He preached a wonderful message, using for his text Matthew 7:21. I am sure everyone enjoyed he sermon very much.

We are indeed glad to welcome Mr. Wagoner into our church and entire field of labor. It was hard for us to lose Mr. and Mrs. Easter as pastor, and we pray that in their new field they, too, may have a good year in the work which has been appointed unto them.

We are very sorry to report two of our members as being very ill, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Davenport; both are sick. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

We hope for all a very successful year in God's service. SUB-REPORTER.

Friendship, Mt. Hermon Charge, J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—I am sorry to report the death of one of our beloved friends and devoted church members, Mr. Judge Person Isley, aged 67, who died Friday night, December 10, at 11:30 p.m. He had been in declining health for years. Confined to his bed and rolling chair, in spite of his frailty of body he was faithful to his beloved church. He was not able to walk for years, but this didn't dampen his religion; many a time he came to church in his buggy, sat outside the window and listened to the sermon; then when this became impossible, two years ago, his devoted sons brought him in a rolling chair. I dare say no one in church got more out of a sermon, or was more cheerful than our friend. Even after he was confined to his bed it was a pleasure to visit him. Never have I paid him a visit but that I felt spiritually uplifted by his cheerfulness. He is survivd by his loving, helpful wife and nine children. May God bless and sustain them. Just two weeks prior to Mr. J. P. Isley's funeral his wife's sister, Miss Allred, was buried at Friendship.

Mrs. Knox Lamar's Intermediate girls, Edna Louise Isley, Alta Isley, Christine Graves, Ruth Lee Isley, and Annie Dee Isley are giving a Christmas pageant at the church. The pageant is written by our pastor's wife, Mrs. J. R. Anderson, who will help coach it.

Mrs. J. R. Anderson's sister, Miss Cuie, visited her a few weeks ago. We are always glad to see her and hope she will be back Christmas.

Circle No. 1 will meet with Mrs. Talton Allred Saturday afternoon, December 18, at 2:30 p.m. Circle No. 2 will meet with Mrs. W. D. Mansfield, December 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Preacher J. R. Anderson insists on all church members to be at Friendship Wednesday, December 15, at 2 o'clock, to hear the church crusade. Dr. R. M. Andrews will be in charge.

Quarterly conference members are all requested to attend quarterly conference at Mt. Hermon Saturday, December 18, at 7:30.

We have taken two special offerings—one for a needy family and one for the Children's Home.

MRS. W. D. MANSFIELD, Reporter.

First M. P. Church, Lexington, Rev. L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—Plans are being made for a Christmas entertainment and tree which will be held at the church Friday night, December 24, at 7 o'clock. We give a hearty welcome to everyone to attend this service. Rev. L. E. Mabry announced that he would deliver the Christmas sermon Sunday morning, December 19.

Last Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Mabry preached on the subject, "Christ's Challenge to Man." This was a very helpful message and was heard by a large congregation despite the cold weather.

Mrs. H. C. Koonts will entertain her Sunday school class at her home Friday night, December 17. Mrs. J. J. Mallard plans to give each of her Sunday school scholars a Christmas gift. REPORTER.

Hawkins Chapel, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, Dec. 12.—Fourth Sunday evening we were indeed glad to have Rev. W. F. Ashburn to preach for us. His text was from Isaiah 52:1. Not only did Brother Ashburn's sermon inspire people's souls, but also the way he sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer" it seemed to come from his heart.

Second Sunday morning Pastor Trolinger filled his appointment with a Christmas message.

Our pianist, Mrs. Baldy Green, as leader, and Mrs. Philip Hawkins and Miss Grace Pittard's classes are planning a Christmas program Thursday night, December 23. Come, folks; a Christmas tree, and Santa, too, is going to be there.

First quarterly conference will be held in Littleton church, Wednesday evening, December 15.

We will miss Rev. and Mrs. H. S. B. Thompson and family, as they are moving near Vaughn.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Trolinger were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hawkins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson announce the birth of a daughter, Vivian Louise, on November 23; also Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Isley, a daughter, who was born recently.

We sure have missed one of our members, Mrs. M. J. Morris, who has been in bed four weeks. We pray for her a speedy recovery.

Glad to say Miss Alvorado Faison's foot is better. Sorry Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Pittard have mumps in their home. Mrs. G. W. Morgan, who is not a member of our church but a friend of our congregation, fell and hurt herself last Wednesday.

Mr. J. D. Hawkins, Mrs. Squire Collum, Mrs. R. K. Hawkins, Mrs. George Green, and the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hawkins, are not on the well list.

We hope Mrs. Van Nethery has returned home from the Roanoke Rapids hospital.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Herald and its readers.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

Flat Rock Church, Flat Rock Charge, J. A. Burgess, Pastor.—In the absence of Mr. Burgess, who was called away to preach the funeral of Mr. Holmes, Bro. G. A. Middleton filled the Sunday afternoon appointment at Flat Rock.

We are very much pleased with the return of our pastor for this year's work. The service for the fourth Sunday in November took the form of an installation service for the officers who are to serve for this year.

A Thanksgiving offering of $7.10 was turned over to this reporter, and accompanied some belated gifts of produce, canned goods and clothing, part of the Harvest Home offering that arrived after the Children's Home truck collected here the week before Thanksgiving. Members from Palestine and Gideon's Grove as well as some of our own members, will be interested to know that Mr. Archie Dixon and his bride called early one morning and nearly filled their car with these additional gifts.

The Ladies' Aid society enjoyed the hospitality of the president, Mrs. W. E. Johnson, Saturday, December 11. After the usual routine of business, gifts were exchanged around a beautifully decorated Christmas tree on the table in the dining room. Delicious fruit cake and coffee were then served by the small daughters and nieces of the hostess. A large percentage of the membership was present. REPORTER.

Kannapolis, D. T. Huss, Pastor.—We were very happy to have had with us the past Sunday the president of our annual conference, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, who brought to us a very inspiring message. We wish to say it was indeed a pleasure to have Dr. Pritchard and we extend a very hearty welcome to him to visit us at any time. We had a very large number out to enjoy the message.

For our Christmas plans we are first going to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. We are going to present by request the same play that was given last year entitled, "Seeking for the Christ Child." This play was given in such a way that it brought tears to many eyes. This play consists of very talented players. Little Hazel Abernathy is the main character in the play, a ragged, pitiful little orphan who goes through the world, after her mother's passing, seeking for the Christ Child. Everyone scorns her, kicks her off the street. Hungry, shivering and ragged, she roams on, depending on the word of her dying mother that the Christ Child could be found. At the end of the play the ragged child, homeless and scorned by the passers-by, crumbles beneath the snow in front of an old church door, while the heavenly light pours down on her little, stiff, frozen form. With her weak little arms outstretched, she finds the Christ Child and departs this world. We wish everyone might see this play.

We have a new addition to our sick list, Miss Eunice Carter, who was stricken with a very bad attack of appendicitis and was rushed to Mooresville hospital for the operation, where she is doing very nicely. We wish her a speedy recovery, as she is a very good worker in her Sunday school and Christian Endeavor.

Miss Gaynell Price is still a patient in Western North Carolina Black Mountain sanatorium. Although it isn't the condition that requires her to stay so long, it is stated that she was run down and very weak, caused by pneumonia, and the doctor wants to build her up before sending her home. So we are expecting a very robust, rosy-cheeked girl when she returns home again.

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Love's Grove Church, Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—Mr. Cook filled his regular appointment Sunday morning at 10 o'clock with an inspiring sermon taken from the 13th chapter of St. John. His sermon as well as all the others have greatly blessed us, and we always look forward to the regular appointments of Brother Cook.

Our Auxiliary Circle No. 1 met last Friday night in the home of Mrs. Fred Burris with 12 members present. Our joint meeting will be held next Sunday, December 19, at the church. Everyone is urged to attend.

On next Saturday night there will be two short plays at Love's Grove church bearing the titles, "The Bible in the Home" and "Very Much Married." There will be a small admission fee of 5 and 10 cents. Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend. The proceeds will go to the church.

VIRGINIA SMITH, Reporter.

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Mebane, D. I. Garner, Pastor.—On Saturday night, November 20, the Woman's Auxiliary held its annual chicken pie supper. A nice sum of money was cleared, which will be applied to the budget. Plans have been made for the Christmas program. A white Christmas will be observed. There will be a tree and treats for the smaller children.

Misses Powell and Stone, of Thomasville, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Dewitte Pender and attended services.

Quite a number of our people attended the funeral of Rev. G. W. Holmes at Bethel M. P. church Sunday afternoon. He was our pastor at one time and we loved him. We realize that truly a great man has gone.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wyatte visited their daughter, Margaret, at Woman's College in Greensboro Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jobe celebrated their golden wedding anniversary December 6. They, with their children, are members of our church. This is quite a remarkable family—11 children all grown and all living, and 24 grandchildren. They have been active in the work of our church and the church is proud of their exemplary lives. An informal tea was given at their home. More than 100 friends called to congratulate and extend good wishes to them. Many useful gifts were left to remind them of the high esteem in which they are held by their friends and neighbors.

The Ladies' Aid meeting was held Monday afternoon of last week, with Mrs. George McCauley. A good crowd attended and the business was transacted harmoniously.

The Mebane Music Club gave a public program Sunday evening in the M. E. church. Each church was asked to contribute two selections. Our church was well represented by Mary Louise Cheek, who sang "O Season of the Christmas Time," and a duet by Marion and Annie June Foust, "Once Unto the Shepherds."

MRS. GEORGE WYATTE, Reporter.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Smith

Martha Alice Smith, the daughter of C. D. and Cynthia Hunter-Smith, was born August 19, 1863, and went to her eternal reward on November 11, 1937, having lived 74 years, 2 months and 22 days. Her passing was a great shock to everyone because of its suddenness.

She is survived by five sisters and two brothers: Sarah, who resides at the homeplace; Mrs. Mary L. Fields, R. 4, Greensboro; Mrs. John T. Greeson, R. 1, Julian; Mrs. Arthur Hackett, R. L, Pleasant Garden; Mrs. Hoyle Fields, R. 1, Sanford; C. A., of Pleasant Garden, R. 1, and R. A., of R. 4, Greensboro; also several nieces and nephews.

During her early girlhood Alice went to stay for a time with her grandfather. During that stay she joined Mt. Pleasant M. P. church. Upon her return home she moved her membership to this church, where she remained a member until her death. Due to ill health for several years, she has not been permitted to attend services, but she maintained an interest in her church until the end.

The funeral service was held at Tabernacle, Saturday, November 13, at 11 o'clock, conducted by the pastor. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Although her passing has left an aching void and she will be greatly missed by those nearest her, we say with the poet:

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ:
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

"The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease,
And life's long warfare closed at last,
Thy soul is found in peace."

EUGENE A. LAMB, Pastor.

Osburne

Mrs. Maggie Osburns was born July 10, 1877, died November 17, 1937. She was 60 years, four months and seven days old.

Mrs. Oburne was the wife of the late J. P. Osburne, who preceded her to the spirit world about five years; they lived happily together for 37 years.

She suffered much the last four years, and was almost helpless during this time; but she endured the pain with a Christian smile. The writer visited her much, and many times she spoke of being ready to go when the call was made, and when the call came she went peacefully.

She was converted early in life and united with the Philadelphia Baptist church in Stanley county, where she remained a member to the end.

Those surviving are two daughters and one son, Mrs. Florence Starnes, Miss Annie Osburne, and Ralph Osburne, all of Roberta; also two brothers and one sister, four grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Philadelphia Baptist church by Rev. Earl A. Cook. Interment was made in the church cemetery in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

EARL A. COOK.

Rogers

Mrs. Adeleade Self Rogers, wife of W. L. Rogers, was released from her sufferings on November 4, 1937, being 75 years old. For a long number of years she was a member of Sapling Ridge Methodist Protestant church, where the funeral was held on November 5. The pastor being away attending conference, Rev. Edd Harris conducted the service. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Rogers was a daughter of the late Hon. Alfred Self, who for a number of terms represented Chatham county in the North Carolina Legislature. Her husband and one son survive. She was also a sister to our good brothers A. A., I. E., and J. L. Self, and Miss Anne Virginia Self.

Why God permits some of His children to suffer so much we cannot understand. We are taught that in it all He has a purpose, and "all things work together for good to those who love the Lord." May grace be multiplied to those who feel the loss most keenly, and may God keep for His own service those who still remain.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Uncle William, taking his nephew for a motor-car ride, hearing an explosion in the immediate neighborhood, said, "Get out, Jimmy, and look at the tire. See if it is flat."

"It looks pretty good," said Jimmy, after a careful inspection. "It's flat only on the bottom side."—Ex.

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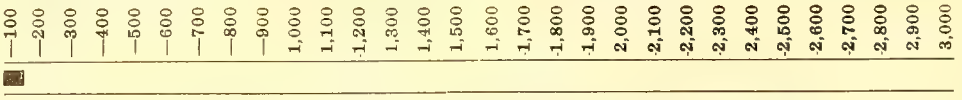

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Glenn Madison shows us how to do it. Fine to be an example like that. Even the burning down of one of his churches did not stop him. And I imagine the arrival of that fine baby girl only gave him more determination to work as if life depended upon it. Possibly he said, "Well, little girl, daddy is glad to see you, and as soon as I get that batch of subscriptions that I see the possibility of getting, will be back to look after you." Any how the girl is fine, getting along all right, all these things happening did not stop him from sending in the biggest amount last week.

But look out folks! A new actor has appeared on the scene. The way of Kernersville charge only lacked one of being up with the leader last week. My! Way, that is fine for you and your new charge, just keep going strong. We would like to see you and your charge coming out early this year. Suppose you have a "coming out party" right away.

Kistler's Union paid up their subsidy. Another Cleveland achievement. Can't you tell where an effort is made along this line? Oak Grove, another Cleveland charge church, has made a payment on theirs. All this looks good to a fellow who did not come from Cleveland but got his better two-thirds there. Fine people, of course, a pastor who is on the job. Come on fellows, let's not let him get ahead of all of us.

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We are working to reach every state with an M. P. conference, booklets are now in ten of them. With your help we can make this a success, we are looking to you for co-operation.

Our letter last week should have read, "Denton is first church to send in check for 25 copies."

MABEL W. RUSSELL.

1011 Lindsay St., High Point, N. C.

We are sorry this came to us too late for publication last week.—Editor.

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TO THE PEOPLE OF FLAT ROCK CHARGE

First quarterly conference is to be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock before the third Sunday in December. All members are urged to be present.

J. A. BURGESS.

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Christmas

Let us pause long enough this Christmas season to grasp more fully the meaning of Christ's coming. To understand it, let us take from our social relations all those values which Christianity has contributed. Let us try to set up a government with an utter disregard for all the changes in legal procedures which have come into being because of Christ's spirit. Let us separate from our material progress those things which have come through the skill and gifts of men who did what they did because they were Christian. Having done this, then take a brief survey of our country and its population with every evidence of Christianity removed from it and see what remains.

Jesus is the great Unifyer of the human family. In His birth He touched the high and the lowly. The Shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night, knew that He had come, for “lo the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them.” Wise Men in far countries heard of His coming and they came from the East to Jerusalem, saying “Where is He that is born king of the Jews?” And Herod, the king, when he heard of it, “was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.” Even as a babe Jesus was recognized by the small and the great; the ignorant and the learned. And none ever glorified the highways of Galilee as did Jesus. None ever rebuked the storm tossed waves of Tiberias and was obeyed like Jesus. The blind, the dumb, the deaf, the lame, the diseased found in Him a friend and a mighty Physician. His fame has spread throughout the world. His words and his life have become the standard by which men judge a good life today. We date our documents by the date of His birth (in the year of our Lord). Jesus never wrote a book but His name is in possibly every book in our country. Jesus never built a Church but men have dedicated millions of them to His service and glory. Jesus never built a hospital but the healing of His seamless robe is by every bed of pain. By His presence our Lord endeared places and enriched human experiences. Galilee, a small body of water, is better loved than the mighty Pacific because of Him. The River Jordan, with its shoals and shallows, holds a dearer place in our memories than the father of waters of the great Amazon, because Jesus went down into it in His consecration service upon earth. The simple bridegroom coming at the hour of midnight for his bride is made to prefigure the coming of our Lord. The coin, the trader; the lily, the florist; the sheep, the shepherd; the seed, the farmer; the ox in the ditch, the cattleman; the prodigal son, the parents; the talents, the teacher and pupil; His ministry of healing, the physician; His gracious words, the preacher; His presence at the open grave, the house of sorrow. Yes, Jesus has touched human nature on all its sides; He has made a place for Himself in every human experience. He belongs to us here and He has prepared a place for us hereafter. He has promised to return to bless man; to make all things new, and claim His own.

And,

“Lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years
Comes round the age of gold.
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole earth send back the song,
Which now the angels sing.”

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

Rev. Charles Sharpe, Jr., Appointed Pastor Shady Grove

After conferring with the Shady Grove Church I am appointing Rev. Charles Sharpe, Jr., as their pastor. Brother Sharpe recently was licensed to preach by the quarterly conference of Moriah Church. He is a talented young man and has had two years at Guilford College, although he is not in school at present. It is expected that he will devote two Sundays each month to this Church.

The Vance Charge Quarterly Conference

The first quarterly conference of the Vance charge was held at Spring Valley Church on Friday evening of last week. The program of the evening began with a supper served picnic style in the social room of the Church. A fine group of people partook of the feast and there was plenty left. After this the women went into the Church auditorium for a meeting of the Auxiliaries on the charge. As I was unable to be with them I shall not comment on their program. But while the women were holding their meeting the quarterly conference was in session in the social room of the Church. The pastor, Rev. J. D. Cranford, who is beginning his fourth year on the charge, had a good report and a good program. He reported having received five members into the churches since the adjournment of the Annual Conference. He also reported substantial payments on salary. His recommendations showed a very progressive spirit, among these being that the Annual Conference budget be accepted in full and that steps be taken to raise it, that a certain per cent of the World Service budget be accepted and raised, that the Fellowship Crusade be endorsed and that special emphasis this year be put on saving the lost. All of these recommendations were heartily endorsed. Brother Cranford is popular with his people and I am sure they will have a good year.

The Randleman Quarterly Conference

The quarterly conference for the Randleman charge was held at Level Cross Church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. C. L. Spencer, is beginning his first year on this charge. A goodly number of officials answered to the roll call, all of the churches being represented. This charge consists of four churches, namely: Level Cross, New Salem, Mt. Lebanon in Randleman, and Worthville. Brother Spencer moved to the charge immediately after Conference and already has made a good beginning. His recommendations had the forward look and the most of them were accepted readily. While he gave due consideration to the finances, he also stressed the spiritual side of the Church work. If his program should be carried out to completion no phase of the work will suffer this year. While the officials realized that Brother Spencer was not being promised as much salary as he had been receiving for the past several years, they did not feel that they were able to increase it at this time. But they did agree to pay the water, light and telephone bills of the pastor, realizing that this would help some.

Brother Spencer is a hard worker and for a number of years has been one of our most successful rural pastors. He is always enthusiastic about subscriptions for the Church paper and he did not neglect this side of the work in the quarterly conference. My prediction is that the subscriptions will be coming in from Randleman charge this year.

A Sunday on West Forsyth

Last Sunday was spent on West Forsyth charge, there being three appointments, Pleasant Hill at 11 o'clock; Tabernacle at 2:30 o'clock, and Harmony Grove at 7:15 o'clock. On arriving at Pleasant Hill I was told that the pastor, Rev. G. B. Ferree was sick in bed with a deep cold and would not be able to attend any of the services during the day. The services at Pleasant Hill were not largely attended but those who were there were interested. This Church is located on a hill overlooking the surrounding community for several miles. The auditorium is ample, although Sunday School rooms would be very serviceable.

The visit to Tabernacle in the afternoon was my first for this place. Here we had a reasonably good attendance and I was impressed with the spirit of the people. An occasional "Amen" seemed to make it even easier to preach. I am sure that some of the "salt of the earth" must worship here. Harmony Grove is another one of our churches that I had not seen before. Here I was greatly pleased. The Church here has been rebuilt during the past two years. It consists of a nice auditorium and several Sunday School rooms. Some of the rooms are not yet finished and when they are finished this Church is going to be in good condition to render service to the community. The congregation here was by far the largest of the day, the auditorium being well filled. It was a good congregation to preach to and I shall be glad to visit them again.

This is Brother Ferree's fourth year on this charge and he seems to be held in high esteem by the people. While he was not able to be in services he was able to receive company at home and we enjoyed the time between services with him and his family.

Early in the evening we ran in for a few minutes to see Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petree, two of those noble souls whose bodies have grown a little too frail for them to attend Church. But they still love the Church and love the Church paper. These are the parents of Mrs. C. H. Smith, of our First Church in Winston-Salem.

Children's Home History

I am calling your attention to the history of our Children's Home by Mrs. Mabel Williams Russell, of High Point. This gives a lot of information about the home and it sells for only 35c. Do not fail to get a copy.

Annual Conference Expenses Called For

Our Conference calendar calls for paying Annual Conference Expenses during January and February. Those who

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Message in Verse

"For one brief starry night let us forget
The clamor of the world, our loss, our fear,
And let us light the candles in our souls,
This one night of the year."

—*Grace Noll Crowell..*

The Editor's Christmas Wishes

1. That all of our correspondents will put enough postage on their letters to reach us. To fail, delays delivery and costs us beside.

2. That you will send all your communications to the Herald to P. O. Box 1817, High Point. Forget that you ever sent a letter to 1950, Greensboro.

3. That you write us the Church news of your Church in as brief paragraphs as possible. Our people want the Church news, we want to print it, but our space is limited and often overrun.

4. That all of our readers shall have the merriest Christmas and the most prosperous New Year. Here's to your health and happiness, every one of you.

"They That Are Led by the Spirit of God"

Human nature can march under two banners. The leadership of the flesh and the leadership of the Spirit. You can never forcast the future of any life, by even the remotest guess, until it has chosen the standard under which it will march.

When Simon came to Jesus, Jesus said to him, "Thou art Simon, but thou shall be called Cephas." You are now fickle, Simon, but you shall become firm. You are now much under the influence of the flesh, but you shall enlist fully under the Banner of the Cross. Now you are unknown to the world—just a few neighbors know your name; but you shall be known and revered by millions yet unborn, as a stalwart leader and defender of the faith. Jesus knew what was in Simon, He knew full well what sort of personality Simon's would be when fully devoted to spiritual things. So Jesus calls this untutored fisherman to become his disciples saying, I will make you to catch men. Simon's name is changed because his personality was changed. He is now Simon Peter because what had happened to him.

And so Simon Peter's life becomes prophetic of any life's conquest when marching under the standard of Jesus Christ.

Take such reborn men as Jacob, or Simon, or Saul of Tarsus, whose names were changed because their personalities were transformed. What a record they made in good deeds by kindly living. And there is William Carey, the shoe-cobbler, a man known only to a few neighbors in England, he gives himself unstintedly to the services of God. Goes to India, almost unaided, as a missionary. He stands at the head of the roll of honor in modern missions today. And there is David Livingstone, the factory boy who walked back and forth before a spinning frame in a factory studying his Latin grammar, known today as Africa's greatest benefactor. Moody, the shoe salesman, who never completed the high school course, preaching the gospel with such power on two continents that today we call him the greatest modern evangelist. What happened to those men which made them different from their fellows? They just gave themselves unstintedly to the cause of Christ. They marched wholeheartedly under the banner of Jesus Christ. They were as determined to conquer the kingdom of Satan as was Genghis Khan to conquer the kingdoms of this world by the arbitrament of arms—slaughter, rapine, destruction. "They that are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God." "If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creation." "Is transformed by the renewing of the mind" thereby "proves what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

More Crusaders

Pastors Burgess, J. L. Love, Harkey; these brethren join the long list of pastors and others who volunteered their cooperation. Meetings have been held in the following Districts: first, second, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, fourteenth, and fifteenth. In all these we have the pledged support of the pastors and of many of the laity.

A Suggestion to Pastors

Appoint at least three or as many as five members of each Church to compose the Fellowship Crusade Committee in that Church. And bring one or two of them with you to the Central Meeting at High Point College January 3. They can render most valuable service when you put on the Crusade.

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Have you notified R. M. Andrews, High Point, that you will attend the luncheon at High Point College, January 3? If you are coming, let us know by the 29th instant, please.

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No Herald next week.

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All journeys must some time end; all accounts must sometime be settled. The greater the speed and the more sin one accumulates to his account the harder it will be to reform and the more certain he will not be able to escape punishment.—*Annual Lesson Commentary.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Durkheim's Law of Suicide

The class in sociology ran across what is known as Durkheim's law of suicide which states that the suicide rate varies inversely with the degree of integration in social groups. In plainer words this means that people are more likely to turn to despair and self-destruction when lonely. As the happiness of natural, wholesome associations runs high suicide runs low; when, however, this congenial association runs low the suicide rate runs high.

Numerous conditions exist by which to illustrate the principle. Men with families, for instance, seldom turn to self-destruction. In the nature of the case they direct their thoughts outward toward others, their own children, whereas the bachelors or men without offspring more naturally ponder on their own inner, subjective problems. The lonely mind is not a healthy mind. It is not good for man to live alone, we read, and contemporary life proves it. And so the presence of others intimately associated in the group—well integrated, as Durkheim puts it—serves to objectify the mind and steady it. The man with thirteen children has thirteen reasons for living. And these "reasons" absorb his thoughts that might otherwise mystify, deaden, and burden his own soul.

It is likewise known that Jews and Catholics seldom commit suicide. They enjoy a more clannish, integrated, hang-together, social life than do Protestants. The latter are too general, too free and separate to realize the high level of we-feeling which marks the former groups. There is not enough "sense of belonging" among Protestants.

Furthermore we note the rise of suicides with panics and financial reversals. This is due largely to the fact that money, once the mainstay of social support, when taken away lets the person drop from his regular associates, bringing a terrible loneliness. Group kinship is broken and with the shock the man is forced into a new social relationship for which he is not prepared. The contrast is what hurts, and the bitter loss of former chums is more than one can bear.

It may be said, too, that the talkative, boastful, bold type of person usually stands up well against pessimism and gloom. He is what psychologists call *extravertic* personality. He is not given to serious meditation, and consequently frees himself from much subjective worry. Such a person makes friends easily, lives outside of himself, always sees something to be interested in, and escapes the dangerous poison of pensive moods. He has a habit of going with the crowd, gets a "kick" out of everything he does, and never allows life to "get him down." This much, then, may be said to the credit of the egoist.

On the practical side of this psychological phenomenon we might suggest the wisdom of building up many interests in life. The person who has many things in which to be interested finds living much broader and full of zest. The person with just one objective has nothing to which to turn in case that one interest is thwarted, but he who has many fields of appreciation is prepared to gather joy and happiness from these sources when some one particular interest breaks down. Acquaintance with music, good reading, stars or flowers, has saved many a man from gloom and emptiness as life moves on. He who has the most reaons for living is most likely to be saved from that loneliness which threatens the one-interested mind. Try, therefore, to cultivate a friendliness with many areas of life. Learn to feel at home in the world. There is always so much in this marvelous world to be fascinated over that no one, it would seem, need tire of the mysteries around us abounding.

We must also deliberately plan for pleasant social relationships. Friends are to be cultivated. He who finds himself surrounded by numerous kindred spirits who blend with him their thoughts and feelings has little time for darksome brooding. Intimate association is a good insurance policy against suicide.

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CHRISTIAN CONSECRATION

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, December 26, 1937

By J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 1:16-20; Philippians 1.

Golden Text—"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21.

The Church at Philippi is considered the first European Church established by Paul. The Christians there were among his oldest and truest friends. They were the ones who stood by him and supported him to the very last of his missionary activity. In this letter Paul expresses his pleasure in, his thankfulness and prayer for them. At the same time, writing from a Roman prison and discussing the handicap thereof, he reveals a bit of the secret of his own great life. For the greatest appreciation of this masterful piece of literature the Goodspeed-Smith or the Moffatt translation should be read.

The printed part of this lesson has to do primarily with Paul's own attitude toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. Though he says little about Christian consecration he reveals himself as a supreme example of what real consecration is. Here is to be found a splendid example of the text of another writing: "This one thing I do." The climax of his message is found in the eighteenth verse as translated by Goodspeed: "But what difference does it make? All that matters is that, in one way or another, from false motives or honest ones, Christ is being made known; I am glad of that." No, it matters not, though he is in bonds and forced to testify of Christ in pagan surroundings, though many who are jealous of him are now preaching out of envy and strife, though he may disagree with some in *denominational* particulars, he is willing to endure all things that the gospel of Jesus Christ may be preached to the world. What an example of the power to lay aside small doctrinal quibbles in an effort to put first things first, the preaching of Christ. He is even willing to continue to live, though to die and be with Christ would be far better, if such will mean the furtherance of the Christian gospel.

Also in this lesson we find a beautiful example of the power to be Christian in spite of adverse circumstances. Whatever else you may say of this old apostle he was not simply a fair weather Christian. To hold fast the faith in spite of ridicule and imprisonment is not and was not an easy thing. In closing this letter to the Philippians Paul speaks of the saints ''that are of Caesar's household.'' As Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick has suggested in his sermon, Christians in spite of everything, that was a strange place indeed in which to try to be Christian. Noble is the appeal that goes out from day to day for the rebuilding and Christianization of our social order; but shallow is the contention that it is impossible to be Christian in a world such as we now have. We live in a world where conscience is threatened by the spirit of nationalism; we live in a world which has gone mad over vulgar amusements; a world where poverty and want are extant; and behind these excuses we try to defend our own degeneracy. But what about Nero's court? Of all the vulgarity, greed and cruelty the world has ever known it was surely to be found there. We twentieth century Christians who try to fit our morality into the moulds of so-called respectability look like modern sissies in comparison with Paul and his fellow Christians in Caesar's household. To pray, ''Thy Kingdom come on earth'' is the duty of every Christian, but to wait until that kingdom does come before we answer the challenge of the Gallilean Master, ''Follow me,'' is simply a sign that we are moral weaklings, unworthy of Him whom we profess, and unworthy to be classed with those who dared to suffer imprisonment and death for their faith. The man who has no religion worth dying for has no religion worth living or dying by. It is time we come to realize the truth that semi-religion is no religion at all.

Interesting also is it to note that Paul considered his imprisonment a blessing rather than a curse: ''Now I want to assure you, brothers, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in furthering the preaching of the good news.'' (verse 12.) When Paul was arrested of course his friends considered it a great blow to the young Christian cause. Some might have considered that the beginning of the end. But in Paul we see the marvelous power of a consecrated life to take adverse circumstances and turn them into blessings. This occasion gave Paul a chance to testify of Christ to governors and rulers and at the same time it spurred his friends on to greater zeal. Probably Paul did more in a few years of imprisonment to preach Christ to the members of Caesar's court than could have been done in a century otherwise. To me nothing is more marvelous than the power of human life to rise above circumstances when it is fully determined to do so.

At the same time, however, we cannot say that this power of human life to rise above circumstances when it is fully determined to do so.

At the same time, however, we cannot say that this power lies entirely with man. Maybe the hand of God is to be seen in these circumstances also. The efforts of Nero to destroy the early Church seem to have have been one thing that gave the Church so much vitality. God seems to use sometimes even the stupidity and waywardness of men to His Own Glory. Surely He does support the right. As Christ said to the fishermen by the seaside, if you will follow me, consecrate yourself to My cause, ''I will *make* you fishers of men.'' Even our weakness He can consecrate to His Own Glory. We often say that God depends upon men to do His work on earth. Of course He does in one sense of the word, but I am convinced that such is not entirely true. The Christian Church is more than a human institution. If it were not it would long since have been destroyed by the stupidity and self-seeking of us human beings. The truth and righteousness of God sometimes seems to move on depite men rather than by their help.

NO CRUSADE WITHOUT DIVINE AID

The purpose of this article is to magnify the spiritual ends to be attained in the Fellowship Crusade, and endeavor to make some practical suggestions as to how pastor and leader may stimulate interest in the four-point goal of the Evangelistic phase of the Crusade, namely:

1. Daily reading of the Bible.

2. Making the Crusade a matter of frequent prayer.

3. The rededication of my life to a fuller service of Jesus Christ.

4. An increased loyalty to the Church by regular Church attendance and support.

1. As to the first point, namely, ''The Reading of the Bible,'' I would suggest that pastors and leaders use ''My Reading Record'' put out by the American Bible Society, Richmond, Va. This Reading Record gives the number of each chapter in the Bible and may be had I think in quantities with little or no cost. Every person who promises to read the Bible daily should be given one of these ''records,'' suggesting that he write his name on it. When a chapter is read mark it and at the end of the campaign the pastor should have these Records turned in so that the sum total of chapters read may be kept by him. As another suggestion in case the ''My Reading Record'' is not secured, I would advise the use of the Upper Room and when a Daily Devotion is read that it be checked and a record be kept of it in a similar way to the above.

2. Frequent prayer. And here I feel that we must be very careful or otherwise little praying is apt to be done. Certainly a list of those who promise to pray ought to be kept. And it would not be out of place to make a check on this ''praying-campaign.'' For here we expect to tap resources which we stand badly in need of if this Crusade is to accomplish the results which we have anticipated. May I emphasize that there can not be any real Crusade without Divine Aid. Pastors and leaders can help their people to be specific in their praying by clearly stating the objectives of the Crusade. To make a poster of these objectives and place it in the Church would not be a bad idea.

3. The Rededication of Life. Here I presume pastors will want to use largely their own methods. But as to time we certainly will want to make this effort around Easter, some pastors prefer the week following Easter. As in the case of the evangelistic campaign (strictly speaking). To assist in

the campaign for the dedication of life and as an aid in keeping a record I would suggest the use of a card with the following items on it:

I am not a member of the Church. I accept Christ as my personal Saviour.

I am a member of the Church elsewhere. I wish to unite with this Church.

I am a member of the Church, but I now propose to live more completely for the glory of Christ and the good of His Church. Name................Address..............

4. lastly the matter of Church loyalty: To me this is the most important phase of our evangelistic campaign. This campaign certainly should preceed any effort for rededication of life. In fact it should have the first emphasis. For unless we get our folks to Church we cannot do the other. In this respect I would suggest wherever pastor has access to a mimeograph that a letter be sent to the members of the Church magnifying the importance of Church attendance and calling on the members of the Church to co-operate. Where this cannot be done the pastor or leader can make announcement from the pulpit as to his desires in this respect.

As to the other part of point four, namely, ''Financial support,'' I would suggest that the pastor start an honor roll of all those who contrbiute regularly. This roll should be read or printed every month or so.

In any case we want to remember that this Fellowship Crusade officially ends June 30 and that our goals should include this date and not beyond it. Also we want to remember that a record is to be kept and the same to be reported to Dr. Andrews, the Director of the Fellowship Crusade.

In closing may I emphasize the importance of this phase of the Fellowship Crusade and say with as much fervor as possible that if we succeed here we cannot fail in the Fellowship Crusade!

But again less we forget there cannot be any real Fellowship Crusade without Divine Aid.

J. Clyde Auman,
A Member of the Committee.

CONFERENCES ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Places and Dates—Henderson, January 11; Grace, Greensboro, January 12; and Concord, January 13.

Purpose—It is the purpose of the committee in planning these conferences to consider the total program of Christian Education of our Church including both the institutional and local Church programs.

The Program—In the morning there will be a worship service followed by a sermon on the subject, ''Go Teach,'' by Dr. J. E. Pritchard, which will in turn be followed by a presentation of the interests of High Point College. In the afternoon there will be separate conferences on Christian Education of Children, Youth, and Adults. At night there will be a program of an inspirational nature.

And Note—These conferences are for all of the Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and other educational workers in the entire North Carolina Conference. Please plan to be present. T. J. Whitehead.

A STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

(Concerning adherence to the Methodist Protestant Church of Annual Conferences and of Churches, in relation to Methodist Union, Involving the Question of property rights.)

At the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church, Baltimore, Md., November 30, 1937, the following question was brought to the attention of the Committee and a ruling thereon was requested:

Question. Has an Annual Conference or a local Church of the Methodist Protestant Church the legal right to remain out of and apart from Methodist Union, if and when consummated, thereby retaining Church properties and other valued interests?

Answer. The Methodist Protestant Church, by the required affirmative vote according to the constitution of the Methodist Protestant Church, has already ratified the Plan of Union for the consolidation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church; that notice to this effect was published in the official paper of the denomination, the *Methodist Protestant-Recorder,* as of November 27, 1936; and that therefore, all Annual Conferences, their subsidiary organizations and the churches of these conferences are bound by that ratification if and when consummated by the approval of the other two Methodisms; that no Annual Conference or local Church can be absolved, or made exempt or in any way excused from adherence to the provisions and implications of the Plan of Union, including property rights therefore belonging to the Methodist Protestant Church.

And upon mature investigation and competent legal advice this committee further declares that the Methodist Protestant Church, including its name (if and when Union is concummated) will be merged into and will become a part of the new (Methodist) Church, and that no other body or group (after said Union is consummated) shall have the right to adopt or to make use of the name, ''Methodist Protestant Church.''

The President's Letter

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can pay the first of January will be conferring a favor on the Conference. Send it along to Treasurer Allen.

Appointments

January 2—Danville, 11 a. m.
January 5—Rankin Memorial quarterly conference, 7:30 p. m.
January 30—Chestnut Ridge, Orange Charge, 11 a. m., with quarterly conference in afternoon.

A Happy Christmas to Everyone

May the Christ who came as a little child dwell richly in in your hearts. J. E. Pritchard.

Meditation. It is thy duty oftentimes to do what thou wouldst not; thy duty, too, to leave undone what thou wouldst do.—*Thomas A. Kempis in Methodist Protestant-Recorder.*

OUR STORY PAGE

THE LITTLEST TREASURE

She was the little treasure, a girl, and she wished she were a boy, then they might call her the big treasure.

Then her father would have a manchild to go with him to the ancestral graves and to kneel with him before the ancestral tablets in the house for those rites which only men or men-children could offer, and he would have someone who, as he grew older, would help him with the Enemy—who had been his friend and who lived not far away.

The Littlest Treasure shivered within herself as she thought. She seemed to be able to remember that very first breath and her very first wail when the woman nurse held her at the door to those clustered there and said sadly, if tenderly, "The Little Treasure." She never knew how early it was that she had learned that her birth-coming had been hard upon her mother, that there would be no sisters or brothers; and that her father grew poor because of his Enemy.

The little treasure, as she began to understand, went quiet and mouselike and she was so tiny that they called her The Littlest Treasure. She only felt big when she played she was a boy or when she recited after her father the sayings of the sages which hung upon his walls, "Be kind to the stranger from afar," her father would chant. "Be kind to the stranger from afar," would come her high sing-song, for this was one of the sayings she loved best.

"Would you were a boy," her father would sigh. Littlest Treasure's heart went cold as a winter's day when he said it. She played but the oftener that she was a boy.

As a boy she walked boldly one day through the open gate of the Enemy's compound, but as a girl she flew down the flower path after a butterfly; and as a girl she hid her face against the embroidered coat of the man she ran into. She looked up, trembling. It was the Enemy. "Be—be kind to the stranger from afar," she sobbed. She felt a hand touch her head and peeped up at him. "The way of gods is to bless and not injure," she repeated more steadily.

"But you—there is con-controversy between you and my father."

"'When friends fall out, strangers are able to take advantage of them.' I have just found out what has been done."

Littlest Treasure could not understand, but she could plead, as only a girl-child might. "Why are you against him? He is unhappy. It is me . . . and you. I am a little treasure, I cannot make myself into a boy. But you, you might be his friend."

"When babes speak wisdom it is time to heed," said the Enemy softly. "I will go with you to see you safe and to speak with your honorable father." And then the Littlest Treasure was proud as any big treasure could ever be, for the Enemy was looking down upon her kindly and was saying the other word of the sages she liked best. It was:

"All men within the four seas are brothers." — *Lucy Meacham Thruston.*

THE TREE FAIRIES

After the big rainstorm there came a drought. No rain fell for many weeks. The corn in the meadows dried up before it ripened. The berry bushes had no fruit on them. Even the leaves dried on the trees and dropped to the ground.

There was not much food these days. The children always had a bowl of porridge and a piece of johnny-cake, for the mothers had saved corn meal from the year before; but not a crumb was wasted.

One day, when the children were playing beside the river, which was then very narrow, an old, old person appeared on the other side of the stream. Little Wild Rose spied her first. "Here comes an old, old grandma," she said softly.

"She is all bent over," said Johnny Jumpup.

"Her face looks like a dried apple," said Daisy.

"And she is lame so she has to use a stick to lean on," said Fern.

"Her head is shaking," said Primrose.

Pebbles picked up a stone and skipped it over the river. He threw in another stone, which went kersplash! close to the old lady. She stopped suddenly and looked at the children. In the silence the children looked back at her. She was older than any person they had ever seen, and she seemed very tired. Buttercup heard a little voice from the treetop, "Be kind to her, children." She looked up at the trees and then at the old lady, and so did all the other children of Green Spruce Village. And as they looked, their hearts were filled with pity.

Pebbles and Rocky leaped across the river on stepping stones. They approached the old grandmother and helped her carefully across the stream while the other children skipped along beside them. Thus they brought her to their homes. She was very hungry, for she had walked a long way to get a little meal to make some porridge. The parents hesitated about giving the old grandmother more than one meal of food. "If we give our corn meal away, perhaps our children will not have enough to eat," they said.

But the children protested: "The old grandma is hungry. Please give her some meal to take home with her." So, in the end, the grandmother was given a bag of meal and Pebbles and Rocky carried it to her little cottage for her.

A few weeks after this Buttercup did not fall asleep one night as quickly as usual. She kept thinking of the old grandmother and wondering what she would do when she had used all her corn meal. The night was very quiet, and Buttercup thought she could hear the tree fairies talking. While she was trying to understand what they were saying, she fell asleep. In the morning it came to her what the tree fairies had told her the night before. They had given her an idea, and she decided she would keep it a secret, which she would share only with the other children.

After breakfast all the children gathered together under the shade of a big oak tree. Their eyes grew big and bright when Buttercup told them her secret.

Instead eating supper in their homes that evening, the children asked permission to take their suppers outdoors for a picnic. So big pieces of johnny-cake or corn meal spread with wild honey were put into little birch baskets to carry to the woods to eat. The children didn't stop near the river to play. No, indeed, they crossed the river on stepping-stones and went far, quite far into the forest.

It was almost dark when they reached home with empty baskets, and they were so tired that they tumbled into bed and were soon fast asleep.

The next afternoon they asked to take their supper out again, and the next day, and the next. The parents wondered about so many picnics, but the children seemed so happy about it that no objection was made to their plans.

One hot afternoon the children started out on their usual picnic, but after they had crossed the narrow river they stopped to gather sassafra bark. They did not notice the big, black clouds gathering in the sky until a deep clap of thunder startled them. ''We must run,'' said Buttercup, ''or we shall get soaking wet.'' Over the pine needles the children sped to get shelter before the storm broke upon the parched land.

Meanwhile the mothers were watching the darkening sky with anxious eyes. When the fathers came home, they assured the mothers that the children would return when it rained—but they did not return.

The storm broke, and it rained as it never had rained before in Green Spruce Village. The fathers put on their rubber boots and heavy coats and hastened out to look through the forest for their missing children. They waded through the swelling river and looked hither and thither under the big, branching trees. The thunder lessened a bit and they called loudly, and a big horn was blown so the children might know that some one was coming for them. As the rain slackened, it began to get dark; then Buttercup's father saw a dim light through the trees.

''I believe that is where the old grandmother lives,'' he said. ''We will stop and ask her if she has seen anything of our children passing by here.'' He rapped loudly on the door and the door burst open, and there were all the children of Green Spruce Village safe and sound. In their midst was the old grandmother telling them a story. The empty birch-bark baskets were set neatly in a row on a little table against the wall.

The fathers understood the secret now. The children had held a picnic every day with the old, old grandmother so that she would have enough to eat.

There was great rejoicing in all the little homes of Green Spruce Village that night, and the fathers promised the children that the old grandmother should have plenty of corn meal and wild honey to go with it for the rest of her life.

The next morning the children flew outdoors like happy birds. They ran barefooted through all the puddles and then sat down on a log to rest.

''The tree fairies must have got wet last night,'' said Pebbles.

''Oh, no,'' answered Buttercup. ''They just crept under a big leaf and were warm and dry.''

''Are you sure that it was the tree fairies who told you that it would be nice to share our picnic with the old grandmother?'' Pebbles asked.

''Well,'' said Buttercup, ''I told my mother about the tree fairies' whispering into my ear and she said—''

''What did she say?'' asked Rocky.

''My mother said there are fairies named Kind Thoughts who whisper into our ears and they will only come to us when we listen for them.''

''You must have listened,'' said Pebbles, ''for I did not hear anything. It is fun, anyway. We'll do it again.''

''Do it again,'' shouted Johnny Jump-up, right in the midst of a double somersault.

''We'll do it again,'' shouted all the children as they ran off, looking for new treasures in the woods.—*Zion's Herald.*

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

I. Thou shalt not leave ''Christ'' out of Christmas, making it ''Xmas,'' for this is the sign that thou art lazy minded and spiritually listless. To most minds ''X'' stands not for Christ, but for the algebraic unknown.

II. Thou shalt not value thy gifts by their cost, for verily many shall signify love that is more blessed and beautiful than silver and gold.

III. Thou shalt give thyself with thy gifts. Thy love, thy personality and thy service shall increase the value of thy gift an hundred fold and he that receiveth it shall treasure it forever.

IV. Thou shalt not let Santa Claus take the place of Christ. In many homes Santa Claus supersedes the Christ Child and and Christmas becomes a fairy tale rather than a sublime realtiy in the spiritual realm.

V. Thou shalt not burden thy servant, the shop girl, the mail carrier and the merchant should have thy consideration.

VI. Thou shalt not neglect thy Church. Its Christmas services are planned to help spiritualize the Christmas season for thee, thy child and thy household.

VII. Thou shall not neglect the needy. Let thy bountiful blessings be shared with the many who will go hungry and shiver with cold unless thou art generous in their time of want.

VIII. Thou shalt be as a little child. Christmas is the day of the Christ Child; not until thou hast become in spirit even as a little child art thou ready to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

IX. Thou shalt prepare thy soul for Christmas. For verily most of us spend much time and money getting gifts ready, but few seconds in preparing our souls.

X. Thou shalt give thy heart to Christ. Let thy Christmas list have Christ at the top and thy heart as the gift. For in so doing thou art as the Wise Men of old, and verily thou shalt find thyself born again on Christmas Day.—*Author Unknown.*

Prayer: Thou, O God, dost move in mysterious ways in all ages and among all nations of men. Lord, strengthen our faith! As we read history wilt Thou give us the spiritual understanding that will lead us to wise judgments as to Thy holy purposes relentlessly working themselves out in spite of the baffling conduct and controversies of men. We thank Thee that in ages past Thou didst choose a people and set within their natures qualities of a holy faith in the one living and true God.—*W. C. Covert in Methodist Protestant-Recorder.*

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Wesley's Chapel, Greensville, T. O.	$ 2.50
Liberty S. S.	5.00
Browers' Chapel S. S., Richland	4.13
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The Jewels (a S. S. class) Christ Ch., Baltimore, C. O.	1.00
The Two Missionary societies, Canton, Ill., C. O.	3.50
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Shiloh S. S., Randolph	2.50
Brown Summit S. S.	.89
Two Friends, Hillsboro, supporting child	200.00
First Church, Burlington, T. O.	100.00
Little Girls' S. S. class, Turtle Creek, Pa., C. O.	3.17
M. P. S. S., Turtle Creek, Pa., C. O.	5.00
Mt. Moriah, Cleveland, T. O.	4.84
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Rev. J. F. Wooden, a Superannuate, Westminster, Md., C. O.	1.00
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Rockville Center, Oceanside, N. J., C.O.	5.55
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Carrolton S. S., Findly, Ind., C.O.	6.31
Pleasant Bethel S. S., Worthington, Ind., C. O.	2.75
New Hope S. S., Why Not	3.00
Giles' Chapel S. S., Richland	3.50
A Friend, N. Tarrytown, N. Y., C. O.	5.00
The Dorcas class, Calvary Ch., Uniontown, Pa., C. O.	7.25
Circle No. 1, Woman's Aux., Washington, Pa., C. O.	5.00
M. P. S. S., Chopin, Ill., C. O.	10.00
The Friendly Circle, 2nd M. P. Ch., Pittsburgh, Pa., C. O.	25.00
Creswell S. S., Creswell, T. O.	6.00
Union Grove, regular and T. O.	12.20
Mt. Pleasant C. E. Soc., Goodells, Mich., C. O.	5.00
The Junior S. S. class, Ionia, Mo., C.O.	1.50
A Friend, Baltimore, Md., C. O.	1.00
Lebanon S. S., High Point	8.17
The Ladies' Bible class, Wyoming, Ill., C. O.	3.00
Mrs. J. E. Deviney, Greensboro, C. O.	2.00
Pine Bluff, C. O.	4.86
Woman's Missionary Soc., Southfield, Chicago, C. O.	2.50
The Junior Ch., Bates' Memorial, Snow Hill, Md., C. O.	3.00
The King's Daughters class, Zanesville, O., for new plates	2.50
Mt. Cary, Ohio, C. O.	6.00

Corrections

The C. E. society of Fountain Place, Burlington, sent $10.00 for the Bus Fund, and it was reported as T. O. We thank them.

Rev. W. F. Ashburn brought us 2 bags of peanuts from Brother Morris on Littleton instead of one as reported. We thank Brother Ashburn for the correction.

Clothing and Other Gifts

Orange Circuit, 88 cans of fruit and vegetables, 3 bushels wheat, 1 bushel sweet potatoes, ½ bushel Irish potatoes, 2 gallons of vinegar, 1 pumpkin and some flower bulbs.

Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Gibbs, Pittsburgh, Pa., sent us a receipted bill for our Thanksgiving envelopes and the printing. They paid for this as their T. O. gift to the Home, amount $6.75. We thank them. The envelopes were also addressed in Brother Gibbs' office. We thank his secretary.

We have received a number of packages and boxes containing clothing and Christmas presents. Mother Dixon and her helpers are opening them today and tomorrow, getting them ready to be properly sorted out and labeled, ready for our Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

The Herald would hardly afford us room to print all the articles were we to report them separately. But we will try to report them next week by boxes and packages.

We are so thankful for those who have contributed to make this report possible. There are several items which ought to be mentioned, but you look them over and make your own comments.

A good friend in Baltimore sent $50.00; First church, Burlington, sent in a round $100.00 as T. O.; and two good friends who support a child sent us the largest check we have received at one time for many moons, except in bequests. Then I must call attention to the offerings from Creswell and Union Grove. They are fine. Many others are also, and we greatly appreciate them all.

Christmas Morning

You may think of us on Christmas morning from 9 to 10 o'clock in our chapel surrounding a Christmas tree, giving out the many presents, and having a general good time. In fact we are expecting a very happy day. Drop in for the hour with us Christmas morning if you can.

All of us here join in wishing for all of you a very happy Christmas and a New Year filled with joy in service for Him.

Yours in His blessed service,

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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Shoe Salesman: "What size do you take, madam?"

Customer: "Well, fives are my size, but fives and a half are so comfortable that I wear sixes."—Ex.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Miss Alice Duncan, Littleton Charge	$1.00
G. T. Wilson, Littleton Charge	.50
Rev. R. L. Hethcox, Fallston Charge	2.00
Mrs. W. A. Grant, Fallston Charge	2.00
Mrs. A. A. Lackey	2.00
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Mrs. C. T. Redding, Randolph Charge	2.00
Miss Bessie Baldwin, Randolph Charge	2.00
Mrs. J. P. Fields, Randolph Charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Reynolds.	
Mrs. M. J. Setzer, Rankin Mem. Ch., High Point	.50
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Mrs. Della Murray, Orange Charge	1.00
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G. G. Bivens, Orange Charge	1.00
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Mrs. Y. D. Eller, Asheville	.50
Mrs. C. C. Burke, Club subscriptions, Graham Church	9.08
J. D. Allen, First Church, Lexington	2.00
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Mrs. O. C. Braxton, Alamance Charge	2.00
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Sent by Pastor Isley.	
Mrs. W. C. Biggerstaff, Cleveland Ch.	1.00
Carl White, Cleveland Charge	.50
Miss Agnes Harris, Henderson Ch.	2.00
Send by Miss Lucy Taylor.	

Subsidy

Calvary Church	$ 7.50
Henderson Church	10.00
First Church, Lexington	1.00
Oak Grove Church, Cleveland Ch.	1.72
Advertisement	5.88

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CHILDREN'S HOME HISTORY

When this issue reaches you, the happy Christmas day will be here, the rush of buying will be over. Now, let us think of this history, have we done our best to get it among our people? There are many churches in North Carolina where there is not a copy besides the one the pastor took from conference. Won't you have your Children's Home Secretary handle this in each church? If you are an M. P. the booklet should be worth more than 35c to you, then the profit will mean much to the Home. Order what you need and pay when sold. This plan has been working well. If you have money on hand, please send it in as we still owe a little on printer's bill.

Today this is our only M. P. Children's Home in the world—tomorrow it will be one of many Methodist Homes. Don't you think we will appreciate having this little booklet in the years to come?

MABEL W. RUSSELL.

1011 Lindsay St., High Point, N. C.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Oak Grove, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor.—Our regular third Sunday night preaching service was held Sunday morning, December 19, at 10 o'clock. The attendance was splendid. Really more than was expected. Our pastor brought to us a Christmas sermon, which seemed to be enjoyed by everyone present. Immediately after the sermon, Sunday school was held as usual.

A Christmas program is being prepared by the children, directed by Mrs. Blanche Gettys Self and Miss Lillian Palmer. It is surprising to know how quickly the children have learned their parts. They must be expecting a treat from Santa Claus. They recited their parts almost perfectly at the first practice. We wish to thank Mrs. Self and Miss Palmer and the children for their interest shown in preparing this program. This exercise will be held at Oak Grove church Saturday night, December 25. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Our C. E. society met Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, with Miss Farrie White in charge, An interesting program was given. We were glad to have with us our pastor, who gave us a very interesting talk on "The Christmas Spirit." REPORTER.

Henderson, T. J. Whitehead, Pastor, Dec. 20, 1937.—On December 19 the church was filled with a large and appreciative congregation to hear Rev. T. J. Whitehead's Christmas sermon on "Gifts for the Christ-Child," and we wish every reader of the Herald could have heard this wonderful sermon.

An enjoyable program of Christmas music by the Senior choir under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Fox and Miss Hallie Frank Mills as organist, was given at the morning service and beautiful selections were given by the Young People's choir and Spring Valley choir at the Vesper service. Spring Valley choir was our guest at the Vesper service.

The annual Christmas entertainment was held during the Sunday school hour. There was a beautiful decorated Christmas tree and Santa Claus came and presented gifts to the children. All seemed happy.

The Woman's Auxiliary met November 29 with Mrs. S. R. Watson with Miss Elizabeth Fox, the president, presiding. It was voted to assist in caring for needy families at Christmas. Circle No. 1 met with Mrs. J. M. Baity December 13. In the absence of Mrs. Roy Dixon, Mrs. T. J. Whitehead presided. Circle No. 2 met the same afternoon with Mrs. E. O. Falkner. No. 4 is cooperating with Nos. 1 and 2 in caring for a needy family or needy families Christmas.

Dr. R. M. Andrews met with the pastors and laymen of the Second M. P. district December 3 at the M. P. church here and outlined the plans and purposes of the Fellowship Crusade, of which he is director.

The Vance county C. E. union met at the M. P. church in Henderson December 3 with Rev. J. E. Neese, pastor of the Henderson congregational-Christian church as speaker.

The free will offering received on Universal Bible Sunday will be sent to the Westminster Theological seminary for its current expenses.

Misses Nancy and Mabel Parham, Nellie Gray Kittrell and Mary Mitchell Baity, students at High Point College, are visiting their parents during the Christmas holidays.

The Philathea class met with Mrs. Maurice Allen Thursday evening, December 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen have recently moved into their new home.

Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Whitehead will entertain the Boys' Junior class Monday evening at the parsonage. There will be a Christmas tree and Santa Claus has promised to be there. Mr. Whitehead is the teacher of this class.

The Methodist Protestant church wishes for all a joyous, peaceful and happy Christmas.
MRS. C. B. LASHLEY, Reporter.

Mill Grove, Rev. E. A. Cook, Pastor. — Things at Mill Grove are working along fine with everyone talking Christmas.

We are sorry to note that Mr. P. C. Furr is sick at this time. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

The 15th district rally was held at Mill Grove Sunday afternoon with a large crowd present. Dr. R. M. Andrews was the principal speaker. Preachers from all churches in the district were present.

The Ladies' Aid society will give an oyster supper at the church Saturday night, January 1. Everyone invited to come. We have a nice place in the basement for suppers so come out and be with us.

Here's wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.
W. M. MISENHEIMER, Reporter.

First Church, High Point, Dec. 20.—Since our last report eight new members have been welcomed into our fellowship. They are Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, Mrs. Charles E. Anderson, Mrs. J. A. Dixon, Miss Hazel Snipes, Mr. and Mrs. William Dedman, Paul Dedman, and Allen Thacker. We are glad to receive these good people into our congregation.

The annual Auxiliary Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. A. M. Rankin Monday afternoon, December 13. The program was in charge of Mrs. Minnie P. Harrell, and consisted of Christmas carols, special music, and an appropriate reading by Miss Nell Ansley, secretary of the local Y.W.C.A. The reading, which was rendered in an impressive manner, was "The Man Who Was too Busy to Find the Child." Numbers were drawn and gifts exchanged among the members present. Dainty refreshments were then served by the hostess circle, Mrs. H. U. Oaks, chairman.

Attractive hymn boards have been donated to our church by W. C. Ferree, Jr. Another splendid improvement, attracting attention on the outside of the church, is a bulletin board, the gift of Dr. A. A. York.

A meeting in the interest of the Fellowship Crusade was held for this area at our church on December 5. Speakers were Drs. Andrews and Humphreys.

A spirited movement is now under way to raise $5,000 by January 1 to apply on the church debt.

A Christmas cantata, "The Babe of Bethlehem," was rendered by the choir last Sunday morning. The production is the work of Harvey B. Gaul, and was well sung under the direction of Mr. Carey Davis, Mrs. T. E. Strickland at the organ. At the same hour the Junior church observed Christmas worship through a beautiful program of carols, tableau, and story under the direction of Miss Myrtle Davis. The Sunday school also, through the various departments, has celebrated the Christmas season with special and appropriate exercises.

Our First church sends holiday greetings to all Methodist Protestants everywhere.
MRS. P. E. LINDLEY, Asst. Reporter.

Mt. Hermon, Mt. Hermon Charge, J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—The first quarterly conference convened at Mt. Hermon Saturday at 7:30 p. m. Business was transacted in harmony. The pastor preached on "Jesus the Light of the World" to a large congregation. As usual the sermon was good.

One of the Sunday School classes has recently given a circulator to the church.

This church is deeply grieved over the passing of one of her highly honored and much loved members, Rev. Geo. W. Holmes.

We are glad to have G. W. Holmes, III, and his sister, Doris, home for the holidays from High Point College.

The sympathy of all is with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Foust in the death of their baby, December 19.
MRS. GEO. M. ISLEY, Reporter.

Roberta Station.—We are late getting in our report yet we are expressing lightly our gratitude when we say we are indeed glad to be in the midst of these fine people of Roberta church. We have been received very kindly and don't feel that we are among strangers at all. Since there are around 300 widely scattered members on the charge it will be some time before we will be able to visit in all the homes and learn everyone by name, but don't get impatient, we are on our way.

Some of the ladies are very busy getting the children all trained and ready for the Christmas program which will be given on Christmas eve.

We are very sorry that several of our members have been on the sick list but glad they are improving.

We want to thank all those who have been so kind in remembering us in gifts for the table: Mrs. Z. D. Cochran, 5 pounds lard, 4 pounds honey; Mrs. Robert Cochran, meat and sausage; Mrs. Cagle Butler, meat and milk; Mrs. Smith, meat and sausage; Mrs. Taylor, sausage and beans; Mrs. Giles Taylor, two cans peaches; Mrs. Ivey Cline, 24 pounds flour and eggs; Mrs. Sarah Blackwelder, butter, meat and sausage. Many thanks to you good people, may God's richest blessings rest upon you.

A Christmas program will be given at the church on Christmas eve.

Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
MRS. A. L. JOYNER.

Chapel Hill Church, Davidson Charge, C. L. Grant, Pastor, Dec. 20.—Sunday morning, December 19, our pastor filled his second appointment since Conference. His text was taken from St. Matthew 1:21, "And she shall bring forth a son, And thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sin."

We are very glad, indeed, to have Mr. Grant with us again, and pray God's richest blessings upon him in his work this year. Our aim or desire should be the church at prayer. We are grateful for these messages and are hoping that God shall ever direct in the thought and meditation of our people, and that God shall ever direct our pastor in bringing to us the needed gospel, with its saving power. Prayer changes things. Pray earnestly for your pastor and see if it won't prove helpful to him and to you. We extend an invitation to one and all to come and worship with us.

We sincerely hope we may work together and so cooperate with our pastor that much good will be accomplished this next year. May I ask the prayers of all reading this, that with God's help we may still continue to be workers for the Master, and as our Christmas holidays approach we may be in the attitude of peace, contentment, and prayer.

MRS. A. C. HARRIS, Reporter.

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Friendship, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—Last Sunday our pastor gave us a good sermon on Christian Fellowship. The offering was taken for the Subsidy.

We feel that one whom we loved sincerely has gone to his reward in the death of Rev. G. W. Holmes. He taught so long and so well here at Yadkin College and was loved by all who knew him. His relatives have our sympathy.

Lawrence Holt, a student from High Point College, and Virgil Byerly, from State, are at their homes for the holidays, and were at church in their places in Sunday school. We are always glad to have them with us.

An offering was taken for those in need in our community.

Next Sunday our Sunday School teachers will be elected.

Our entertainment and Christmas tree will be had at early candlelight, Friday evening, December 24. We hope all our friends will be present.

We were sorry for the death of Mrs. Daniel Hobbs. She was a loving mother and good woman, but she, too, has gone to her Eternal Home, to be forever at rest. Our loss is her gain.

ROBERT HOLT, Reporter.

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Rankin Memorial, Dec. 20,—We are sorry that our pastor, Rev. Edw. Suits, has been confined to his home for more than a week; but are glad that he is able to be out some now. He was able to be with us Sunday, after having been absent on the Sunday before, but could not preach.

On Sunday, December 12, we were fortunate in having Dr. R. M. Andrews, former president of the M. P. conference, with us to conduct the service, in the absence of our pastor. Although the weather was very cold, and the attendance was not large, Dr. Andrews brought a very inspiring message.

On Sunday, December 19, Dr. Lindley from High Point College, was the speaker at the 11 o'clock services. His message was very interesting and his subject was "Scriptural Holiness." At 7:30 p. m. Dr. Kennett, also of High Point College, was the speaker. He, too, brought an inspirational sermon.

The Christmas program will be presented at the church on Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. The children will receive their "treats," also on this night, at the close of the program. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend this service.

We are sorry to report that one of our faithful members, Mrs. Minnie Embler, has been very sick. She is able to be up part of the time now. Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Edw. Suits, has been sick, too; but she was able to be back at church on last Sunday. We are glad to see her feeling some better.

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North Davidson. — The improvements authorized by the first quarterly conference relating to the parsonage have been made. The cold, open north porch has been closed in, and a sink has been added to the kitchen. These improvements cost only $16.52. The added comfort would have justified a cost of $50 or more. Canaan and Bethesda have already paid their part. We are exceedingly grateful for this improvement.

The work as a whole seems to be going well. I am pleased with the general outlook for 1937 and 1938.

We have a reporter at each church, who is expected to keep the Herald informed.

Bro. R. E. Leonard, of Bethesda, gave us one bag of flour Sunday. The following pounded with pork: Mrs. Van Mabe, Mrs. A. L. Berrier, Mrs. P. C. Reid, Mrs. W. D. Payne, Mrs. Vergie Morris, Mrs. S. V. Swaim, and Mrs. Philip Berrier. Thanks.

Wm. H. NEESE.

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Fountain Place, R. E. L. Moser, Pastor, Dec. 21.—Although this is a late date to say so Fountain Place is very glad to have our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Moser, with us again this year.

The Christian Endeavor has taken on new life recently. One thing that has added interest is becoming connected with the Alamance county union. This union holds a county-wide rally every three months and a business meeting a few weeks before each rally. One thing this organization plans is to hold religious services at the jail and county home. At each rally a contest between two Christian Endeavor choirs is held and the one judged best receives a banner. One Sunday night a few weeks ago our Christian Endeavor society visited a neighboring society, Shiloh Presbyterian church, and although the weather was severe and their attendance was off they had a splendid meeting. Another Sunday night recently the Christian Endeavor society had as guest speaker, Miss Ollie Stadler, who is the state Christian Endeavor recreation director. She gave brief accounts of the last two Christian Endeavor state conventions and spoke of plans for the convention to be held in Charlotte next June. We were glad to have her with us.

The Ladies' Auxiliary had an unusually well attended meeting in November when they met with Mrs. J. W. Sharpe ,the president, and one with not so many present in December with Mrs. Bert Baliff. There was sleet on the ground the night of the latter meeting so I think that kept some away. In November the fall Thank Offering service was held. At the beginning of the program the children of the missionary groups gave a few missionary thoughts in verse and song, after which a short pageant was given. The offering was $7.00.

The Sunday school shows some improvement in attendance over last year. A good Thanksgiving offering was received for the Children's Home.

The Christmas program was given last Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. After a few songs and exercises by the children, a short play was given. This portrayed a family composed of father, mother, and seven children in their home on Christmas eve. The family sat around the open fire and each child contributed something to the Christmas eve program of the family. The scene closed with family devotions. It was an impressive scene and suggests a plan that any home would do well to follow on Christmas eve.

From Fountain Place we wish the Herald readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MRS. A. V. AMICK, Reporter.

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Woodleys Chapel, Creswell Charge, F. S. Wagoner, Pastor.—Our new pastor preached for us December 5. We were delighted to have him with us. We are sorry that our former pastor, Mr. Easter, was not returned but we feel very fortunate in having as our new pastor Rev. Forest Wagoner. We are hoping for a good year.

The congregation was small Sunday, but seemed to be very attentive.

We hope for all a pleasant and successful year in serving the Master.

M. A. DAVENPORT, Reporter.

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Calvary, Greensboro, R. C. Stubbins, Pastor, Dec. 13.—Our pastor is going to speak to the Greensboro Christian Endeavor union at West End church Tuesday evening. A large delegation from Calvary's Senior, Intermediate and Junior societies is expected.

The new troop officers for Calvary's Boy Scout troop number 7, have been elected as follows: J. Frank Coble, chairman of troop committeeman; Rev. R. C. Stubbins, H. W. Highfill and Fletcher Caudle; Floyd Reynolds, Scoutmaster; W. L. Caudle, assistant Scoutmaster; and Billy Caudle, senior patrol leader, who has attained the highest rank in scouting. The Greensboro Boy Scout council awarded Billy the Eagle badge at one of its recent courts of honor. He was the only one from our troop that attended the Scout Jamboree in Washington, D. C., during the past summer.

The Boy Scouts, accompanied by Floyd G. Reynolds, Leroy Caudle and H. W. Highfill, held their troop meeting at Camp Graystone last Friday evening. They prepared their supper at the camp. The Scouts of troop 7 are collecting broken toys to mend and are going to distribute them to some less fortunate children at Christmas.

The members of the Baraca class attended Sunday school at the Central Fire station Sunday morning. The lesson was taught by the teacher of the class, J. C. Coe.

Miss Elaine Gaines, member of Calvary, was united in marriage to Richard W. Fields Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride's pastor, Rev. R. C. Stubbins. Mr. and Mrs. Fields are at home at 800 Asheboro street.

Rev. Mr. Stubbins has appointed J. Frank Coble official announcer for our church. All announcements are made by him at both the Sunday school and preaching hours.

Our pastor will preach a Christmas sermon next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The church choir will sing Christmas music.

At a Vesper service Sunday evening at 5 o'clock our pastor will tell Christmas stories, the children will sing Christmas songs, and the church choir will also sing Christmas music. The Christmas music of the church choir is being directed by Arthur Fiddler, choir director. The solo parts in the Christmas anthems, "The First Christmas Morn," Ashford; "Bethlehem," Gounod and "Shepherds Abiding in the Field," Wilson, are being taken by Mrs. Mary Bissett, Mrs. J. D. Heritage, and Mr. Fiddler.

MRS. HOWARD R. NEECE, Reporter.

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Enfield, D. R. Williams, Pastor.—The new conference year has begun very auspiciously. The congregation and people of the community seem very much pleasd at the return of Rev. D. R. Williams. Repairs have been made on the furnace, and the church is now very comfortable. The Woman's Auxiliary is planning for some repairs at the parsonage.

Two very delightful Auxiliary meetings have been held recently. The November meeting was in the home of Mrs. P. S. Bellamy, with Mrs. Exum Bellamy and Mrs. Owen Bellamy as joint hostesses. Routine business was attended to and plans made to remember the sick and shut-ins at Christmas. Delightful refreshments were served during the social hour.

The December meeting was held at the parsonage, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Stanley Whitaker, and Miss Delia Sykes being hostesses. Details of Christmas plans were arranged. Delicious and beautiful refreshments suggestive of the holiday season were served by the hostesses.

The many friends of Rev. E. O. Peeler were delighted to see him a few days ago when he paid a brief visit in the home of Mr. Stanley Whitaker and enjoyed a hunting trip with Mr. Whitaker.

The Auxiliary entertained about 75 guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stallings at a shower in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Robert Davis, who were recently married. This handsome young couple were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts. Miss Marjorie Whitaker, bride-elect, was also presented a gift.

Gilbert Parker, son of Mr. George Parker, died at a Rocky Mount hospital Monday afternoon, after an illness of five weeks. He had made a gallant fight for his life and hope had been entertained for his recovery. Mrs. Parker had been one of his faithful nurses during his illness. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Parker deeply sympathize with them in their sorrow.

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AN APPRECIATION

Permit me to make this statement about the history of the M. P. Children's Home.

I remember when the M. P. Children's Home began in Denton, and I am familiar with its development and usefulness. It seems to me that the history of the Home has been accurately stated and arranged for the first 25 years. The history is something we have wanted as a permanent record of the only institution of its kind in our denomination.

I believe that if all our people could have access to the facts about "Our Home" they would become more liberal in their support of it. Our church at Graham has received the second order for the booklets. Why not get a supply for your church and let some interested lady dispose of them? It has worked with us. Send your order to Mrs. Mabel W. Russell, 1011 Lindsay Street, High Point, N. C.

H. FREO SURRATT.

FROM DENTON TO CANAAN

In moving from Pleasant Hill, in the northeast corner of the conference to Denton, which is located in the very center, or heart, we covered a distance of more than 200 miles. But in the midst of the different environments we have found the good. Most of all, we have found good people in both localities. We certainly appreciate both. Our Thanksgiving dinner consisted of some of the good things we brought with us from the east as well as some of the good things we have found here. Indeed at most of our meals since we came here we have been feeding upon the products of the east as well as that which has been produced in these parts. In spite of all the good things and people of the east that we learned to appreciate and love, it became the part of the Methodist preacher and his family to leave those relationships we had learned to love and will never forget and go elsewhere and form other relationships which we trust will be as fine as any we have ever been permitted to enjoy. So, "good-bye Pleasant Hill and hello Denton, here we are!"

According to the arrangements at conference that the good Denton people would assume the responsibility of moving us, on November 17, Mr. Garner with the big truck from the Biltwell Furniture company, came rolling in to the Pleasant Hill parsonage. By the assistance of one of the neighbors our belongings were well packed and Mr. Garner was away for our new home even though it was after night when he got started on his long journey. We have been told that he arrived at 4 o'clock the next morning. We were comfortably housed for the night at the good home of Mrs. Rosa Crew and the next day we made our long journey, arriving at the Denton parsonage in the evening. When we arrived we found that our household goods had been carefully unloaded in the parsonage. Thanks to Mr. Garner and to those who helped him at both ends of the line. Everything was so carefully handled there was almost no damage. On arriving we found ourselves a bit tired, hungry, and cold and, my how fine it was to be given a hearty greeting and a warm welcome. That good supper all prepared Davidson county style did not only serve to remove our hunger but it also reminded us of the good times when as young people we enjoyed the good things of this good old county. In the kitchen we found a new Allen's Princess range with polish top, enamel front, warming closet and hot water tank all installed and ready for service. And my, how fine it does cook. In the wood shed we found good, dry wood, ready for use. Since we came a nice steel bed with good springs has been placed in one of the bed rooms, by the Woman's Auxiliary. We left a fine well-organized auxiliary that did many things for our comfort while we were there and we have found another that has started out in a fine way. The last thing the Spring Church auxiliary did for us was to present the retiring pastor's wife with a fine electric table lamp which brings to us great pleasure and now the Denton ladies have already furnished us a good bed. Thanks to both.

Both churches have been visited and we have been greatly pleased with what we have found. The Denton church is a splendid brick building with large auditorium with elevated floor, a beautiful altar, pulpit and choir arrangements. There are beautiful art glass windows. Back of the auditorium there is an educational plant consisting of eight large rooms, some of which can be thrown into the main church when needed. The whole plant is heated with a hot air system. At Canaan we have found a nice well-kept rural church with Sunday School rooms that are indeed well arranged. The work seems to be well organized, and ready to go. The services have been well attended. A harvest home service was conducted at the Denton church with encouraging results for the Children's Home. On last Sunday a most beautiful communion service was conducted at Denton—83 communing. At the close of this service one member was received. We are expecting great things from both these churches. If this pastor is any judge, it is safe to say that these are two good churches, composed of good people who are anxious to work and serve the Lord.

Now I find myself sandwiched between two of my good friends and brothers to whom I desire to extend my highest regards and appreciations. To Bro. B. M. Williams, my successor, I had over the work I have tried to do in the east. He is a great and good man whom I love and he deserves the love of everybody. I am glad to be followed by such a good man. Brother Bowman has been here at Denton for four years. He has done a good work and he left it in good shape. Thanks to you Brother Bowman. I will do my best to carry further the work you have so well gotten under way. The work seems to be well organized and in fine shape to move on. And to Mrs. Bowman the thanks of the entire household are extended for we have found the parsonage in fine condition. It is fine to go into a parsonage when it has been so well kept. And now good people, may the Lord bless our work together. That which has been done and that which is being attempted. It means so much for brethren to work together in harmony for the glory of God and for the advancement of His Kingdom. GEO. L. CURRY.

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"My dear," remarked Jinks, who had just finished reading a book on "The Wonders of Nature," "this is a remarkable work. Nature is marvelous! Stupendous! When I read a book like this it makes me think how puerile, how insignificant is man!"

"Huh!" said his wife, "a woman doesn't have to wade through four hundred pages to discover that!"—Ex.

SHILOH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY, SHILOH CHARGE

HISTORY OF THE SHILOH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

About 1920, during the pastorate of Dr. C. L. Whitaker, he and Mrs. Whitaker being very much concerned in the life of the young people and seeing the great prospect for growth and development, decided to have a young people's C. E. society organized. They secured Rev. Lawrence Little, who was active in the field, to come to Shiloh church. His visit proved successful as the result was the organization of the Shiloh C. E. society. Mr. Ira Koonts was elected first president, but due to the fact there was no C. E. literature and none of the young people had had any experience in such work, no special activity was observed. However, about a year later the society reorganized. At that time Mr. Floyd Leatherman was elected president with Mrs. Harold Lanier secretary. At first the weekly meetings were held at the church, but later on account of attendance the meetings were held at the homes of the C. E. members—sometimes only four or six in attendance. The faithfulness of these few however meant the saving of the society, because many times some were ready to give up the fight, but held to the promise of "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst."

The deep concern and interest of Dr. Whitaker's successor, Rev. R. S. Troxler, seemed to help the society to put on new life and go forward with new and greater determition. His interest was shown in his faithful attendance and helpful suggestions which were for the betterment of the society; because it was his desire to see it go forward. With a continual increase in interest and attendance the society grew to a membership too large to be accommodated in the homes; then the meetings were begun at the church on Sunday night which has since been our regular meeting time. A steady growth continued until it reached an enrollment of 119.

A financial sketch will show that the members have been at work in that field. For about ten years it has been the custom of the society to stand responsible for as much as $100 to $150 of the church's Annual Conference obligations. One year $200 was raised by this society. Along with the budgets it supported a child at the Children's Home in High Point at $10 per month for one year. Other needs have had the attention of the society such as the flood relief to which was given $30; help on the rebuilding of one of our M. P. churches that was destroyed by a tornado, $25; and improvements at Shiloh church and church property which included choir curtains and rod and piano cover, $6.50; church carpet, $75. And on our parsonage which was built in 1935, the society has the honor of paying the first $100 which was paid when the building was started. Since then it has paid an additional $225 making a total of $325 by the society.

The above mentioned growth and accomplishments may be attributed to the leadership of those who served as its president along with the fullest cooperation of the society as a whole. The presidents have been: Mr. Ira Koonts, Mrs. Floyd Leatherman, Mrs. Protus Koonts, Mr. Tom Berrier, Mrs. Harold Lanier, Mrs. Ray Leatherman, Mr. Curtis Leonard, Miss Emma Berrier, Miss Blanch Sink, and Miss Inez Ridge; some of these having served more than one term.

There cannot be a detailed account of the spiritual accomplishments attained but there has always been a deep interest in the church's spiritual growth and development. Much has been done in the society in the training of our young people for church leadership and service. Many of the former and present members are now Sunday school teachers, a choir leader, primary Sunday school superintendent, prominent Woman's Auxiliary leaders and workers, and rendering other services in the church, such as leading prayer services whenever called upon; others leading in Gospel singing and whatever a C. E. member may be called on to do for the furtherance of the Gospel by the everyday Christian living. We are thus continuing under the pastorate of Rev. C. E. Ridge, who has been working with us for four years and who sees and is trying to help develop the various talents which the members possess.

The year which is now coming to a close has been the most successful. We have a membership of 66 very faithful and cooperative workers who are doing a wonderful work under the leadership of our present president, Mr. Ray Leatherman, when our financial attainments have been the highest in the history of the society, having raised a total of $208.90.

We are proud of the society and are considering ourselves fortunate in having an opportunity to be a member of such an organization and hope to ever go forward in the spirit of our Christ in the work of Kingdom building. MISS EMMA BERRIER.

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Prosperity is the fruit of labor; property is desirable, is a positive good in the world. That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise.—Lincoln.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Bumgardner

Tommie Z. Bumgardner was born May 27, 1897. He departed this life on November 18, 1937. He is survived by his wife, Hattie Warlick Bumgardner; one daughter, Vera Lee; his mother, four sisters, and two half-brothers.

He was a loyal member of Kistler's Union church, having transferred his membership from the old Pleasant Hill church when it was consolidated with Kistler's church. He was a member of the board of stewards and regular in his church attendance. He had been in declining health for several months, but in his last days attended church when he was scarcely able. He will be greatly missed in his church, in his home, and in his community, but we feel that our loss is his gain, because he left behind a beautiful testimony that he was ready to go.

The funeral was conducted from Kistler's Union M. P. church by T. Glenn Madison, pastor, assisted by Dr. N. G. Bethea. Interment was in the church cemetery.

T. G. MADISON.

Curl

In the passing of Brother Arlendo Curl, Center church, Alamance charge, has lost one of its faithful members, the community a good neighbor and friend, and the county one of its best citizens. He passed away at his home on November 25, 1937, at the age of 69 years. For the last three years he had been in very feeble health, being able to attend church only a few times during the present pastorate. During the pastor's visits in the home he learned that he was intensely interested in things pertaining to the Kingdom. Because of his splendid Christian life the church and community are poorer because of his home-going.

Brother Curl is survived by his wife and three sons, as follows: Lattice, Eloyd, and Rev. Leslie D. Curl, pastor of the Ossipee Baptist church; one brother and two sisters, M. W. Curl, Mrs. John Jones, and Miss Nancy Curl.

The writer and Rev. J. A. Burgess conducted the funeral at Center on November 26. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

H. L. ISLEY.

Thompson

John Manley Thompson, son of William and Nancy Thompson, died November 25, 1937, aged 64 years, 2 months and 25 days. He descended from Josiah Thompson, youngest son of Pioneer Thomas Thompson, who came to America from England in the year 1765. He was converted in young manhood and lived a consistent Christian life for 38 years. He was a member of Saxapahaw M. E. church. His home was at Saxapahaw. He was a member of the Junior Order for 25 years. He was twice married; first to Ella Thrift. To this union was born one son, Ollie Thompson, of Chapel Hill. His second wife was Sally Petty; to this union were born three sons and three daughters. One daughter, Blanche Esther, died in infancy. Surviving are Ollie, of Chapel Hill; Dewlon, of Burlington; Dace, of Siler City; Lawrence, of Saxapahaw; Mrs. H. C. Foust, of Snow Camp, and Mrs. Brooks Coveney, of Saxapahaw; six grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Roberson and Mrs. Lynn Brewer, and two brothers, Edward and Ozzie Thompson.

He was a kind and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He educated his children and tried to raise them for God and good citizens. He was cheerful and generous-hearted. He had many friends. He dearly loved to visit his children and have us visit him. He was devoted to his grandchildren and they to him. He hated to part with his family, but told us he was ready to meet God. He was sick for four years and suffered much. We did all we could for him, but God said come, and He doeth all things well. He finished his work here and did it well. Henceforth is laid up for him a crown of rejoicing.

It was a sad Thanksgiving day for us, but a bright and happy one for father when he entered the pearly gates to be met by his Savior and loved ones gone before. All we can do for him now is to emulate his Christian example and meet him in heaven, where we'll never say good-bye.

Funeral services were conducted in Saxapahaw church November 26 by Rev. J. H. Thorpe, assisted by Rev. E. A. Bingham. Interment was in Moore's Chapel cemetery, with the Juniors in charge.

"Why do we mourn departed friends,
Or shake at death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to His arms."

BY HIS CHILDREN.

Cook

John R. Cook, son of Nathan and Rebecca Baird Cook, was born September 21, 1863. The parential home was in the Sandy Ridge community of Guilford county. When the deceased was barely more than a child he was left an orphan. In his early teen age he made his home with an older brother who lived near High Point. It was in this vicinity of Guilford that Brother Cook later established his own home, and where practically all of his life was spent.

As a young man of 21 years, he became the husband of Miss Lydia Lee Newman. The marriage dates is November 13, 1884. Thus began a happy married life that lasted for more than half a century. The bonds that made one in heart and life strengthened with the passing years, and more and more they became indispensable to each other. This union was blessed with six children, two sons and four daughters. These, with the devoted wife and mother, survive. V. L. and R. A. Cook, Mrs. A. J. Payne, Mrs. Percy Payne, and Mrs. Enos Blair, all live in and near High Point. The other daughter, Mrs. J. E. Coltrane, resides in Newport News, Va. There is also one surviving sister, Mrs. J. E. Hayworth, High Point, Route 1, and 15 grandchildren.

The active religious life of Brother Cook began about 43 years ago when he became a member of Lebanon Methodist Protestant church. As a Christian and a churchman he was consistent and faithful. His religion was real to him, and he practiced it in his daily life. He remained a loyal member of Lebanon church until his death. He was a regular attendant upon the services, and supported the church gladly and generously with his means. As his one-time pastor I shall always feel a sense of gratitude toward him because of his unfailing kindnesses to me.

As a citizen Brother Cook stood for civic righteousness and progress; as a neighbor he was kind and obliging; as a husband and father he was devoted and true.

The end of the earthly pilgrimate of this good and useful man came on the 7th of October, 1937, after a protracted illness of many months. His going gives to his home, his community, his church, and his many friends, a sense of loss and sadness. But there is much to give comfort. He left a rich and lasting heritage in the good life that he lived. Such men as Brother Cook always make the world better. And there is much and sustaining comfort in the assurance of the heavenly heritage that is now his.

The funeral service was held in Lebanon church. The writer was assisted in the service by Rev. J. R. Hutton and Rev. J. C. Madison. The large congregation that overtaxed the capacity of the church attests the high esteem in which he was held by his wide circle of neighbors and friends.

The body was laid to rest beneath a covering of flowers in the Lebanon burrying ground.

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warefare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

S. W. TAYLOR.

Hanner

The man whose name introduces these lines has passed away from the view of mortals. His memory shall long be cherished in the choicest place of many hearts. It was the writer's privilege to be Brother Hanner's pastor for five years. During this time he had the opportunity to become familiar with his religious life. He aspired to that "highest style" of humanity, and by divine grace he reached it. He loved Christian people, he loved his church, and he loved his Savior with all his heart. His custom was to be present at Tabernacle for every preaching service unless providentially hindered, and he listened with intense interest to the Gospel messages. His public prayers always had a lifting influence.

Brother Hanner was an emotional man. As the pastor would hold up Jesus as the Savior of the world very often tears would trickle down the cheeks of this good man. During our revival meetings it was not unusual for "the cup to run over," causing him to praise the Lord aloud."

This writer has lost a personal friend—one who encouraged and helped him every way he could. But we hope to meet him again. His loved ones have missed him so much since his home-going on August 22. May the Lord bless them and help them to be faithful.

Written by request. H. L. ISLEY.

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The man entered the country post office and asked: "Have you a parcel for Mr. Jones?"

"I have," replied the postmaster, "but how do I know you're the man?"

The man produced a photograph of himself. "Have a look at that," he said. "That looks like me, doesn't it?"

"So it does," exclaimed the postmaster, and handed over the parcel without another word. —Ex.

A CHRISTMAS TREE

To me a Christmas tree has a two-fold meaning. First, it shows God's love for us in that it is evergreen. It's light is a symbol of Christ's coming as a light to our pathway. All the beautiful decorations stand out in their beauty to remind us of God's wonderful blessings. He is so constantly bestowing upon us. The birds that grace the limbs express to us God's love in giving to us the birds to flit from tree to tree with their cheerful songs to gladden the hearts and lives of all who hear (if we but stop and listen). And dear old Santa himself who is in reality love, friendship, kindness and cheer as he hangs on the tree, reminding us that he comes around once a year to rekindle in our hearts, these qualities that should last all the time. Yes, Christmas is a time in which these flames are revived. Don't tell me there is no Santa Claus—he means too much to us—from the little tots to the aged.

How graceful is the topmost peak or spire, so to speak, that ever points heavenward. Then, too, who is not thrilled by the Star (which no tree is complete without) as it so wonderfully speaks to us of that first night when the Wise Men saw the Star and immediately left all to be guided by its Light to make their journey to worship and bring gifts to the Christ-child. May we get a new vision of Christmas. See once again the Star and bring gifts to the Christ who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Then, too, I feel that the Christmas tree should be an "inspiration" to those of us who are Christians to let our Light shine and our lives be made beautiful by acts of love, kindness and cheer, and then by no means least, point some heavenward and to Christ; for after all there is no joy that equals having someone tell us, "You led me to Christ or you are the cause of me being a Christian"; or in some way letting us know that we have been used in God's hands in causing some one to be saved. Who is not thrilled by the beautiful Christmas trees in stores and on lawns. May the time never come when the Christmas tree fails to find a place in our homes and churches. May their beauty and significance inspire us to a higher plane of Christian living. And when the Christmas trees are lighted this year, may we be able to look back over the year with some degree of satisfaction feeling that we have in a measure lived for others.

(MISS) LOULA THACKER.

FROM GRANVILLE TO RANDLEMAN

We regretted very much to leave the people of the Granville charge whom we had served for eight year. We found them to be a good people to serve. And willing to cooperate with their pastor. Here we find some of the salt of the earth. It is always a pleasure to serve such people. We wish for them and our successor the same spirit of cooperation, and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

But we are beginning to love the people of the Randleman charge, and as we become better acquainted with them we feel that we will find the same spirit of co-operation, and that we will have a good year here.

Before we left the Granville charge they gave us a nice pounding of that old Methodist type for which we are grateful; and the Missionary Auxiliary of Union Chapel church gave Mrs. Spencer a nice, valuable present. And her Sunday school class of the same church also gave her a fine present as a token of their appreciation of her services in the Auxiliary and Sunday school class, as teacher, for which she wishes me to express to them her appreciation for the same.

When we arrived in Randleman on Tuesday evening, November 16, we found one man and four women who had the house warm and were preparing a nice supper for the parson and his better half, and I tell you we did justice to that good, warm supper, and we found that they had brought us enough to last us for a few days. The next morning they sent us wood and coal to last for several days, for which we are very grateful.

We have been kindly received on the work, and everything seems to be starting off well. We had two good services yesterday and received four new members into the church.

The Ladies' Aid is dressing up the parsonage on the inside with new window curtains and other fixtures. We have a nice parsonage here, and I believe it is as well furnished as any parsonage in the conference.

C. L. SPENCER.

DENTONIAN CRASH

Since even before we arrived in Denton we have observed a considerable excitement which has manifested itself in kindness and good deeds in favor of the people who live at the parsonage. This excitement came to a real charge and a crash on Monday night, December 6. The rumbling of moving cars were heard and then voices were discovered. Some one in the home said, "hush, what is that?" We soon knew what was on hand when the door flew wide open and almost before we could get our breath the house was full of good people and good things they brought. Well we cannot tell the names of all the people or mention all they brought. But the officers of the church and Sunday school as well as the other people were there and the good things ranged all the way from a big truck load of good wood to matches to start the fire. And good eats, yum, yum! Flour, meal, meat, sugar (40 pounds), lard, vegetables, coffee, butter, milk, eggs, cereals, pickles, preserves, canned goods of almost all kinds; sheeting, socks, etc. No attempt is being made to make mentions of names or to tell of all the good things that were brought, but certainly there was enough that our supplies have been increased for the use of many days. And more than the intrinsic value of the gifts which means much to us and is greatly appreciated, that which prompted the occasion and all it means is appreciated far more. God bless you good Denton people, we appreciate you more than we can tell.

After the people had lingered and spent some time in very pleasant fellowship we tried to express our heart-felt appreciation to the good people and invoke God's blessings upon them by means of prayer but words were insufficient. But we pledged our best to them in service. There were some who could not be present on the occasion above mentioned who have kept the good work up ever since by continuing the bringing of good things. Indeed this remembering us with good things has continued since the first day we were here. We greatly appreciate our people here and we are working, hoping and praying for a great year in kingdom service.

GEO. L. CURRY, Pastor.

OTHER CIRCLES MIGHT ENJOY THIS

Mrs. Harold Tise, the reporter for the Business Girls' circle of the First church, Winston-Salem, sends in this interesting thing tried out in one of their meetings. The hostess asked each person present to give her one descriptive adjective, and she, unknown to them, filled in the blanks in a report which is sent to the Herald as a report of that meeting. It is as follows: (The capitals are the adjectives supplied.)

Miss Pearl Sapp was hostess to a BEAUTIFUL meeting of the Business Girls' circle of the First M. P. church on Monday evening at her UGLY home on North Liberty Street. The home was LOVELY decorated with suggestions of Christmas.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Margaret Smith. Devotional exercises were led by Pearl Sapp, assisted by Rev. J. L. Trollinger.

The AWFUL sum of $20.00 was reported collected by the Treasurer at the conclusion of the roll call. DELIGHTFUL plans were made by the members present on ways and means to raise money for the circle budget.

A MAGNIFICENT report was made by Margaret Smith from the STUPENDOUS Study Book.

At the conclusion of a LOQUACIOUS meeting, a Christmas party was enjoyed by all the WONDERFUL members present and their guests. Among the guests were Mrs. Carroll, the CHARMING President of the Auxiliary; Rev. J. L. Trollinger, the STUPENDOUS pastor of the First M. P. church; Mrs. J. L. Trollinger, GIGANTIC wife of the pastor; Mrs. H. O. Sapp, Jr., the COLOSSAL sister of the hostess; and Santa Claus, who made much SWEET clatter coming down the chimney. Gifts were distributed by the ATTRACTIVE Old Saint Nick and much SUPERB fun was enjoyed by all present.

During the evening the hostess served GORGEOUS refreshments to her ELEPHANTINE guests.

Suitor: "May I marry your daughter?"

Stern Father: "What is your vocation?"

Suitor: "I'm an actor."

Stern Father (angrily): "Then get out before the footlights."—Ex.

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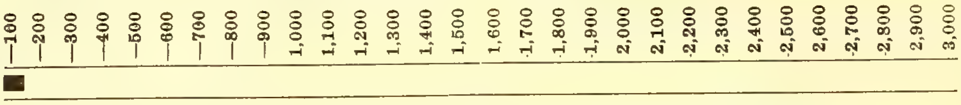

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It is an interesting fact that one of our old historic charges, and one that holds the record as the "Baby Charge" of the conference, tied in the amount of money sent in for subscriptions. They are both honor roll churches, too. Another fact that is interesting is, that the younger charge changed pastors this year. That cut no ice so far as the loss of interest is concerned. More than that, I understand that this "Baby Charge" made a considerable increase in salary. That does not stop them from raising their quota on subscriptions. This writer believes that loyalty to the church paper and keeping up with what the church is doing is a great help in increasing finances. That is my experience.

Now I expect you are wondering who that is that has such a fine people to serve that they have raised the salary since conference. Well, Brother Vickery is the fortunate man. Fortunate because I have worked with those people in Danville, and they are of the best. Congratulations, Vickery.

Now as to that other charge, that is not hard to guess, if you are keeping up with what is going on. Glen Madison, of course. Fortunate people, fortunate pastor! To have such a responsive people. Fortunate people to have a pastor that goes after things in such a way as to bring things to pass that shows that he is after the good of the folks, for to get church people to reading the church paper and supporting the worthwhile things of the church, is a feat that is great. Others of us might take pattern.

And Subsidy! Bless your heart, Garner, you saved the situation last week, and kept us from making a blank report here. This pastor does not make much fuss about things, but he is planning while he is quiet. He may tell us some of these days how he did it so soon after conference. Come on with your story, Garner.

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Mt. Zion	16	½	....
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Saxapahaw	58	½	....
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Shelby-Caroleen	18	....	....
Shiloh	65	½	....
Siler City	22	1½	....
Spencer-China Grove	7	1	....
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Vance	53	2	....
Weaverville	20	....	....
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Barnette-Shanklin

John William Barnette of Mebane and Lizzie Bell Shanklin of Mebane were united in marriage by the writer at the parsonage on Wednesday evening, November 24, at 6:30 o'clock. The ring ceremony of the Methodist Protestant Ritual was used. The wedding was attended by a few special friends. Mr. and Mrs. Barnette are members of Mebane Methodist Protestant church.

We wish for them much happiness as they travel life's pathway together.

D. I. GARNER.

"ADVANCE NOTICE ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY"

For Sunday, January 30, 1938

About December 15 we released to pastors, Sunday school superintendents and Christian Endeavor leaders sample copies of Young People's Day materials. We believe you will be pleased with the materials due to the fact that we are offering something different this year.

This notice is to request each church to place this day in their calendar of events for the New Year. If it is impossible to use the day of January 30th use some other day in January or February.

Order all materials from Rev. F. L. Gibbs, 3267 W. Liberty avenue, Room 208, Pittsburgh (16), Pa.

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The New Year

There is something most intriguing about the coming of a new year. It seems to say to us, "I bring you a fresh, clean page for your exclusive use. Write on it what you will. Behold, I set before you an open door and none other can shut it. Here is your way out of the difficulties in which last year left you enmeshed. Come now and write on this beautiful white page a word, a choice, that will make you strong and others better because they read it. Enter now this open door, be healed, be happy, be efficient; for I am come to make all things new." How marvelous all this seems to us as we face the new year as we would a beautiful sunrise. Its opportunities and blessings are spread before us like some mighty cornucopia filled with the rarest fruits. The consciousness of this extended time brings us joy and moves us with a deeper sense of gratitude to our Creator and the Maker of the years. And so as this new year comes to us saying with its hours, its weeks and months, "Here is your opportunity to make a new beginning! Now you may reclaim some of the misspent past: Utopia is just ahead of you: Prepare yourself for the coming down from Heaven of the New Jerusalem; take heart the best is yet to be: The Golden Age has just begun to dawn: Arise, shine, thy light is come." We are moved mightily and find ourselves in accord with the sentiment of the poem by Frederick Lawrence Knowles as he pictures such a day in the New Era:

"When navies are forgotten
And swords are useless things,
When the dove shall warm her bosom
Beneath the eagle's wings;

"When memory of battles
At last is strange and old
When nations have one banner
And creeds one fold;

"When the Hand that sprinkles midnight
With its powdered drift of suns
Has hushed this tiny tumult
Of sects and swords and guns;

"Then Hate's last note of discord
In all God's worlds shall cease,
In the conquest which is service,
In the victory which is peace."

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

A Day With Rankin Memorial

Sunday, December 26, was spent with the Rankin Memorial Church in High Point. It was my plan to rest on that day but on account of the illness of the pastor, Rev. Edw. Suits, I was glad to supply for them. This was my first visit to this congregation since the erection of the new Church building. The present location is only a few blocks from the old, yet it is in a much more quiet place. The new Church building is far superior to the old and seems to be ample for the Sunday School and congregation. The auditorium is large enough and yet not too large. While it was not filled with people either morning or evening the day I was there yet there was a reasonably good congregation and they were very appreciative. This Church formerly was called the English Street Church but when the new building was erected it was called the Rankin Memorial Church in honor of Capt. A. M. Rankin, the outstanding layman of our First Church in High Point. The membership of this Church is not large but they have already proved their worth in the work they have done. Brother Suits, the pastor, has worked hard in building the Church and deserves a good deal of credit for his work. The Church is still pressed for finances and it would be a great thing for this congregation if the Board of Church Extension were able to render more assistance, however, there are so many calls and so little money that the Board cannot give any large amount to any one place.

At Danville, Va.

The first Sunday of the new year was given to Danville where I was the speaker for the 11 o'clock service. This was my first visit to this Church and I was pleased with what I saw. The Sunday School teachers were enthusiastically presenting the lessons when I entered the room. This is a new organization, it having been in existence about three years I believe. A store building is being used with curtains for the class rooms and temporary seats. The seats are more comfortable than are those in some of our modern Church buildings. I was told that the Sunday School attendance was not quite up to the standard of a year ago, however, there seemed to be a spirit of enthusiasm manifested.

The Church service Sunday was well attended and I was told that there were several visitors in the congregation. Rev. R. L. Vickery was assigned to this charge by the last Annual Conference and he has entered upon the work with enthusiasm. From what I could learn he had made a good impression upon the members of the Church and the community. One evidence of progressiveness which I saw was a board with all the items of expense on it so that every member of the Church could see just how much was to be raised for the year, also the months in which certain items of the budget are to be paid were written on the board. This shows that the Church takes its finances seriously. This Church has always been outstanding in its support of the METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD. Already it has reached its quota for this year and Dr. Bethea who boosts the subscriptions can feel free to rave over this achievement.

Following the morning service the pastor and I went to the home of Bro. Ira Elliott for a dinner fit for a king. After dinner we went out to see the lot bought for the new Church. This is only about three blocks from the old building and it is a corner lot. The lay of the land is such that it will be easy to make a good basement under the rear of the building. They hope to begin work on the new Church within a few months.

The Fellowship Crusade

The meeting at High Point College on Monday in the interest of the Fellowship Crusade was all that could be hoped for. The attendance was good, the interest was at high pitch and the addresses were fine. I am of the opinion that the Crusade is going with more speed and more ease as a result of this meeting. For the next few weeks I expect to use the most of my Sundays in this work while I will continue to hold quarterly conference during the week.

Annual Conference Expenses Called For

In accordance with the action of the Annual Conference January and February are the months when the Annual Conference expenses are supposed to be raised. It is very important that we get started on this as early as possible for very soon now the first quarter of the Conference year will end. Also Conference expenses are going on all the time and when we get a late start it is hard to catch up.

Changes in Pastorates

At his request Rev. J. Leo Pittard has been released from Chatham Charge and at the request of the quarterly conference of that Charge Rev. Charles Sharpe, Jr., has been appointed pastor. Brother Pittard will devote all of his time to Moriah Church while Brother Sharpe will serve Chatham and Shady Grove.

Appointments

Wednesday, January 5—7:30 p. m., First Quarterly Conference Rankin Memorial.

Sunday, January 9—11 a. m., Asheboro.

Tuesday, January 11 with Conference Council in Henderson.

Wednesday, January 12 with Conference Council in Grace, Greensboro.

Thursday, January 13 with Conference Council in Concord.

Saturday, January 15—First Quarterly Conference at Shiloh Church, Shiloh Charge, 2 p. m.

Sunday, January 16—11 a. m., Lebanon, High Point.

Sunday, January 23—Yarborough Charge.

Sunday, January 30—Orange Charge.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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A Message in Verse

THE MESSENGERS OF BROTHERHOOD

Down through the ages, guided by the glory of the Star
That beckons men to Bethlehem then sends them out afar,
They go where tropic summers burn, where arctic winters freeze,
Where palm-decked isles of danger dot the shining southern seas.

They go where ancient custom takes today a tyrant's toll,
Denying due development of body, mind, and soul;
Where men exploit the weaklings, where the sweat of anguish falls,
Where children are but chattels and where women are but thralls.

In loneliness and lassitude, in pestilence, in pain,
In deeps of dull depression when their travail seems in vain,
They raise the Cross as symbol of the brotherhood of man,
With rightful place for every race in God's paternal plan.

Their lowly toil a loving task, they labor day by day
To cultivate the spark divine within the dullest clay,
To free the high-born from his pride, the outcast from his mire,
The demon-haunted peasant from the fear his gods inspire.

They see the Jesus-spirit by its alchemy sublime
Transmuting hatred into love, transforming shame and crime,
And giving all the sons of men a fair and equal chance,
Untrammeled by debasing bonds of birth and circumstance.

God grant that every Christian bear the badge of brotherhood,
Broadcasting by each word and deed the Jesus-attitude.
Its sacred spell alone can sheathe the fratricidal sword,
And make this weary, war-worn world the Kingdom of the Lord.

—*Isabel Brown Rose.*

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Personal Mention

Dr. J. D. Williams is the new president of the High Point Ministerial Association. Congratulations Doctor Williams.

There were nearly sixty pastors at the Fellowship Crusade meeting at High Point College this week. It was a fine bit of cooperation they exhibited by their presence and sympathetic attitude.

Bro. J. F. Minnis sent us a picture of himself and family on their bikes taken in India; we wish we might reproduce it in the Herald. He also sends best wishes to the readers of the Herald for a prosperous New Year.

The Fellowship Crusade Meeting

We had a great meeting at High Point College. We had set our goal for at least one hundred people present; we had more than one hundred and fifty. There was in it information, inspiration, pledges of loyalty, pleasantries, good fellowship and a splendid lunch served by High Point College—we were the guests of President Humphreys. Our speakers, Dr. Shipley, Editor of the *M. P. Recorder,* made a fine speech; he came in place of President Straughn who was detained because of illness. Judge Lewis Teague brought a challenging message to all Christian workers. Rev. W. L. Hutchens, a speaker from the M. E. Church, South, made a fine impression and found the warm spots in our hearts. President Humphreys closed the program with a challenging address on "Crusading for the Church." It was a good day for the Crusade.

But we do not have space for more about the meeting, for we must say more about the Crusade. The purpose is to enlist the members of the Church more fully in the work of the Kingdom of God. First, to call all of us to a redication of our lives to Jesus Christ by daliy prayer, by daily Bible study, by greater loyalty to the Church and by sacrificial giving. By these acts we may more fully rededicate ourselves to God. Second, to become better informed about our Church through reading our Church papers—*The Methodist Protestant Recorder* and the Herald. Third, assisting to the point of sacrificial giving, in paying off the indebtedness in our boards of missions and education, upon High Point College and our Annual Conference. Thirty thousand dollars are needed. One-third the amount your Church paid your pastor last year will do this. Let every Church rally to the acceptance of this amount, then let every one of us do our part to help our Church reach that goal. The Church is ours, the debts are ours and the task of discharging the financial obligations is ours. "We are laborers together with God," so "let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that me way obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

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Mrs. James T. Bowman, who underwent a serious surgical operation in Guilford General hospital, High Point, December 27, was able to return to her home this week.

Bro. H. C. Nicholson has accepted a position with Thomasville Chair Company and this week moved his family to Thomasville.

A glance at the back page reveals the fact the letter D is now at the head of the column. At least Danville is the first church to reach its Herald quota. The last to organize but the first to reach the goal in subscriptions this year. Hurrah for Danville.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

A Great Book

A book to which I often refer is *A Christian Manifesto*, by Professor Edwin Lewis. This book has done for me what I can not say for any other volume: It has made old-fashioned orthodoxy intellectually respectable. For all these years I have been hearing the usual, traditional doctrines presented from pulpit and press, but not until I read Lewis could I really appreciate the truth contained in conservative theology. Such teachings as that of "foredoomed man" and the "plan of redemption" always sounded to me quite vague and unnatural. I had little in common with what the preachers told about "fallen man" and his utter need of justification. These doctrines had meaning, of course, but it remained for such a book as *Christian Manifesto* to clear away the fog and lead me into the light of the essential worth of the dogmas.

But Lewis has helped me at several of these points. Take for instance, his chapter on "Foredoomed Man." Here I learn what the theologians really meant. Man, I now understand, was not called doomed because of any crime or guilt he had actually brought upon himself by definite acts. This is not what is meant by a sense of fallen man. No one need think that a man is a murderer or anything of the kind to realize, if we understand the proposition, that man is still fundamentally "lost." On this point the theologians left us in the dark; but Lewis has cleared the air. He shows that it is the very nature of a human being to feel his undone condition. He is not lost because of what he has done, but rather because of what he wants to be and is not. The sense of awful inadequacy is what is meant by "foredoomed." Man contains the seed of death and he knows it. He is mortal, which is another way of saying he is doomed. To be human is to be inadequate, and it is this haunting sense of incompletion that "dooms" him. He longs to live and knows he can't; this is his "guilt." He craves indentity with the Eternal yet finds his soul groping among earthly, dying creatures like himself, man is hopeless, blighted by the conscious burden of his own decay. Something like this is what the theologians meant by man's natural state of doom—not his overt sins, but his deadening sense of inadequacy.

Here it is interesting to note, too, that this sense of doom rests upon the good as well as upon the morally bad. In some ways it is even keener in the heart of the clean, thoughtful person. He is more sensitive to it. So you do not have to turn to a criminal to find an expression of this "lost" condition. The higher one values life in its fullness the surer he is to feel the need of redemption. Moral goodness is no remedy for this need of justification. Moral acceptance means approval of man; but what one craves in the final analysis is approval from God. Reaching a satisfactory status before God is what we mean by "justification by faith." It is the only cure for the chilling, blighting, haunting sense of our inherent, natural state of inadequacy.

Now, when the person achieves this justification, this oneness with Heaven, he is said to be saved. He is redeemed. The soul finds its Other for which it has craved, the at-home feeling it had never before known, and which it could not know until a fellowship with more than earthly creatures has been experienced. Thus redemption is the central word in religion because by it we mean the attainment, through grace, of spiritual fellowship with God. When then a soul has been redeemed it has found a home—a condition opposite from the lonely, lost feeling characteristic of the human being when he, in normal circumstances, contemplates his fate. Before, there was decay, certain death; now there is hope, promise. The life has come into its highest experience, communion with God, our dwelling place in all generations. The redeemed soul, furthermore, takes on new dignity. It is no longer of the earth, earthy. It now enjoys citizenship of Heaven. In the words of Scripture the person has become a child of God. Sonship of the Highest is now his right description. Finally, such redemption means hope of eternal glory. God is eternal, and those born of His nature are eternal also. Sonship implies oneness with the Father, and where He is defeat can never be.

I have written more on this point than was at first my intention. But the subject is profound; it has no end. And I offer it here to show something of the material you will find in that great book, *A Christian Manifesto*. I hope you read it carefully.

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PREPARING FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE

The International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, January 9, 1938

By J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 1:1-13.

Golden Text—"Prepare ye the way of the Lord." —Mark 1:3.

John the Baptist, coming from the wilderness as he did, is generally considered somewhat of a mystical character. His strange dress and plain diet are hardly calculated to add to our understanding of him. He was so completely overshadowed by the one who followed him that it is probable that the world has never fully appreciated his great message.

We can probably best understand this preacher from the wilderness by studying him against the background of the predominant thought of his day. It is interesting to know that he was not the only prophet of the immediate coming of a Messiah. As a matter of fact for many generations the messianic hope of the Jewish people had been growing more intense. Through the prophets the Lord had promised to intervene in the affairs of men by sending a Savior who would deliver the Hebrew people from bondage to foreign rule and restore Israel to something of the glory enjoyed under David and Solomon. But generations had come and gone, the heel of foreign rule had grown none the less cruel, and yet the Promised One had not come. There naturally arose among the pious and thinking people the question, why? Why has God not fulfilled His promise by sending us a deliverer?

In answer to the above question there were a great many conflicting opinions. One of the most prominent schools of thought was represented by the Gallilean Zealots. They contended that the hand of God had always been seen in the midst of conflict. It was in the times of warfare that great leaders had formerly arisen and led them to victory. So they contended for a great rebellion against Roman rule, and they did it with faith that in the conflict God would intervene and give them victory. Many did rebel, thousands were killed, but the Messiah did not come. (Still we do not learn.)

Another school of thought was represented by the privileged class of the day, the Sadducees and others who had gained favor in the sight of the Roman authorities. They urged the people to let good enough alone. Whenever the Lord thinks the time is ripe He will send His Messiah. After all conditions are not bad now; maybe this is the promised day, so they reasoned. (Another voice which does not sound strange to modern ears.)

Then there grew up another sect in the wilderness north of the Jordan which was somewhat of an ascetic group and called themselves Essenes. They did not put their faith in warfare neither were they content with conditions as they then existed. The Lord had delayed His coming, so they reasoned, because the Jewish people had betrayed their trust as His chosen people. The way to hasten the coming of the Promised One was through a process of reconsecration to the righteousness of God. So John, their main spokesman, came forth with a message of repentance and baptism, saying, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." How? Through a life of personal purity, good works, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." The Messiah will come whenever we are spiritually ready for His coming. It is probable that Jesus to some extent was associated with these Essenes, for certainly it was this message in part that He picked up and preached to the world.

A great message this was indeed. Preparing for a life of service? Let every man remember that he must begin with himself. "Repent." Get right yourself and then go out to lead others to Christ. Many of us who are so enthusiastic about building a new world need to go back to Jordan and listen to the message of John once again. The Kingdom of God is at hand if we were spiritually and morally fit for citizenship therein. For centuries we have been praying "Thy Kingdom come." If that prayer were to be answered I fear that some of us who, like the Gallilean Zealots, rise to grasp at the throats of our fellowmen, or others like the Sadducees sitting by in sublime complacency while the rest of the world carry a load of poverty and depression upon their backs, would feel strangely out of place in a society where the will of God was really done.

It is interesting to note that in response to this challenge to repentance Christ came and was baptized. Harlots and drunkards must have been in that line, yes, and thieves were crucified on Calvary. From the very beginning and throughout His life He identified Himself with the worst of men. From here He went to the wilderness of temptation. Life was made no easier for Him than it is for the weakest and worst of men. He shared the temptations of the world, and I say it thoughtfully, it was in His power to overcome that He became the Savior of men. It is interesting to note that the writer, Mark, who places so much emphasis upon the miracles of Jesus, begins his story by picturing Him as one Who, first of all, chose to be a man among men preaching the great message of repentance and personal purity as preached by His worthy predecessor, John, who came to prepare the way.

MASONS OPPOSE GAMBLING

In this age when forms of gambling are carried on by many organizations in churches of certain denominations, and when a national lottery bill is threatened to be brought to a vote in the Lower House of Congress, Masons are likely to forget the position of the Craft against gaming.

Occasionally Grand Masters feel it their duty to remind their members of the age-long plague of gambling, lest some fall victims to outside influences. Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, William H. Parker, issued a statement, September 16, on the subject. He stated, among other things, that, "requests to the Grand Master for his authority or permission to raise money for Masonic purpose by resorting to some game of chance, to some gambling device or to some kind of lottery are from time to time received. No Grand Master can tactfully, or otherwise, approve such action."

Calling attention to the public press accounts of police raids frequently made when entertainments with gambling attractions are given under the auspices of worthy people, and also organizations who through ignorance of the law governing such enterprise or unmindful of the impropriety of sponsoring such entertainments are giving them approval, Mr. Parker expressed his happiness that no shame had come to the Grand Jurisdiction of Michigan through the violation of laws prohibiting gambling. In this connection, the Grand Master said that one of the deep-rooted principles of Freemasonry is obedience to the laws of the country in which individual Masons reside. Obedience to the moral law is also inculcated by the Fraternity and is no less an obligation of a Mason than are the laws of the land, Mr. Parker pointed out.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY ORDERS BEING FILLED RAPIDLY

Orders are up to where they were last January 1, even though our samples were sent out two weeks later.

North Carolina is the second largest conference in the denomination and loyally observes Young People's Day. We expect much of our Conference this year since a special effort is being made through District Conferences, etc., to have every Church observe the day. Keep the orders coming! Let's break all records for the old North State Confernece on this first special day of this calendar year. Order from undersigned:

F. L. Gibbs,
3267 W. Liberty Ave., Room 208,
Pittsburgh (16) Pa.

January 3, 1938.

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Prayer — Our Father, Thou art our dwelling place throughout all generations. Help us to live here that we may live in heaven there. *Amen.*

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Wide Awake Circle Walcott, N. Y., C.O..	$ 2.25
The Maryland Branch, Woman's Auxiliary, C. O.	2.75
Kannapolis S. S., C. O.	18.35
Jr. S. S. Class and Jr. Miss. Soc., Rose Hill, Kans., C. O.	1.50
Gibsonville S. S., C. O.	16.75
White Gifts Serv., St. John's, Baltimore	25.00
Calvary, Aurora Hills, Va., for shoes	3.00
Shiloh S. S., Shiloh	8.50
Shady Grove S. S., Connelly Springs...	2.00
Liberty S. S., Davidson	1.00
Fairview, Anderson, C. O.	5.00
Orange Chapel, Saxapahaw, Reg., T. O.	4.00
A Friend, First Ch., Lynchburg, Va. C.O.	2.00
The Jr. C. E. Soc., Starr, Baltimore, C.O.	1.15
The Jr. C. E. Circle, Starr, Baltimore, C. O.	1.25
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
Miss Lottie Ferguson, Ionia, Mo., Bus Fund	25.00
Henderson S. S.	7.61
Henderson, special for repairs	17.50
Missionary Soc., Monett, Mo., C. O.	2.00
The Whitaker-Lovett S. S. class, Central, Asheboro, C. O.	7.00
A class of 15 primary children, Arlington, Va., C. O.	5.50
Mt. Olivet S. S., Arlington, Va., C. O.	17.00
Missionary Soc., Christ Church, Atlantic City, N. J., for shoes	3.00
Liberty Hill S. S., Anderson	6.00
Mt. Zion, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	3.50
Mrs. Mary White, Bloomingdale, N. J., C. O.	5.00
Union Grove, Orange, C. O.	4.00
Efland, Orange, C. O.	15.80
Salem S. S., Saxapahaw	3.09
Mt. Carmel S. S., Forsyth	4.47
A friend, New Brighton, Pa., C. O.	2.00
Harris Chapel S. S., Vance	3.25
Hopewell Church, Ophelia, Ala., C. O.	2.00
A S. S. class, Logansport, Ind., C. O.	1.00
Greenbash, Va., C. O.	9.00
The Jr. Ch., Wesley's Chapel of Kent, Md., C. O.	2.00
Dulins, Mocksville	1.40
Eden S. S., Halifax	3.00
Union Ridge S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Mrs. Chas. Bragg, for her S. S. girls, Clio, Mich., C. O.	1.00
Wilton Heights S. S., Baltimore, Md., C. O.	30.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Howard Chapel, Mt. Airy, Md., C. O.	3.00
Stephen's Mem., Kansas City, Kans., C.O.	4.65
Roslyn Missionary Soc., Sigel, Ill., C.O.	2.00
Woman's Aux., Riley Creek, Ottawa, Ohio, C. O.	4.00
Hartwood S. S., New Comerstown, Ohio, C. O.	5.00
Jennings Chapel S. S., Woodbine, Md., C. O.	10.00
The Jesse Ricketts Estate, Baltimore, Md., special for children's Christmas	15.00
Mr. Bascom Frazier, Midway, Reg., T.O.	7.00
Midway, Greensboro Road, C. O.	2.00
Harmony, Falling Watters, W. Va., Spec.	5.00
The Adult Bible classes, Frankfort, Ind. C. O.	3.00
The C. E. Soc., Castleshamon, Pa., C. O.	10.00
Mrs. C. W. Mengel, Chapel Hill, C.O.	1.00
Dr. John F. Cowan, San Diego, Cal., C. O.	1.00
Soule's Chapel S. S., Mozelle, Miss., C.O.	2.00
Mrs. Mamie T. Neville, Bethesda, Halifax County	25.00
White Gifts Service, First Ch., Newark N. J.	15.00
Mrs. Charles Mellors, Weir, Kans., C.O.	5.00
The Woman's Aux., Salisbury, Md., C.O.	5.00
The Paul Warner Circle, Knoxville, Pittsburgh, Pa., C. O.	4.00
Harmony and Oak Grove, Washington, C. H. Charge, C. O.	8.40
A Friend, Westminster, Md., C. O.	3.00
A Friend, Arenzville, Ill., C. O.	3.00
Mr. A. B. Owen, White Gifts, Gibsonville	10.00
Love Joy, Seagrove-Love Joy, T. O.	5.62
Monroe, La.	3.00
Chestertown, Md., C. O.	21.00
Foosland S. S., Ill., C. O.	10.00
Baraca class, Gibsonville, clothing child	5.00
Ethel Hemstead Circle, C. O. and feeding child	8.00
The Peoria Church, Farrar, Iowa, C. O.	2.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

So many boxes and packages came for this Christmas that it would take entirely too much space in the Herald to try to mention all the articles, so we are reporting names of organizations and individuals who contributed to the Home during the Christmas season.

Mrs. Esther McGrew, S. Vannaman, Mrs. J. A. Bennett, Mrs. M. R. Stoner, Ferris M.P. Church, Ferris, Ill., Mrs. Nettie Vickrey, Mrs. Charles F. Nagle, M. P. Church of Stahlstown, Pa., W. Waters, C. F. Chapman, Mrs. Letha Denick, Mrs. John Taylor, Clarice Fox, The Y. L. C. of Woman's Auxiliary M. P. Church of Siler City, Mrs. J. W. Williford, Mrs. M. N. Vinson, Cecil Likens, The Honor Class M. P. Church of Westville, N. J., Christian Endeavor Soc., Stephens Mem. M. P. Church of Kansas City, Miss Mable Harriett, Miss Blanche Brinsfield, Mrs. J. M. Elderdice, C. E. Cooper, Miss Mary F. Zook, Knoxville church of Pittsburgh, Pa., St. Paul's Mission Band of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Meyers, Mrs. Mary Barbe, Christ church of Atlantic City, N. J., C. E. society of South Baltimore, Md., church, Missionary Auxiliary of Lycoming, N. Y., Missionary Society of Panola, Ala., C. L. Eskew, Mt. Washington Auxiliary of Pittsburgh, Pa., M. M. Freas, Young Ladies' Missionary society of Grace church, Mrs. Powell, R. D. Fletcher, Mrs. George Bowan, Mrs. F. Sweeten, Roy H. Davis, Rev. H. L. Avery, Mrs. J. P. Dodge, Edward L. Aspril, Mrs. Frank King, Rev. Geo. M. McKinley, Mrs. E. W. Mason, Miss A. E. Mounts, Mrs. Oscar D. Plank, Mrs. Chas. R. Fitzpatrick, C .F. Chapman, Rev. Geo. W. Beck, Ladies' Auxiliary of San Angels, Texas, Missionary Circle of Wolcott, N. Y., Edna Rice, Mrs. W. S. Patrick, Girls' class of Union Ridge, Md., Setrucha class of Arlington, Va., Mrs. Virginia Jones, Mrs. Duncan Welch, Mrs. Carrie Maust, M. P. church of Upland, Ind., Mrs. Cecil Matthews, Mrs. J. W. McCue, Mrs. J. M. Williams, Busy Bee class of Stockport, Ohio, Mildred Boyer, Ethel Brown, Box 17 at Catawba, Ohio, Mrs. J. F. Turkington, Gasport S. S. of Knoxville, Iowa, Miss Bettie Newsom, Mrs. L. M. Richmond, Mrs. W. R. Stant, Mrs. A. H. Nuckles, Mrs. Fern Fox, Grace church of Greensboro, Mrs. Alvin E. Combs, Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Lackey, Mrs. H. E. Vassar, Missionary society at Haynesville, La., Mrs. G. B. Scovell, Rev. E. L. Ferris, Mrs. F. E. Underwood, R. B. Hall, Rev. W. Defoe, Mrs. S. W. Denny, Mrs. D. T. Smith, Rev. John Surface, Mrs. John Taylor, Mrs. Ernest Heffler, Mr. J. W. Polliet, Mrs. Earle Durham, Circle No. 5 of First church, High Point, Rev. Jos. Dibley, Hazel M. Hackney, Mrs. E. J. Montague, Mrs. H. W. Finch, Mrs. Earle Bulla, Mt. Olivet S. S. of Arlington, Va., Rev. P. E. Bingham, Mrs. Y. A. Smith, Morrisville church of Waynesburg, Pa., Doris Marshall, A. B. Gleen, Virginia Boyer, Margaret Barss, Genevt Tolch, Mrs. Chester Neaman, Arlington, Va., church, Mrs. A. Grimes, Miss Frances Fuller, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. E. Krout, Mrs. W. A. Fuller, Rev. C. Bragg, Lebanon church at High Point, Whitakers church, Mr. R. R. King, Rotary club of High Point.

Sandy Ridge church, Kernersville charge, sent 8 cakes and two cans fruit; Level Cross, Randleman, 18 cakes; Spring Hill, North Davidson, apples, Irish potatoes, wash cloths, towels, and handkerchiefs; Spring Church charge, 30 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables. We beg pardon for the lateness in reporting this item.

We are profoundly thankful for the many gifts of money, clothing, produce, canned goods, and Christmas packages which have come to us during this holiday season. We have had an abundant Christmas, and all our children were well and happy. And we were glad. One of our little girls wrote the following:

Christmas at the Children's Home

We are hoping that everyone had a Merry Christmas, and will have a prosperous New Year.

Our Christmas began in earnest on Christmas eve when a committee from the Rotary club of High Point came out with presents for every child in the Home, and also a crate of oranges.

Then on Christmas morning at 9 o'clock we had our Christmas tree. We had a very impressive service before we had the gifts distributed. The children sang "This Is My Father's World." Daddy Dixon read a few verses from the second chapter of Luke, and led in prayer, after which the children sang "Joy to the World."

The presents were distributed by the workers in the Home, the junior and senior high school classes and Santa Claus; and through the friends of the children and the good people of the churches whose congregations wanted to help the children here to have a good Christmas, there were a goodly number of presents for each child. We want to thank all who helped to make our Christmas joyful.

Again we came to the end of another Christmas day, thanking God for His added blessings to the children of our Home.

ONE OF THE GIRLS.

We thank you over and over again, and may God bless each of you and give you a new year filled with joy in service for Him.

(Additional Report)

Salem S. S., Brookville, Md., C. O.	$ 5.00
Miss Bonnie Silver, Black Mountain, N. C., personal	15.00
Mr. A. J. Richardson, Center, Alamance, C. O.	1.00
Chestnut Ridge, Orange	12.15
Charlotte, Richland	6.96
Benton's Ferry S. S., Fairmont, W. Va., C. O.	2.00

China Grove S. S.	1.47
Caroleen S. S.	3.35
Kistler's Union S. S., Cleveland	3.05
Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	5.35
The Shining Light S. S. class, Falling Waters, W. Va., C. O.	10.00
The Willing Workers S. S. class, Falling Waters, W. Va., C. O.	6.00
Union Chapel, Granville, C. O.	18.18
Union Chapel, Granville, T. O. (This has been reported but credited to another church.)	26.77
Member of Sheridan church, Pittsburgh C. O.	1.00
Farrar M. P. church, Farrar, Ia, C. O.	6.00
Harmony Grove, West Forsyth, regular and T. O.	3.86
Mt. Zion S. S., Weaverville	.72
Union Chapel S. S., Mocksville	3.50
Pansacola S. S.	1.00
Henderson, extra offering	8.00
First church, Detroit, Mich.	7.00
Hebron, Orange, C. O. and regular	8.65
Grace church, Greensboro, C. O. and regular	20.00
Lemert C. E. society, Sycamore, Ohio, C. O.	5.00
Asheville S. S., for Nov. and Dec.	8.77
Oak Grove S. S., Cleveland	1.02
Bethesda, North Davidson	5.37
First church S. S., Thomasville	3.37

Clothing and Other Gifts

The Sherrod Shirt Company, High Point, two dozen assorted shirts and play suits.

Fallston, 182 half-gallon and 62 quart cans of fruit and vegetables.

Shiloh, Randolph, 60 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables and a 12-lb. bag of meal.

Julian, Tabernacle, 36 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables and a package of pecans.

The Catherine Gibbs Bible class, Welch Memorial, packages of white gifts.

Bethesda, North Davidson, 61 half-gallon and 2 quarts of canned fruits and vegetables, 1 glass of jelly, wash cloths, soap, a pumpkin, and bundles of white gifts.

Friendship, Mt. Hermon, 22 half-gallon and 1 quart can of fruits and vegetables. Mrs. H. A. Garrett and George Thomas Garrett, Friendship, Mt. Hermon, one lard can full of honey.

Bellmont, 1 bu. sweet potatoes.

Thus ends all reports for 1937, and it has been a good year for the Home. We sincerely thank everyone who has helped in any way to make it so. We deeply appreciate your prayers, your Christian consideration, and all your gifts. It is a great work. We are glad to be associated with it, and we strive to stretch your gifts to the limit of usefulness.

Coupons

Please save every coupon possible; urge others to save them, and send them to us periodically. They help more than you know. God bless every one of you.

Yours in His blessed service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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Three blood transfusions were necessary to save a patient's life at a hospital. A brawny young Scotchman offered his blood. The patient gave him $50 for the first pint, $25 for the second pint—but the third time she had so much Scotch blood in her that she only thanked him.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

CONFERENCE COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

T. J. WHITEHEAD, President
Henderson, N. C.

NOTICE

Friday evening, January 14 at Burlington First church, beginning at 7 o'clock the women of the fourth district will meet. The churches comprising this district are Haw River, Graham, Burlington First, Fountain Place, Glen Raven, Fair View, and Gibsonville.

Mrs. R. M. Andrews, of High Point, president of the North Carolina Women's Work, will be present and talk on "The Present Needs in the Women's Work." Mrs. Henry C. Nicholson, of Mebane, state chairman of districts, will have for her subject, "What An Auxiliary Means to a Church."

Members from the societies of all the churches are urged to be present.

MRS. W. J. JENNINGS,
Chairman of 4th District.

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CONFERENCES ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Henderson, Tuesday, January 11, (For the Eastern Federation.); Grace, Greensboro, January 12, (For the Central Federation); Concord, Thursday, January 13, (For the Western Federation.)

The Program

MORNING

10:30—Worship: Rev. E. Lester Ballard.
11:00—Sermon: "Go Teach," Rev. J. E. Pritchard, D.D.
11:30—High Point College Hour.
Lunch.

AFTERNOON

2:00-4:00—Conferences.
A. Christian Education of Children, Mrs. J. E. Carroll.
B. Christian Education of Youth, Rev. J. W. Braxton.
C. Christian Education of Adults, Rev. F. W. Paschall.
4:00—Open Discussion: Rev. F. L. Gibbs.

Evening Rally

7:30—Worship: Rev. J. W. Braxton.
7:50—Address: "Christian Education and the Fellowship Crusade," Rev. F. L. Gibbs.
8:20—Address: "Youth for Christ for the Conquest," Rev. J. R. Pegg, Henderson; Rev. O. L. Easter, Greensboro; speaker for Concord to be announced.

In the afternoon conferences the following items will be discussed: (1) Organization; (2) Objectives; (3) Materials; (4) Programs; and (5) Worship, etc.

These conferences are held to help teachers, Christian Endeavor leaders, secretaries of Christian Education and Missionary Education and Young People's Work in Auxiliaries, superintendents, parents and others interested in educational work in the church.

The conference on Christian Education of children will not be held in Greensboro. On Saturday afternoon, January 15 this conference will be held for workers in and around that city.

Plan to attend the conference nearest you!

Notice

Rev. F. L. Gibbs, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Department of Religious Education, will speak as follows on Sunday, January 9:

11:00 a. m. -Charlotte, First Church.
7:00 p. m.—High Point, Lebanon.

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CHILDREN'S DIVISION

Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, Supt.

Attention! Primary and Junior Teachers!

All Primary and Junior teachers in the Greensboro area, and any others who may be interested, are urged to attend the conference for children's workers which will be held at Grace church, Greensboro, on January 15, at 2 p. m.

We have arranged this meeting for January 15, for two reasons. First, we felt that more teachers would be able to attend on a Saturday afternoon and second, we are using children of Primary and Junior age for demonstration work and they could not come on any other day of the week.

Many of us have been eager to know more about the Junior church, and at this meeting we shall have the opportunity to find out what we wish to know. Miss Myrtle Davis of First church, High Point, has successfully conducted a Junior church for a number of years and she will be with us and will conduct a typical Junior church service with children 8 to 13 years of age.

Following the demonstration which will be about 45 minutes in length, we shall have a short period for asking questions and for discussion of any problems you may have—this to be followed by a social hour.

This will be our first attempt at such a conference in this area and I am most anxious for it to be a success.

Please mark this day on your calendar and come! The place—Grace church, corner Gaston and Edgeworth streets, Greensboro; the time—2 o'clock; the day—Saturday, January 15. And, last, but not least, please BE ON TIME, for after the worship service begins we don't want to break into it, by admitting late-comers.

Sincerely,
MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL.

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BROTHER REED EXPRESSES THANKS

Please allow me to express through the Herald, our most sincere appreciation to our friends for their many gifts and greetings sent to us during the Christmas season. It was cheering to us, especially to Mrs. Reed, who has been shut in since the 7th of August. May Heavens benedictions rest upon each of them.

W. D. REED.

Missionary Column

MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL, Editor
222 North Edgeworth Street
Greensboro, N. C.

TO AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Please, if you have not filled out and returned to me the report blank I sent you in December, do so at once. Also let me know how many from your Auxiliary will be at Calvary church to lunch at 35 cents per plate on January 12, 1938.

MRS. JAMES T. BOWMAN.

(By Mrs. Andrews requested by Mrs. Bowman.)

NOTICE TO LOCAL SECRETARIES OF BENEVOLENCE IN N. C. BRANCH

Mrs. J. M. Stone, who is Secretary of Benevolence for the N. C. Branch of Women's Work, requests that the local secretaries of benevolence send in their reports this time to Mrs. J. T. Bowman, Thomasville, N. C., Corresponding Secretary, that she may make a full report for Mrs. Stone.

Mrs. Stone is recovering from a major operation in Wesley Long hospital, Greensboro, and while she is making satisfactory progress, she will be unable to make out her report to present at the quarterly meeting on January 12—hence the request to send reports to Mrs. Bowman.

The benevolences to report are those things each auxiliary has done since the last quarterly meeting of the N. C. Branch, which was held in Asheboro in October, 1937. Report what you have done for the Children's Home, Bethel Home, Home for the Aged, Aged Ministers, and the American Bible Society.

"PRAYER TO SHARE CLUB" FOR INDIA ASKED TO COMPLETE WORK IN JANUARY

The North Carolina Branch of Women's Work decided, at the annual meeting last April, to assume half the support of the Minnis family in India, and a committee was appointed to decide upon a plan for raising this amount. The "Prayer to Share" plan was decided upon, which was prayer for the Minnises and $1.00 contribution, those contributing becoming members of the "Prayer to Share Club."

The committee is making a special effort to raise the entire amount in January, as February is thank-offering month. We are suggesting that auxiliaries have a united plan in addition to individual gifts, sending in amounts in bulk, with group membership; for example, ——— Auxiliary, —— Prayer to Share Club members. But this is over and above your auxiliary budget.

Mr. and Mrs. Minnis and their children are our own North Carolina Conference folks. This is an opportunity to prove our interest in them. Miss Mary Margaret Bates, Secretary of Young People's Work, is asking the young people of the state to contribute $300, as it costs $100 additional to support each child of missionaries in India. We beseech your cooperation in this movement. Let us do this thing now.

Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, Miss Mary Margaret Bates, Mrs. Coy L. Kearns (Treasurer, Denton, N. C.), Committee.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Ella Welborn, Lebanon church, gift of J. W. Montgomery	$2.00
Mrs. A. J. Payne, Lebanon church	2.00
M. F. Martin, Rockingham church	1.00
Mrs. Ellis Luck, gift of Mrs. B. W. Little	2.00
Mrs. A. E. White, Vance charge	2.00
J. P. Owen, Pinnacle charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Morris.	
Mrs. Savannah Martin, Halifax charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. J. M. Lewis.	
T. L. Long, W. Forsyth charge	2.00
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Mrs. H. S. Barrow, Kernersville charge	2.00
Rev. C. B. Way, Kernersville charge	.50
Sent by Pastor Way.	
Mrs. Lonnie McPherson, Alamance charge	2.00
Mrs. A. L. Foust, Alamance charge	2.00
Mrs. R. W. Lindley, Alamance charge	1.00
Sent by Miss Bessie Holmes.	
Mrs. G. E. Evans, Guilford charge	1.00
Mrs. A. L. Jones, Guilford charge	2.00
Sent by Miss Bernice Jones.	
Homer Lewis, Danville church	2.00
Sent by J. S. Parker.	
Mrs. S. J. Kernodle, Reidsville church	2.00
Sent by Pastor Brown.	
J. R. Garlington, Westminster, Md.	1.00
Ralph Jennings, Randleman charge	2.00
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Mrs. R. A. Earnhart, China Grove charge	1.00
Mrs. J. C. Stockard, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
Mrs. A. T. Cates, Moriah charge	1.00
Rev. Leo Pittard, Moriah charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Pittard.	
J. J. Jenkins, Pine Bluff church	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Hattie Isley.	
Miss Mabel Sykes, Orange charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. O. F. Jones.	
Miss Ethel Fitzgerald, Shiloh charge	2.00
W. I. Braxton, Alamance charge	2.00
Miss Lillie Mae Braxton, Alamance charge	1.00
Sent by Miss Lillie Mae Braxton.	
Rev. J. A. Burgess, Flat Rock charge	2.00
Rev. J. F. Coble, Union Grove church	2.00
Mrs. E. M. Parrish, Kernersville charge	.50
Mrs. Ale H. Dean, Kernersville charge	.50
Sent by Mrs. Parrish.	
Rev. F. S. Wagoner, Creswell charge	2.00
L. M. Teague, Welch Memorial church	2.00
T. W. Butler, Haw River charge	2.00
Mrs. C. W. Bates, Haw River charge	2.00
J. W. Hardee, Halifax charge	2.00
Mrs. John Perkins, Rockingham charge	.50
Mrs. Cora Scrouse, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
Mrs. Herman Isley, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
Norman Johnson, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
Sent by Mrs. Washington Johnson.	
C. W. Aiken, Connelly Springs	1.00
A. P. Ingle, Connelly Springs	.50
D. E. Townsend, Connelly Springs	1.00
Sent by Katherine Cordell.	
Mrs. M. M. Westmoreland, Anderson charge	.50
Mrs. John McClimon, Anderson charge	.25
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A. C. Allen, Mebane charge	2.00
Mrs. Carly Sykes, Mebane charge	2.00
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Mrs. Mattie Mitchell, Guilford charge	2.00
Sent by Mrs. E. E. Witcher.	
Dr. W. C. Goley, Graham church	2.00
Sent by Mrs. Burke.	
Miss Viola Towery, Chase City church	2.00
Mrs. C. W. Bowling, Chase City church	.50
Miss Alice Mae Glasgow, Littleton charge	1.00
Mrs. Sallie Williams, Littleton charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Trolinger.	
W. D. Moore, Seagrove-Love Joy charge	2.00
Mrs. J. T. Richardson, Haw River charge	2.00
Mrs. J. L. Sides, Concord charge	2.00
Mrs. L. G. Wood, Kernersville charge	1.00
H. V. Crews, Kernersville charge	2.00
Paul A. Butner, Kernersville charge	2.00
R. C. Minnis, Orange charge	1.00
T. S. Coble, club subscriptions Glen Raven charge	4.73
D. T. Gaster, Randolph charge	2.00
J. W. Walser, Shiloh charge	2.00
W. M. Byerley, Shiloh charge	2.00
Miss Juanita Philips, Shiloh charge	2.00
Sent by Miss Lelia Byerley.	
S. A. Alexander, Mt. Pleasant charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Braxton.	
H. L. Hurlocker, Friendship-Love's Grove	2.00
John N. Smith, Friendship-Love's Grove	2.00
Miss Mae Hatley, Friendship-Love's Grove	.50
Sent by Pastor Cook.	
Mrs. W. M. Bridges, Cleveland charge	1.00
Fred Richards, Cleveland charge	2.00
Flay Richards, Cleveland charge	2.00
H. G. Richards, Cleveland charge	1.00
T. B. Richards, Cleveland charge	2.00
R. Y. Pendleton, Cleveland charge	1.00
D. E. Floyd, Cleveland charge	1.00
Bert Bracket, Cleveland charge	1.00
Mrs. T. S. Peeler, Cleveland charge	1.00
Max Grigg, Cleveland charge	2.00
Will S. Davis, Cleveland charge	1.00
R. A. Ivester, Cleveland charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Madison.	
F. S. Stockard, W. End church, Greensboro	2.00
Sent by Pastor Bethea.	
Mrs. L. J. Diffee, First Ch., High Point	1.00
E L. Auman, First Ch., High Point	2.00
R. B. Moore, First Ch., High Point	1.00
Miss Margaret Poole, First Ch., High Point	1.00
Earl Teague, First Ch., High Point	1.00
Sent by W. J. Spencer.	
Mrs. H. A. Morris, St. Paul church	1.00
Sent by Miss Flossie Jones.	
Mrs. Frank Webster, Alamance charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Isley.	
Mrs. R. T. Ball, Vance charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Cranford.	
Mrs. W. N. James, Orange church	1.00
Sent by Mrs. A. F. McAdams.	
J. W. Medlin, Spring church	1.00
Sent by Pastor Williams.	

Received on Subsidy

Cleveland charge	$7.65
Shiloh charge	5.00

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A SAINT GONE TO REST

Following eight months of confinement to her room, and after a gradual reduction of strength for the last month or so, Mrs. Lucy M. Joyner, a chartered member of our Asheville church and loyal servant of Jesus Christ, passed to her reward at 1:15 a.m. on December 27. She leaves behind her a host of sorrowing relatives, bereaved church members, and deprived friends, who will feel keenly the great loss they have sustained for some time to come. Obituary will follow in an early edition of this paper.

E. L. BALLARD, Pastor.

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The colored soldier had been peeling potatoes until his hands ached. Turning to a fellow K.P. he said: "What dat sergeant mean when he calls us K.P.?"

"Ah dunno," replied his co-worker, "but from de look on his face Ah think he meant 'Keep Peeling'."—Ex.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Mt. Carmel, Lexington, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—The new Conference year has begun with a very good attendance at both Sunday school and preaching services. Rev. Mr. Mabry delivered a New Year's sermon to a very good size congregation Sunday morning, January 2. He used as his theme "The Home."

Last Sunday a committee of five was elected for the purpose of laying plans to erect a front to church and tower to place the bell inside. This committee is composed of Mr. R. M. Rowe, Mr. W. W. Swicegood, Mr. H. L. Swicegood, Mr. C. A. Berrier, and Mr. R. M. Fritts. They are to report two weeks from now with drawings and estimation of cost and it is hoped to get busy and have work done during the spring months.

The Ladies's Auxiliary met with Rev. and Mrs. Mabry December 21. At this time it was voted to pay $25 on pastor's salary and $25 on the new building program of the church.

A Christmas program was given by the four young people's classes on December 23. This program followed the birth of Christ and was enjoyed by a small audience due to a very rainy evening. At this time a treat was given to every member of the Sunday school.

Miss Mamie Shoaf has returned from the Davidson hospital and Mrs. Johnnie Smith from Duke and they are getting along nicely.

ZULA FRITTS, Reporter.

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Calvary, Greensboro, R. C. Stubbins, Pastor.—Everyone at Calvary seems to be very happy these days. We are so well pleased with our new pastor. We realize that we were very, very fortunate in being able to secure him. We have already learned to love him and Mrs. Stubbins and feel sure the work in our church will continue to make great progress under his leadership.

The members and friends of our church paid honor to Rev. and Mrs. Stubbins Tuesday evening when they gathered at the hut for an informal reception. Mrs. Mary Gerringer presided over the program for the evening. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental music, and a comical skit.

Miss Edna Nicholson rendered several piano numbers. Mrs. J. D. Heritage sang two solos and Mrs. Heritage and Miss Nicholson sang a duet. Mrs. Howard R. Neece was piano accompanist for the evening. The humorous part of the program was the comical skit given by Joe Turner, ventriloquist, and his dummy, Willie Hess. The conversation, in the form of jokes, was carried on between Floyd L. Reynolds and the ventriloquist. Mrs. Gerringer spoke words of welcome to Mr. Stubbins in behalf of the members. Mr. Stubbins responded. The hut was beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreens. A color scheme of green and white was carried out in the refreshments, which were served by members of the Friendly Sunday school class and the Myrtle Bates Sunday school class.

Rev. and Mrs. Stubbins entertained the stewards at their first meeting of the year at the parsonage Monday evening, November 22. After the business meeting Mrs. Stubbins served refreshments, assisted by her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Parker recently entertained the Workers' council at their home.

Our prayer meeting last week, which was conducted by Mr. Stubbins, was in the form of a Thanksgiving service.

Our Senior Christian Endeavor society is off to a new start. New officers have been elected, and have been installed by our new pastor. Mrs. Floyd G. Reynolds is the C. E. adviser; Burron Fleming, president; Walter Corsbie, vice-president; Viola Peeler, secretary; Thelma Powell, treasurer; Sarah Lou Gerringer, pianist; LeRoy Leftwich, song leader; and Robert Fleming, chairman of prayer meeting.

As part of their Thanksgiving service the society distributed baskets of fruit to the Guilford sanitarium and to some of the hospitals. They also carried a basket of groceries to a needy family.

The Intermediate society is being reorganized by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coble. The Junior society has been active throughout the year under the supervision of Mrs. Fletcher Caudle and Mrs. Frank Coble.

MRS. HOWARD R. NEECE, Reporter.

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Kernersville, South Winston, C. B. Way, Pastor, Jan. 3.—Our work has been moving along nicely since the last report appeared in the Herald. There has been very good attendance at all of the churches. Christmas programs were given at Pine Grove, Sandy Ridge and Kernersville churches with gratifying results. Prof. H. G. Easley, blind musician, of Burlington, was present and sang at Sandy Ridge and Kernersville churches. We were glad for the presence of Rev. J. E. B. Houser and three girls from Stokesdale to take part on the program at the Kernersville church.

The pastor and family were remembered during the Christmas season with many greetings of the Yuletide season, coming from friends of the present and former pastorates. We deeply appreciate all of the remembrances. Poundings? Yes, from Sandy Ridge and Kernersville churches, and a number of Christmas gifts from other churches. The members of Sandy Ridge church placed a pounding in our automobile, and the members of the Kernersville church placed their gifts of flour, sugar, coffee, vegetables and other articles of food under the Christmas tree in the church. We are thankful for each gift received.

We are glad to report four new subscribers to the Methodist Protestant Herald: Mrs. H. S. Barrow and Paul A. Butner, of the Kernersville church; Mrs. L. G. Wood, of Sandy Ridge church; H. V. Crews, of Pine Grove church. We welcome these into the large family of Herald readers.

Visitors at the parsonage in Kernersville during the past week-end were the following: Mrs. W. E. Shore and daughters, Doris and Ruth, of Winston-Salem, who were accompanied by Mrs. Shore's father, E. M. Long, of near Tobaccoville; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Way and son, Thomas, of Burlington; Miss Dorrene Jones, Edwin Flynt and D. A. Jones, Jr., of Stokesdale. Mrs. J. J. Thomas, mother of Mrs. Way, and granddaughter, Erma Dell Hargrove, of Burlington, were visitors at the parsonage for two days last week.

The pastor and members of Kernersville church were glad to see Bro. Charles Cook in the service last Sunday night. He was confined to his home for several weeks, following an operation in Twin City hospital at Winston-Salem, but has recovered sufficiently to attend church services again.

We are observing the ordinance of the Lord's Supper at all of the churches during January, and also raising the apportionment for Annual Conference Expense item.

PASTOR.

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Canaan, North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor.—Well Christmas is past, hope everybody had a good time. The entertainment was held here Friday night with a large crowd in attendance. Everybody seemed to enjoy it very much. Just want to say to all, that we were glad to have you and hope you will come back again.

The Sunday school elected its teachers and officers last Sunday. Everyone is expected to take up the work next Sunday. We are hoping to make the new year a prosperous one.

The pastor, Rev. Neece, has started his new year's work whole-heartedly. He has filled all his appointments at this church, since coming back on this charge. His sermons has been very inspiring. I think every word he has uttered has touched the heart of his people. Canaan as a church hopes he will be given power and health that he might carry on his work and make a good year as a leader for the Kingdom of God. We admire Mr. Neece and family as a pastor and the associability among their people.

We are greatly thrilled over our new superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. George Pitts. We feel sure he will make a good leader. He is modest, and one who works for the church and his fellowman. Hope everybody will stick to him in his undertaking. The Sunday school is moving along nicely; the attendance has been very good and we hope to make a better average during the year.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. W. C. Jordan and family whose husband passed away last week. May the Lord bless and comfort them in their time of sorrow and grief.

MRS. CARL H. CLODFELTER, Reporter.

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Elbaville, Mocksville Charge, K. G. Holt, Pastor, Dec. 27.—Our Sunday school is doing fine. We don't have so many members, but there is always a faithful group to carry on. Our superintendent, Mr. Tucker, has not missed a Sunday being present at Sunday school in four years. We have other faithful leaders and trustees.

We had our Christmas tree and program last Saturday night, December 25. A large crowd was there. Everyone seemed to enjoy the service. Rev. Holt and Rev. Lyerly, of Advance, was there. They made brief speeches after the children's speeches and the two plays that were presented. There was a treat for the whole Sunday school and many gifts under the tree. I think back of each gift was that true Christmas spirit of giving. Christmas after all is the remembrance and honoring of God's great gift to man, His son, Jesus Christ. To most of us it is the most joyful time of the year.

Our Sunday school is very thankful for the annual gift by Mr. Lee Ellis, of Asheville, to us at Christmas time. Most of the $50 check goes to treat the children and whole Sunday school. Mr. Ellis, himself, was once a Sunday school boy of our church in his youth.

Rev. Mr. Holt will preach next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. We want a large crowd out for Sunday school and church. We should start off the New Year in a new way, a way that is more pleasing to God. We should be more careful in choosing the things of life that hinder us from closer walks with God. We all need more daily prayer and Bible-reading.

We are sorry to note that Mr. T. J. Ellis, of our community, passed away recently. He was buried in Elbaville cemetery. May God bless the bereaved family.

ALVIN CARTER, Reporter.

Love's Grove Church, Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—Rev. Cook filled his regular appointment Sunday, December 26, preaching on "A Wonderful Saviour." This was a good sermon and I know it was a blessing to all who heard it. Personally I think each sermon grows better and greatly inspires us to live a better life than ever before.

We have just finished painting our church on the inside which was a heavy bill to pay but by the guiding hand of God we have it all paid for. We have only been about three weeks raising the money and wish to thank all who helped out on it. We are really proud of our church now and we invite everyone to come and be with us any time.

The two plays given on Saturday night, December 18, proved to be very successful. We had a large crowd and there were $13 collected, which went to the treasure of the Auxiliary and will be used to help out the church in its expenses.

As a whole our church seems to be progressing nicely and everyone seems to be taking a keen interest. As the new year approaches we are expecting a great and successful year.

VIRGINIA SMITH, Reporter.

First M. P. Church, Thomasville, J. T. Bowman, Pastor.—Even though a report has not been sent to the Herald for some time, we have not been idle. In fact we have been so busy through Christmas that this report may seem old and uninteresting, but nevertheless we want you to know just what we do here at First church.

At the morning service on December 19 our church was filled with a large and interested congregation to hear Rev. Bowman's Christmas sermon, which was well rendered and proved an inspiration to all. In the evening at 6:45 o'clock of the same date the pageant, "The Star Gleams," was presented to a full house. In this little play the Christmas story was beautifully told and the perfectness in which the characters and choir portrayed their parts seemed to carry one back to the very night that Christ was born.

The annual Christmas tree was held Thursday night before Christmas for the children. There was a radiantly decorated tree and gifts and "treats" were distributed to everybody present.

The Woman's Auxiliary together with the Woman's Bible class held a delightful party at the hut Tuesday, December 21. Mrs. A. H. Ragan, president, made a few remarks and read the Christmas message, after which Mrs. Bertie Lloyd introduced a number of the members dressed as children. These "little tots" gave a hilarious program which was enjoyed throughout. Dear old Santa himself, his wife and Brownie, delighted everybody by giving each one present a bag filled with candy, fruits, nuts, and popcorn.

The Christian Endeavor members gave a unique banquet recently in the hope of reviving the interest of some of their inactive members. The banquet was successful in every detail.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. J. T. Bowman, wife of our pastor, was carried to the hospital at High Point and underwent a serious operation. But it will be of interest to her many, many friends to know that she is recuperating as well as could be expected.

With the beginning of a new year let us all make a resolution to make His program ours and pray for courage to succeed in carrying it out.

May you all have a happy and successful New Year. REPORTER.

Gillburg, Vance Charge, J. D. Cranford, Pastor, Dec. 27.—We are finishing up the year of 1937 with a heart full of Thankfulness for the progress we have made. One of the things we are most thankful for was the return of our pastor and family. He filled his regular fourth Sunday service with the message of Luke, 2nd chapter, telling us "There was no room in the Inn," leaving us to ponder over the thought if we are not too busy through all the Christmas rush to find room for the Christ child in our lives.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is doing a fine work. We had a joint meeting of all the Auxiliaries on Vance charge at Spring Valley church, for our December meeting. We enjoyed having Mrs. J. E. Pritchard with us, while our president, Mr. J. E. Pritchard, was with the men. We are always looking forward to each meeting, trying to plan in some way to raise money each month.

We have a splendid Sunday school, good attendance for the winter months.

Watch for our reports and see us improve. Wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year.

NELLIE FAULKNER, Reporter.

Denton, Geo. L. Curry, Pastor, Dec. 27—The Christmas season has been appropriately observed by the Denton church. Rev. Mr. Curry preached a powerful sermon on the third Sunday at the morning worship hour, and the annual Christmas program was held on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. This was the old Christmas story interpreted through scripture, song, and dramatization and was well presented.

The circles of the Auxiliary held their regular meetings and annual Christmas parties on Monday, the 20th, at 7:30 p. m. Circle No. 1 met with Miss Marjorie Cranford, and Circle No. 2 with Mrs. John Mitchell and Mrs. T. W. Mitchell at their home. These meetings opened with well-rendered Christmas programs, after which routine business was transacted. The social hour included the presentation of gifts by Santa Claus, and the drawing of names of new "Heart Sisters" for another quarter.

Delegates to the third quarterly meeting of the Branch of Women's Work, which is to be held at Calvary church, Greensboro, January 12, were elected as follows: Mrs. D. M. Sexton, Mrs. John Mitchell, Mrs. N. V. Johnson, Mrs. Colon Cranford, and Mrs. J. W. Griffis.

The first quarterly conference will be held at the Denton church on January 5 at 7 p. m. The pastor urges a good attendance.

Members of our church family who returned home for the holidays included Miss Virginia Curry and Robert Johnson, of High Point college, and Miss Inza Hill and Mr. Marvin Sexton, who are teachers in our North Carolina public schools.

Mrs. Margaret Curry Webb and small son, George, who have been visiting relatives in the eastern part of the state have returned home.

The pastor's family spent Christmas day with Mrs. Curry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perryman, who lives near Welcome, N. C.

Our work has had an auspicious beginning under the leadership of our new pastor and his wife, and we trust that the New Year will not only be the best our local church has ever known, but that the work of the Master will go forward as never before during 1938.

REPORTER.

Welch Memorial Church, J. D. Williams, Pastor, Dec. 13.—The Sunday school is increasing every Sunday. The congregation at the 11 o'clock service and at night is increasing. It was encouraging to see the choir full. Every seat was filled. Thanks to Bro. Odell Brown and Bud Cashwell for organizing a Junior choir at our church. Thirty was present last Sunday.

E. F. SEAGRAVES, Reporter.

Lebanon Church, High Point. — We are starting this new year on a new field of labor which produces two kinds of reaction in our minds. It was with much real heartache that we had to be separated from the many close friends of the Creswell charge and yet there has been much real joy in being here on the new field and finding such a warm reception. It has been like coming back home to us in some ways. Lebanon was our home church when I was here in college with Dr. S. W. Taylor as our beloved pastor.

From the very beginning the people have been more than kind to us. They sent a truck all the way to Creswell, N. C., to move our earthly goods to High Point. Then they on a Wednesday evening so loaded my car down with things that we almost needed that truck again. We had a splendid congregation at our very first mid-week prayer meeting and it continues. The first one was held at Thanksgiving with nearly 100 present. After the service the church gave a reception for the pastor and his wife and we had a real heart-warming time around the great stone fireplace in the hut.

We have found here a wonderful group of young people, and they are deeply interested in the work of our church. Each Sunday morning we have a young choral group that presents a radio program of gospel hymns over the High Point station. This program is planned and given entirely by the Christian Endeavor society. This program can be heard at 9:30 a. m. and we invite all Herald readers that get the High Point station to tune in. At the Sunday night services I have been peraching a little object sermon to the children before my regular "long" one to the grown-ups and a fine response has been shown. Our Sunday services are being well attended and it is an inspiration to preach to them. We were happy to receive seven new members into our fold several Sundays ago. Four of these came by letter and three of them came professing their faith in Christ at the service and were baptized. May the Lord give us many others this year.

Last Friday evening which was Christmas Eve I had the great joy of uniting in marriage a former college schoolmate and also a fellow minister. Rev. Hermon Yokely, pastor of the Connelly Springs Charge, was united in marriage to Miss Adaline Owens, of this city. They will make their home here in High Point. May God's richest blessings attend this union.

I am happy to report that the members of my family that were in the automobile wreck are all much improved. They had a very dangerous wreck but they escaped fatal injuries. My step-mother and the two sons, Walter Easter, Jr., and Kenneth, were painfully hurt, but my father received serious injuries. However, he is now much improved and is able to walk around some. I wish to express my deep appreciation to our friends who were so thoughtful in this time of distress.

O. L. EASTER, Pastor.

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New Hope, Mecklenburg Charge, J. R. Short, Pastor.—Well I think everybody around New Hope had a real good Christmas. We had a program Friday night and Christmas tree. A treat was given to each child by Lee Aycoth, Joe Ross, Melvine McFadden, Shaw brothers for the Sunday school. Miss Polly Belk and Miss Annie Mae Morris prepared the program. Music was by Miss Margie Aycoth. Bible reading by Roger Morris and prayer by Rev. Robert Short. The church was beautifully decorated.

The Ladies' Aid surprised Mrs. Short with a 32-piece dinner set for her Christmas present. Mr. Short got a pounding for his present.

On December 19 we had a good sermon by our pastor on the birth of Christ; subject, "No Room for Him in the Inn."

We had with us Sunday night the principal of Prospect high school, Mr. Hunt, who made a good talk on "The Temple, a Holy Temple, or a Sinful One, Which Is Our Hobby." He drew seven steps up and seven steps down and a starting line between.

FAYE AYCOTH, Reporter.

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Flat Rock, Vance Charge, J. D. Cranford, Pastor.—Many good things are going on at Flat Rock as well as at other places on Vance charge.

Rev. Mr. Cranford filled his regular appointment at Flat Rock on the third Sunday with a very inspiring Christmas sermon. Every one seemed filled with the Christmas spirit.

Our Sunday school is getting along very nice under direction of our new superintendent, Mr. E. M. Moody, and the recently formed class of teen age boys and girls, with Miss Rosa Satterwhite as teacher, is gaining in membership every Sunday.

On the evening of December 26 at 5 o'clock there was given a Christmas program of songs, readings and recitations, which was very good. Then a visit from Santa Claus who delivered gifts to every member of our Sunday school and many friends from under a lovely electric lighted tree with fruit for every one.

On December 17 at 5:30 o'clock the joint meeting of the Auxiliaries on Vance charge with the quarterly conference for supper was held at Spring Valley church with about 150 present. Everyone enjoyed the bountiful and delicious supper. We were very glad to have Dr. and Mrs. Pritchard with us, also Rev. T. J. Whitehead, of the Henderson church, and Rev. Mr. Pegg, of the Granville charge. After supper the men assembled around the long table in the dining room and Dr. Pritchard conducted the quarterly conference. The Auxiliary met in main part of church. Each of four Auxiliaries had some part on the program, then Mrs. Pritchard gave a very interesting address of the missionary work and needs. As result of her address $5 has been sent to Branch Treasurer on the Minnis' salary fund, from members of the Flat Rock Auxiliary.

We wish to thank Mr. Cranford for planning such an enjoyable meeting, and hope he will have another in the future.

M. V. W., Reporter.

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Haw River, Glen Raven Charge,—Rev. R. S. Troxler filled his regular appointment here Sunday and brought a wonderful message about the topic, "Open Door." Our evening service was in the form of a candle-light service, and it was most impressive.

On the evening of the 23rd our Sunday school gave a Christmas pageant. It was enjoyed very much by a large audience.

To begin the new year we have reorganized our Sunday school, and the various classes have elected their new officers. We are looking forward to a profitable year for our Lord's work.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to the family of J. W. Murray, who was taken by death Monday evening. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Troxler on the 28th.

The church has accepted the Crusader's Drive and plans are being made to put it into effect immediately.

REPORTER.

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Asheboro, S. W. Taylor, Pastor.—"Four Aspects of Christmas" was chosen for the topic by the pastor for the morning worship hour, December 26 and a large congregation heard this inspiring message. At the evening hour, the combined choirs sang, "The Angel's Song" and "Long Years Ago," with a violin solo, "Christmas Medley," by James Hendrix, accompanied by Lacy Lewis, Jr. Miss Dorothy Luck played the prelude, and Mrs. Frank Redding, Jr., read "The Christ Child Lay on Mary's Lap," by Chesterton. Miss Esther Ross read Henry Van Dyke's immortal story of "The Other Wise Man."

The local church was decorated with the scene of the three Wise Men on their memorable journey to the Manger, with the characters being arranged by John Taylor. The entire entrance of the church was used for the scene, with a brilliant star to add further reverence to the memory of the Christ Child's birth.

The members of the C. E. society had their annual Christmas celebration at the church Tuesday evening, when gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. Roddy Swaim, of Liberty, was the guest of her son, Dr. John Swaim, and Mrs. Swaim, on Christmas day, and the visit was most enjoyable, since Mrs. Swaim has recently recovered from a severe illness of many weeks. Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Harrison and son, Nat Mason, spent the holidays in Florida and Cuba. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Deaton and Henry Jones were also in Florida for a weeks' vacation during the Christmas season.

An old-fashioned pounding was the pastor and Mrs. Taylor's remembrance from their congregation and the parsonage kitchen shelves were loaded with household necessities.

The various Sabbath school classes and the Auxiliary remembered the less fortunate in a commendable manner at this season of the year, and the donors are happy because of the joy which it brought to the recipients.

Bill, Thomas and Miss Betsy Bulla, Hal Hammer and Miss Jane Page Walker, Miss Helen Bulla, Miss Helen Brown, Misses Catherine and Elizabeth Phillips, Cicero Holder, Johnny Redding, Misses Martha and Cynthia Mendenhall, Miss Thyra Wright, Frank Burkhead, and Miss Anne Ross were at home from school for the holidays.

Mrs. M. L. Gray, mother of Mrs. Robert Lloyd, is ill at her home on Hill street. Mrs. Cora Redding Mendenhall remains very ill at the home of W. F. Redding, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Briles and daughter, Wilda Mae, the families of R. D. Lowdermilk and C. C. Winningham were members of a family gathering and dinner at the country home of Colbert Winningham on Asheboro route one Sunday. The members of the Winningham families are quite active in the M. P. denomination, both at Central church and at Browers' Chapel.

CLETA RICH.

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Hickory Grove Church, Guilford Charge, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor, Dec. 27. — On the fourth Sunday of this month our pastor brought to us a very inspiring message on the birth of our Saviour, which was well received by the large crowd attending.

We regret to learn of the illness of our pastor's wife, Mrs. J. B. Trogdon and with the prayers of the Christian people we hope that she will soon recover and be with us.

On Christmas Eve we had our annual Christmas tree. The children having almost complete charge of the program. After the recitations our superintendent made a short talk. The presents were then distributed among the crowd and everyone seemed to be overflowing with the Christmas spirit.

With the new year approaching we hope that our church will continue to grow in faith and that the coming year will be a more prosperous one.

BERNEICE JONES, Reporter.

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Gibsonville Church, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—With a certain degree of hesitancy and even some timidity in attempting to put in print, some of the happenings, for some time back, I here and now proceed.

Good sermons, better than the average; good Sunday school attendance; a thriving C. E. society; with all departments running smoothly.

One Sunday morning Mrs. Davidson brought the children from the hut and gave a splendid program for opening exercises.

Treats for both young and old was given at Christmas. Sunday night, December 19, a Christmas musical program was given; the general atmosphere of good fellowship seems to have prevailed throughout this period of celebration in both mind and pocketbook.

Today's message on peace must have been right good, judging from the comment made when the hour for congregational gossip arrived.

Visitors in the congregation Sunday were Dwight Davidson, Jr., Washington, D. C.; Murry Davidson, Raleigh, N. C.; Hal Yow, High Point College; Florence Olga Kivett, Chapel Hill; and Maxine, Iris and Forrest Hammer, Washington, D. C.

The Young Men's class is making good progress on digging the basement.

All I know is what I hear and pick up here and there; believe me that's an ear full; not being versed in classics nor in the more finely polished phrases in which to express my thought, I'm still saying I believe in Santa Claus.

Thru memories lane a trooping down the way,
I stand a watching for old Santa's sleigh.
When at night we hear the sleigh-bell ring,
A million hearts do wonder what they bring.
Would you? with more matured years,
Rejoice in filling eyes with tears.
Ah! No! Not me, I'd rather all the waiting see;
And then, the full reality
Of Santa's annual pilgrimage of joy,
Be shouting from the sidelines ship ahoy.
It's Christmas.

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Pleasant Grove, F. R. Love, Pastor, Dec. 27—Friday evening, December 24 the pageant "A Christmas Blessing" was rendered under the direction of Mrs. Love. The characters were as follows: Prologist, Clyde Payne; Marta, Mrs. Clay Beck; Grechen, Kathryn Kennedy; watchman, Francis Kennedy; carollers, Hilda and Alice Kennedy; and angel, Ora Tligh Robbins. An invisible choir directed by Mrs. Quentian Veach rendered appropriate hymns.

Our Sunday school shows an improvement in attendance over last year. Out of the 237 members on roll 203 were present to receive treats last Sunday morning.

Our pastor brought us two inspiring messages Sunday at the evening service. His scripture was Luke 12:16-20. His subject was "The Fool's Four-fold Mistake," using as his text for the morning service, John 3:16.

We are glad indeed to report that several of our faithful ones who have been kept away because of sickness were able to be back with us Sunday, among those were Hazel and Ye Sable Hedrick and Francis Kennedy.

ALICE KENNEDY, Reporter.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Jan. 3.—The work here is going, it seems, at its best. We have just passed the Christmas season, which proved to be one of the best we have ever had. Our people seemed to have a true Christmas spirit, and we only hope that it will be carried throughout the year.

Things have been started in a fine way for the new year, too. The spiritual atmosphere among our people seems to be fine. We are thus looking for a good year in the Master's service. This was started in a good way Sunday with 258 in attendance at the Sunday school hour. Our pastor filled his regular appointment at 11 o'clock, preaching on the subject, "Facing the Future." His text was Ps. 23:1, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

The quarterly conference for Shiloh charge will be held at Shiloh church on Saturday afternoon, January 15, at 2 o'clock. It is hoped that all who are members will be present for the roll call. If people could only realize the responsibility that has been placed upon them by the church as its official members, I believe that more would attend the conferences. So here's hoping that each church will have a large representation.

In closing, I would like to send to all the churches in our conference our best wishes for a successful year, realizing that it will be sucessful only to the extent that we allow ourselves to closer comradeship.

I have a Friend so precious,
So very dear to me,
He loves me with such tender love,
He loves me faithfully.
I could not live apart from Him,
I love to feel Him nigh,
And so we dwell together,
My Lord and I.

I tell Him all my sorrows,
I tell Him all my joys,
I tell Him all that pleases me,
I tell Him what annoys.
He tells me what I ought to do,
He tells me how to try,
And so we walk together,
My Lord and I.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

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Littleton Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, Dec. 22.—Services were held at 11 o'clock the regular hour Sunday morning with Bro. Joe Reggan conducting the services, as our pastor, Mr. Trolinger, was filling his appointment near Chase City.

We all enjoyed the sermon that Brother Reggan delivered to us. It was a very inspiring message, that touched the hearts of all that were present. He chose for his theme, "Jesus Was a Happy Person" and took his text from John the 21st chapter.

The first quarterly conference met Wednesday night, December 15, with members from the other churches on this charge present during conference.

The box party that had been planned by the ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary was given on December 10 at the home of Mrs. Walter Perkinson and the funds that were raised went for the benefit of the parsonage.

We all enjoyed having Brother Ashburn with us, and although he wasn't with us but a short time we learned to love him, and hope he will come back to see us again real soon.

Mrs. Walter Perkinson was in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Trolinger last Thursday evening.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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Randleman Charge.—We did not intend to write to the paper again so soon. We intended to let our reporters do the writing for awhile, but some time circumstances almost force one to write. Well Christmas has passed and we are still alive, although we have been pounded from Vance county to Buncombe county in the last three months, and we feel better than we did when it all started.

On Thursday night before Christmas one of our good members and his wife came with their car loaded with flour, sugar, coffee, lard, meat, sausage, potatoes, cereals and other things too numerous to mention. This was a real pounding from the members of Mt. Lebanon church in Randleman.

We attended Christmas exercises at each of the four churches, and received a treat at each church, and a good program at each church.

On Sunday night after Christmas as we were leaving the Worthville church Mrs. Spencer and myself were presented with a nice package each which contained nice valuable presents. For all of this we feel grateful to those who were so thoughtful of us, and as an expression of our appreciation we want to give our best service in return.

On Monday after Christmas we visited our daughter near Asheville for a few days, where we were remembered with several presents including some meal and meat for the pantry.

We had a watch-night service at the Worthville church last Friday night from 8 to 12 o'clock. We had three preachers present and a good sized congregation. We had some good talks, good singing, and some special music.

After the close of this program a little after midnight, we were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, where we found a bountiful table spread, just loaded with chicken, cakes, custards, ice cream, coffee, and other good things. My, my! you can guess how we started the New Year.

We had good services today at Mt. Lebanon and New Salem churches. The new year seems to be starting off well, and we are expecting a good year.

C. L. SPENCER, Pastor.

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Midway Church, Greensboro, Rev. J. R. Hutton, Pastor, Jan. 3.—This being our first report since Christmas, I would like to say that the church gave a short Christmas exercise under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Walters. At this time our pastor made a short talk.

Our pastor, Rev. J. R. Hutton, started the new year right by bringing us a fine sermon Sunday.

J. E. Garlington, our former pastor, visited our Christian Endeavor during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Cleveland and Allen Pinnix, from Washington, D. C., were at home for the holidays.

Mr. Will Journey and wife, from California, spent a few days with Mr. Journey's sister, Mrs. S. C. York.

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Haw River Circuit.—No one has reported from this part of God's moral vineyard for some time now. The reporters may think it's my turn.

In my last report I said something about a couple of courses in Bible that I proposed to give. The first one was held at the Monticello Christian church with a fair attendance. The other one was held in the homes of members of Midway church. The attendance was splendid. I think the folks enjoyed the study, and, I hope, were profited by it.

Christmas programs were given at three of the churches, an epidemic of mumps interfering at the fourth. At Midway the folks gave us a Christmas pounding,—something new for us. We very greatly appreciate their thoughtfulness.

Offerings have been taken for the Seminary at all the churches. We lack a little of getting as much as was given last year. But the C. E. society at Friendship has given $5.00 for a book for the Seminary library; which brings the total beyond what it was last year.

We have been working ahead of time on the Annual Conference Expense item of the budget. Two of the churches have paid out. One lacks less than a dollar. We are expecting the other one to pay out at the next appointment.

The parsonage is in receipt of a Christmas present which is much appreciated, a beautiful rug for the front room—parlor, sitting room, or whatever you choose to call it. We thought perhaps there might be someone who would stand on it to hear the preacher say "Wilt thou?" But this seems to be an off-season in these parts for ventures—or adventures—in matrimony. Credit for the rug should be given to the auxiliary.

A great improvement to the parsonage, of special interest to those who have lived in it, is a wardrobe which the preacher has just built, the cost of the materials being supplied by private gifts from those who are interested in the comfort of the preacher and his family. We thank them for their help. The parsonage has lacked adequate storage space; that lack is now supplied.

There is a good deal of sickness, and an epidemic of mumps among the adults mostly, on the circuit. We hope they will all be better and well soon.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

Pine Bluff, C. G. Isley, Pastor, Jan. 3.—The ladies of the church have organized a Ladies' Auxiliary, beginning with 17 members. Mrs. Isley, the mother of our pastor, is president; Mrs. J. E. Jenkins, vice-president; Mrs. Roy VonCannon, secretary, and Mrs. C. L. VonCannon, treasurer. The ladies are looking forward to a new year of usefulness in the church.

Clifford Barbee, for several years secretary of our Sunday school, has been elected to teach the young men's class, and Mrs. Leonard Barbee has been elected to serve as secretary of the Sunday school.

A very interesting Christmas program was given at the church on Christmas eve, directed by Miss Annie Bell Linker.

We are glad to report that the condition of Mrs. Tom VonCannon seems to be very much improved. She attended the Christmas exercise at the church, it being the first time she had been able to attend a church service since last June.

JOE JENKINS, Reporter.

Sapling Ridge Church, Alamance Charge, Jan. 3.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment yesterday and brought us an interesting sermon. We cannot say this was the best, for that would be hard to determine because all Mr. Isley's sermons are good. But he gave us some good resolutions to carry out through the coming year.

The work at this church continues its good progress, although we know that there is still much more to do; but we are glad to say the outlook is good for more to be done in the future.

The Woman's Auxiliary met last month with Mrs. A. G. Campbell with 15 members present. We had a very interesting program at this meeting, as you know it was just before Christmas, and every one seemed to have the Christmas spirit. A good many Christmas cards were sent to different ones from the Auxiliary. Mrs. M. H. Woody prayed a special prayer for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindley, who are very sick. We will meet with Mrs. Sina Stone in January for our next meeting. Our little society is doing some splendid work I think, pray for us that we may still do better.

We are very sorry to report that Mr. I. E. Self, one of our faithful members is sick and hasn't been able to be at church for some time. We hope he will soon be out again. Also Mr. A. G. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindley are still sick and not able to attend church. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

We had a Christmas tree Christmas Eve night at the church and a short program; it being rainy that night we did not have a very large crowd, but I think every one enjoyed it, especially the children.

Mrs. Alfred Self, of Raleigh, spent Christmas holidays with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duley Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perry from Burlington, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents.

We sincerely ask the prayers of all for the upbuilding of our church.

MRS. FRANK WEBSTER, Reporter.

Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor.—We had hoped to have our new church finished and be ready to hear our bell ring out the old year and ring in the new year, but the work has been so dull that we are coming along slow with the money. We hope, with the cooperation of all the church family and many good friends, that it won't be long until we can be in the new church. The steeple is about finished and Sunday we could see each other walking and looking up; we think it looks real pretty, and especially the ornament on the top of the steeple which Rev. D. D. Nash gave. I am sure I can say for the whole church that we appreciate the gift and the giver very much.

We all enjoyed our Christmas program very much given by some of our young folks. And we appreciate very much the work Mrs. Peeler, Mrs. E. F. Litaker, and Mr. Julius Whitley, Mr. Fred Sides, and Mr. Tom Scarboro did, making it possible for us to have a program. Our Sunday school superintendent is a wide-awake worker, but as he is a busy man in his grocery store he did not have time to help with the program; but he fixed up all the Sunday school treat, and when it came to the church it was ready to be given out; that was a great help. Everyone that knows Ralph Waddell knows what a worker he is. We were happy with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Waddell when a daughter came to their home on December 23. On Christmas eve we had our Christmas tree and treat and some recitations by some of the small children. The children were happy when Santa Claus came in to help give out the gifts.

Sunday morning we started off our new year with another good message and the observance of the Lord's Supper. Sunday night we were glad to see a few more of the candles lighted. We hope to see them all lighted before these services close. Rev. and Mrs. Peeler and Mrs. Whisnant are working real hard and we just hope that we will all cooperate with them in such a way this year that they will feel proud of their church family. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society is still at work on the carpet for the new church. If we could all get money as easy as Mrs. J. A. Burris and Mrs. Whisnant we would soon have the carpet paid for.

Our Ladies' Aid will meet Tuesday night with Mrs. Esther Litaker, with Mrs. L. M. Davis joint hostess; we hope to be surprised when we find out how much money we have raised since last month on the carpet. Mrs. J. L. Sides is the teacher of the B. and S. class, and those women are sure interested in their class and in the new church, also the Adult Bible class and the Baraca class. Mr. Will Widenhouse is the teacher of the Baraca class and those men and boys are ever ready to help. We are real proud of our Sunday school from the Cradle Roll on up. It makes our hearts swell with pride when we see the young folks marching in their class rooms on Sunday morning. We are proud to see more of the young folks in the choir on Sunday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. Peeler and several of our women folk went to High Point Monday to attend the Fellowship Crusade Parley. We are sure they will have some good things to tell us.

The reporter and her mother were very happy to have Rev. and Mrs. D. I. Garner spend a while with them on last Thursday afternoon. We appreciate so much all the beautiful greeting cards from friends Christmas and every kindness that was shown us to help make us happy. Friends mean so much, and our friends and neighbors have just been so sweet and have shown us so much sympathy that words cannot express our appreciation. We just hope that we may be able to live so that we can be a blessing to someone.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

Gibsonville.—We greatly regret to have to report the serious illness of our reporter, Brother F. G. Hammer; he suffered a stroke of paralysis last Saturday night and at this time remains unconscious. All Herald readers are requested to pray for him.

I will make a report of the happenings here recently. We had fine attendance at all Christmas services; the Christmas offering for the Children's Home was $26. The primary grades gave a good program.

We have received many nice gifts during the holidays, for which we are very thankful. The Ladies' Aid society has bought and placed in the parsonage a new living room suite, a china closet for the dining room, and a book case for the study, and an occasional chair. We are truly grateful for the improvements made on the parsonage and for the new furniture.

We have received two new members by certificate. We are greatly encouraged over the prospects for a large membership increase here this year. All of the organizations are beginning the new year with a determined mine and a true devotion, to do their best in the work of their church. Mrs. W. J. Jennings is now recovering from a mild case of influenza.

O. B. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

Corinth, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, Jan. 3.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment at this church yesterday.

On the first Sunday morning in December Rev. Ashburn preached for us. We were very glad to have him with us, and hope he can come again.

We were sorry our pastor and his wife couldn't be with us at our Christmas tree and song service which was held at this church on December 23.

Our Union Sunday school is at this church this quarter.

Our deepest sympathy go out to Mrs. Julia Pittmann, of Whitaker's in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Alice Carter. Her funeral was held at this church on December 2, and she was laid to rest in the church cemetery. She was the widow of the late A. E. Carter and will be remembered by many of our ex-pastors.

We are very glad to report that Mrs. M. J. Morris is able to be up after being sick for the past seven weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Morris and Henry Morris spent the week-end in Baltimore, Md., with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hardy.

Wishing all the readers a very happy and prosperous new year.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

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New Hope, Why Not Charge, C. H. Hill, Pastor, Jan. 3.—In spite of the rain and mud, several came to the Christmas tree and exercise held at this church on Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. before Christmas. A treat was given to all the members of the Sunday school, also there were several packages sent out to unfortunates in the community. The superintendent and pastor were remembered in a special way, also.

Brother Hill was present Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock; a good crowd was present to hear him.

Conference removed one of the churches from this charge and now we have an extra Sunday in each month which will be devoted to a union or circuit meeting at one church on the charge; this service is held at 11 a. m. and all members from the three churches are invited to worship together in one place. The first meeting of this kind was held at this church on the third Sunday in December with a good crowd from each of the other churches present.

Our folks who were sick at the last report are about all able to get back to services. We are glad to note.

May each and everyone realize that as we enter this, a new year, that a great responsibility rests on all, and may we be determined to help others and put ourselves in the service more than ever before.

MRS. J. V., Reporter.

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First M. P. Church, Charlotte, T. E. Strickland, Pastor. — The wheels of our church organization are moving swifter, more smoothly and are becoming stronger each day. Our people are getting "lined-up' in different church organizations and positions. Each is having his own work to do, is doing it willingly, cheerfully, and more spiritually. They are undertaking our problems and work with courage and determination.

Some time ago the title to the property here was transferred from Mr. L. H. Sides, of Concord, to some friends of the First M. P. church here. They signed a note borrowing the money, which is to be paid in 90 days, if possible. They have, as members of the church pledged approximately $1,000, on this note. And have a good friend who promises to pay $1,000 if we raise $2,500. We are hoping to enlarge our pledges by additional sums from still others who are going to contribute soon. Then we hope to make an extensive drive outside our local congregation.

The Women's Auxiliary has been organized with Mrs. E. B. Stone, president. The organization plans its first meeting this week.

The Christmas program was presented by the children, and was well rendered.

We have quite an unusual condition in getting our church roll established. Each Sunday we receive additional names of those who wish to retain their membership in the First M. P. church. This brings our total enrollment to a little less than 100.

The Fellowship Crusade was put on today by our pastor. The first two objectives were launched; namely, deeper religious lives and soul-winning, and subscription to the church papers.

The Intermediate department of 20 are putting on a contest to last six weeks. We hope to build up and add interest in this department in this way.

We appreciate so much the gift of a baby bed for the cradle roll department from the Bridges Furniture store, and the boxes of toys from Efird's and Ivey's Department stores.

MRS. D. D. BROOME, Reporter.

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Rehoboth Church, Granville Charge. — A marriage of interest to a host of friends was that of Miss Lucy Rogers, daughter of Mr. Junius Rogers and the late Mrs. Rogers, and Mr. Armistead Burwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Burwell, which was solemnized Saturday morning, December 25, at Rehoboth Methodist Protestant church, near Henderson. Rev. J. P. Pegg, pastor of the bride, officiated.

Tasty decorations of green and white were used, the altar being banked with palms, fern and tall floor baskets of Christmas flowers. Dainty sprays of running cedar, tied with bows of white satin ribbon, marked the pews where the families and close friends sat. Two brass candelabra, holding ten burning candles, illuminated the whole setting. During prayer the bride and groom knelt on a white satin pillow.

Prior to the ceremony Mrs. William Floyd rendered a piano program, which included "At Dawning," "Liebestraum," "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," "All For You," "I Love You Truly,' "Estrellita," and "Indian Love Call."

To the strains of Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus the ushers, Messrs. Walter and Junius Rogers, Jr., brothers of the bride, entered and took their places. The couple entered together. Miss Rogers was smartly dressed in a green going-away suit with matching accessories. Her flowers were pink rosebuds and valley lilies in shoulder arrangement. "Traumerei" was softly played during the ceremony and Mendelssohn's Wedding March was used as a recessional.

Immediately after the marriage the bride and groom left for a motor trip to points unannounced.

Mrs. Burwell is popular in church and social activities. She received her education at Zeb Vance school and after graduation attended business college. Mr. Burwell was educated in Stovall, and is a successful farmer.

REPORTER.

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"Mose, you lazy rascal, do you think it right to leave your wife at the wash-tub while you spend your time fishing?"

"Oh, yassuh, mah wife doan need no watchin'. She wuk jest as hard as if'n I wuz dere."
—Exchange.

MARRIED

Moore-Hargis

Miss Bessie Hazel Moore became the bride of Homer S. Hargis on December 10, 1937, at 5 o'clock, at the home of Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, Greensboro, who heard the vows in the presence of a few immediate friends.

Mrs. Hargis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore, of Graham, and received her education at Alexander Wilson high school. Mr. Hargis is the only son of Mrs. Cora Sharpe Hargis, and the late Burl Hargis, of route 6, Burlington. He is a graduate of the E. M. Holt high school, a member of Bellemont M. P. church, and employed at the Standard Hosiery Mills, Alamance. Both of these young people are of fine Christian character and their many friends wish for them a happy married life.

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CHILDREN'S HOME HISTORY

I want to thank those who are taking so much interest in getting these booklets before our people. The booklets are going out and money coming in, but we still need what you have on hand to pay our publisher.

I don't believe Pleasant Grove, Rev. Fred Love's church, will object to me telling how they are working. They took 55 booklets, divided them among a few, who have worked well in their communities, selling 29, now they have divided the remaining 26 among those who will reach other sections and we are looking for these to be sold shortly.

I visited Fairfield church Sunday and while it was just Sunday school day, I sold ten and left five more to be sold. I can't reach all the churches, won't you help me?

An order comes today from Grayson, La., for ten.

Our people need to know the facts about our Home, they will be more interested. If you appreciate this work tell some one else.

If each one who has one would sell one more, that would be great.

S. O. S.

Will you please send in all money you have on hand for booklets. We are having more printed and need it to cover our bills.

Our first thousand is about gone and orders are now coming in from other states.

Pastors, please don't let any of your churches go without one or more copies—it will help you to create more interest in the Home.

MABEL W. RUSSELL.

1011 Lindsay St., High Point, N. C.

(We commend most heartily Mrs. Russell's efforts to get this booklet before our people and hope that all the first printing will soon be sold and paid for. It is so easy for us to forget even the recent past, it is not a bad idea to have such a reminder upon our tables to keep memory fresh as to how our Children's Home had its beginning.—Editor.)

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Bingham

Druzella Wright Bingham was born October 23, 1860, and departed this life December 13, 1937, being 77 years, 1 month and 20 days of age. She was married to Samuel J. Bingham in 1880. This union was blessed with 11 children, seven sons and four daughters. Her companion, three sons and one daughter preceded her to their reward. The living children are: Mrs. R. L. Leonhardt, Fallston, N. C.; J. W. Bingham, Morganton, N. C.; Rev. E. A. Bingham, Saxapahaw, N. C.; Mrs. J. W. Eaker, Cherryville, N. C.; Mrs. W. L. McSwain, Harmony, N. C.; Gettys Bingham, Fallston, N. C.; and Rev. P. E. Bingham, Savannah, Ga.; one sister, Mrs. Huldy Willis, and one brother, W. M. Wright.

"Aunt Zilla," as she was known, professed faith in Christ, and joined Friendship M. P. church, and remained a faithful member until death. She was a faithful companion, a devoted mother, and a friend to all her neighbors. She leaves to mourn their loss seven children, 37 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildern, and a host of relatives and friends. We say to her, good night, to be with her in the morning.

R. L. HETHCOX.

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Grigg

Henry Sidney Grigg, son of Burl Grigg and Malinda Boker Grigg, was born August 10, 1860, and died December 27, 1937, being 77 years, 4 months and 17 days of age at death.

At early age he accepted Christ and joined Friendship M. P. church, where he, in a long life of service, saw service in many official places where he was always found faithful. In 1886 he was married to Samantha E. Bingham. To this union were born three children. The son and one daughter died in infancy. The remaining daughter, Emma Jane Grigg Baxter, also preceded him to the great beyond. He is survived by six grandchildren, Jessie, Ellen, Blain, Madeline, Herman, and Blanche Baxter, and his son-in-law, Carl A. Baxter. Brother Grigg was the host of his family. He was of a quiet, gentle nature, industrious, faithful in all things. He manifested throughout his life a noble Christian character.

R. L. HETHCOX.

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"You don't love me any more, Jim, for you always used to get up and light the fire, and now you make me do it."

"Don't be ridiculous, darling," he answered. "Why, your getting up to light the fire makes me love you more than ever I did."—Ex.

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For several years Mr. Edward C. Fawcett, his wife, two daughters, and two sons, resided in Asheville and became interested and active in the Methodist Protestant church. They so endeared themselves to the members of the church that their departure a few years ago brought conisderable sorrow to those left to carry on the work. So highly regarded was this family that the adult Bible class saw fit to continue the name and spirit of the father by designating it the Fawcett Bible class.

The following "fraternal message," recently received, was read to the class and to the morning congregation last Sunday. It was considered by the pastor too inspiring to confine its message to a small church group, so it was agreed upon by all interested persons to pass it on to the readers of the Methodist Protestant Herald, trusting they may be uplifted by its contents.

PASTOR.

To the Bible Class,
Asheville M. P. Church.

My very dear friends:

It is in my heart to write a few lines to you at this time. Not that any special occasion is needed to bring you to my remembrance, but at the close of the year one likes to look back.

Surely the pleasantest surprise of the year was a little visit from Mr. and Mrs. Hornadady and daughter. To spend an hour with them, asking after each one of you, of the superintendent and pastor and church, was a privilege and joy.

Christmas time is home-coming time, when one's wandering steps and wandering thoughts turn to the old familiar fireside. Some of us lead rather quiet lives, solitary lives. We have time to think, and perchance we think not wisely. We are confused with the trend of events, with the multitude of things. We hear of great industrial plants that extend for miles along river banks and from which at the end of the day and night swarm crowds like bees from a hive. We read of great department stores with acres of floor space, and of sky-scrapers one thousand feet in height. Out of these come a throng to swell the greater throng on the street. And in all this the individual shrinks till he is all but lost. We read of oppression and outrage and crime, of blood purge and war, and we ask, "Are all these that so do God's children, and does He care?" Somehow the world seems too vast and unthinking and cruel.

And then, we go out at night and look up at the stars, millions of them, and as we stand gazing, the world that a moment before was so vast shrinks and fades into insignificance. And we cry out that the human race must have been without purpose and the world a toy; that God is not a personal God but a great, guiding, driving Force. And, like Elijah of old, we strive to discern Him in the whirlwind and earthquake and fire, but fail in this. And then comes the still, small voice to look close at hand. And, lo, within call are relatives and friends and neighbors living beautiful, trustful, inspired lives. We think of Jesus of Nazareth, unmoved and unawed by material things on the earth or above the earth; a Being wise beyond our conception and with a childlike faith that at all times found God as real and personal as were Joseph and Mary. As we ponder long on what that faith meant to his life and work, and then sense what a like faith would mean to us, there bursts forth somewhat of the wonder and splendor that shone above the hills of Bethlehem more than nineteen hundred years ago. With the Wise Men we kneel, and with the Shepherds we look up and rejoice. It is Christmas time, and we are in the presence of One Who Cares!

Affectionately,
EDWARD C. FAWCETT.
Cheyney, Pa., Dec. 16, 1937.

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Prof (to dazed student in an exam): "Are you finding the questions hard, my boy?"

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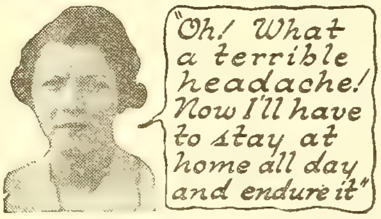
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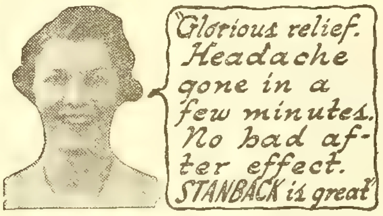
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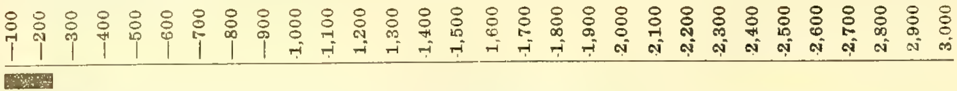

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The Prayer-Life

To pray—to express the sincere desire of the life, is a very common practice among us. In fact, every one does that. Even very bad people pray, if this is considered prayer. They have dominant desires to express and they express them forcefully. But the trouble about their praying is their dominant purposes are not worthy, not Christian in their natures. For the heathen are as sincere in their prayers as are we. But all real prayer, theirs and ours, must have a noble, unselfish purpose to make it Christian prayer. People who pray for things but never utter a prayer for the finer qualities of life, must have a poor conception of the real function of Christian prayer. Prayer brings its greatest benefit to the suppliant when it is offered for the fuller redemption of the soul. Praying that grace may be given us to cast out evil and to put on the beautiful garments of salvation. The Church has in it quite enough of those "go-getters" whose daily prayer is for *things, things, things;* people who pray daily not for truth, not for virtue, not for honesty, not for love and a forgiving spirit, but who pray that they may succeed in this deal, that they win this or that honor. So praying for things alone must certainly be rated as the lowest form of prayer—a heathen sort of prayer-life. It is praying for the Kingdom of God to come upon earth, bringing those finer qualities of spirit and mind which transform the sordid, selfish lives of the most degraded and make them into the likeness of Jesus Christ, that gives quality to prayer.

In the Fellowship Crusade your pastor and others will be calling upon all of us to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. Have we not majored in things at the expense of the spirit long enough? Too many of our churches exalt things too much. The only activity some Church members are willing to engage in is the raising of money, and the erection of buildings, etc. They talk of these things, but remain silent about those virtues which ennoble and beautify the raising of money and the erection of Church buildings. And by this practice they secularize the only things they do for the glory of God and the spirit of their own life. The prayer-life must be the sort of life that seeks to know God in pardon, peace, as well as in possession of things. To possess Him in the soul while holding the things of earth in our hands is the prime object.

In the First Objective of the Crusade we are challenged to make it the daily practice of our lives to have fellowship with God. To rededicate our lives to His service; to pray daily; to read our Bibles daily; to attend the worship services of our Church faithfully; to capture the joy of sacrificial giving. Here is an objective that should challenge every Christian among us to a new devotion. It should call into active use the latent talent in the Church which has yet to be enlisted in Christian service. We appeal to you who read this that you take up the challenge and fling it forth to those who have yet to hear it for the first time, until the thirty thousand of us in the North Carolina Conference shall as one say with the prophet Isaiah, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

Chas. P. Steinmet, one of the greatest scientists of the age said: "Some day people will learn that material things do not bring happiness and are of little value in making men creative and powerful. Then the scientists of the world will turn their laboratories over to the study of God and prayer and the spiritual forces which as yet have hardly been scratched. When this day comes, the world will see more advancement in one generation than it has in the past four."

So let us crusade for the spiritual values of life. Let us try to balance the worth of an immortal soul against the treasures of the world. Let us cultivate the vision that turned Moses from the glories of the Egyptian throne to the hovels of the poor of his race that he might be a deliverer. Let us try to pioneer in self abandonment as did Abram, of old, until we discover the heavenly country whose builder and maker is God. Let us learn from the pre-flood saint who walked with God daily amidst a corrupt and disobedient people among whom he shone as a great light. But the achievement of this must come to us by degrees. As St. Peter said, "Add to your faith virtue; to virtue knowledge," etc. If it keeps us in the school of spiritual mathematics, it is only that we may abound and be not unfruitful in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ upon our day of graduation.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

Rankin Memorial Quarterly Conference

The first quarterly conference of the Rankin Memorial Church in High Point was held on Wednesday evening of last week. The meeting was well attended and considerable interest was manifested. The pastor, Rev. Edward Suits, had a number of recommendations which were adopted. Among these were, that the Annual Conference budget be accepted and an effort made to raise it. The World Service, HERALD quota of subscriptions and subsidy were accepted and the Fellowship Crusade was adopted. And the spiritual side of the Church was not neglected. Also, plans are in the making for finishing more of the Sunday School rooms at an early date. Brother Suits has about recovered from his recent illness and it is expected that he will soon be hard at work again. I am expecting him to have a good year.

A Sunday Morning at Asheboro

It was my happy privilege to speak at the morning service last Sunday in our Church at Asheboro. The pastor, Rev. S. W. Taylor, D.D., had announced that he was launching a ''Go to Church'' campaign and that I was to speak on ''Magnifying the Church.'' This was one campaign which seemed to have run ahead of itself. If a stranger had entered the auditorium after the service started and there had been no ushers present he likely would have gone away thinking there were no more seats available. Possibly a dozen more people could have been seated at the immediate front but it certainly might be referred to as a crowded house. And I was told that it was not just for the one day that the house was filled but that it had been that way most of the time for weeks. This is Brother Taylor's fourth year as pastor of this Church and everything points to a successful one. All of his pastorates have been successful but this one looks to be the best yet. And while Brother Taylor is one of our most outstanding ministers, the Church he serves is one of the very best in the entire Conference. For a long period of years the members of this Church have played an important part in the affairs of Asheboro and Randolph county. And there perhaps, was never a time when the Church's influence was greater than at present. Such a large per cent of the members of this Church own their own homes and have other property interest that there is not very much moving away. The work here is so well organized that we just naturally expect things to be done. Having served this Church for five years I know whereof I speak when I say that it is a delightful place to serve and any man may count himself fortunate who is sent there.

Young People's Day

Just at this time the entire denomination is thinking in terms of Young People's Day which will be observed this year on January 30. Where it is not convenient to observe the day at this time some other day may be used. Literature for the service has already gone into the hands of pastors and superintendents and it now remains for some one to take the lead. This is a wonderful opportunity to do two things, namely, to help the young people by giving them something to do in the services and to make a good beginning in raising the World Service assessment. Where a goal is fixed and where plans are worked it is possible to make a good showing in these special day offerings. By all means observe the day, get as large an offering as possible and send it to the Conference treasurer.

The Conference Journal

There has come into my hands a copy of the *Journal* of our recent session at Asheboro and it is to be taken for granted that it is a good one. Dr. Bates, the secretary and publisher, does not get out any other kind. This one, as usual is filled with helpful information and every Church official as well as many others should have a copy. If you did not get a copy before they were all sold at your Church, write Dr. Bates and see if he cannot furnish some more. As soon as I have the time I expect to assemble some important information concerning membership statistics.

The Methodist Meeting

On Thursday, January 6, representatives of the three branches of Methodism met in Grace Church, Greensboro, for an all-day meeting. This meeting had been planned by the Commission on Methodist Cooperation with Dr. M. T. Plyler as chairman and Dr. C. W. Bates as secretary. The purpose of the meeting was two-fold: first to celebrate the heart warming experience of John Wesley and second to promote union of the three denominations by learning to know each other better. The morning speakers were Rev. J. H. Straughn, D.D., President of our General Conference; Dr. S. W. Taylor, of Asheboro; and Dr. Frank S. Hickman, of Duke University. The afternoon speakers were Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, of the Centenary M. E. Church, South, Greensboro; Rev. Mr. Culp, of the M. E. Church, Winston-Salem; and Dr. P. E. Lindley, of High Point College. The evening speakers were Mrs. R. M. Andrews, President of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work in our Church and Rev. Wilson O. Weldon, assistant pastor of the Centenary M. E. Church, South, in Winston-Salem. The speakers were all good and were very helpful. However, there was not as large attendance as we had hoped. But there were several reasons for this which I need not mention here. A similar meeting was held in Charlotte. More than twenty group meetings have been arranged for strategic centers in the state.

Appointments

Friday, January 14—7:30 p. m., Richland Quarterly Conference at parsonage.

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A Message in Verse

"How does the soul grow? Not all in a minute;
Now it may lose ground, and now it may win it;
Now it resolves, and again the will faileth;
Now it rejoiceth, and now it bewaileth;
Now its hopes fructify, then they are blighted;
Now it walks suddenly, now gropes benighted;
Fed by discouragement, taught by disaster;
So it goes forward, now slower, now faster;
Till, all the pain past, and failure made whole,
It is full-grown, and the Lord rules the soul."

—*Susan Coolidge.*

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"Our centralization of light, heat, power, food and transportation into a few units is some day likely to make us absolutely slaves to a few rich men or to a few irresponsible labor leaders, which ever group pulls the string first." — *Roger Babson.*

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Pastor Bingham writes that he began the enlistment of his Church members in the Fellowship Crusade last Sunday. Pastor Carroll will call for enlistment at Grace Friday night of this week. Pastor Ridge of Shiloh Charge began there the first Sunday in February. Pastor Love, of Pleasant Grove, reports fine progress with his people.

Daily Bible Reading

There are many reasons for reading the Bible. Some perhaps read it because it is good literature. They appreciate the stately, dignified manner in which its truths are phrased. Others read it to satisfy an idle curiosity. They want to get data to disprove the statements of their less informed friends about the Bible. Some others read it for its historical value. But the Christian reads the Bible as a means of grace to his soul. He is conscious that he came from God and that he will some day return to God and he is anxious to know all he can about God. He also knows that he was sent into this world for a divine purpose; God has something for him to do here and he wants to know what it is. So he daily searches the Scriptures to find those truths which would add most strength and wisdom to his life.

But Bible reading yields its greatest returns to those who read it daily; those who have a set time for reading and meditation upon what is read; for after all it is a book which requires meditation to produce its best benefits upon the reader. The Fellowship Crusade is challenging our Church members to join in reading their Bibles daily. It would be fine if during these months we could discover that many thousands of our people are doing this and that it is done at certain times of the day; in early morning, at noon or at night. We are expecting the Covenant Card to be signed by a fourth of our people and we believe they will check this item in the First Objective as one they will heartily engage in. And since we shall read it daily, why not read it systematically? That is, map out a course in reading. Reading topically is a good way, or reading all the references upon the Bible characters is another good way. Reading the New Testament by books is a splendid way to read it. Yes, it will greatly enrich the life to read the Bible daily, but the reading of it will bring its richest rewards when it is read systematically.

Church Attendance as a Means of Grace

Church attendance to many of you became habitual in the days of childhood. If it became formal and unspiritual then it was very unfortunate. Church attendance, like any other religious practice, should become habitual. And it should be so much so that when one fails to attend a worship service he knows that he has failed to receive his portion of spiritual food that day. I cannot agree with a view about Church attendance I read in a book some time ago; the writer said he made himself go to Church because he disliked to go. In other words he was acting like the priest in the middle ages who wore a tow shirt next to his skin to make himself miserable, for its spiritual effect. No Church service should be to us like a tow shirt next to the skin—to punish us. The worship program should be built up with prayer, music, responses, congregational singing, and the sermon; so that the soul in the dullest attendant would feel he was in the house of God and that those there felt the presence of the Lord. Since there is no beauty in bareness and it is the minister's function to "adorn the doctrine" as he presents it, the worship service ought to be a beautiful, impressive and deeply spiritual service. It can be all that, however, and still fail to impress those there with that beauty and spirituality. The attendant certainly needs to make some immediate preparation for the service before he enters upon it. At least he should empty his mind of things of time and sense so that things of the spirit might find lodgment in it. Going with at least an open mind to the influence of the worship service should be the purpose of every attendant. In such a frame of mind, in such an attitude of spirit, one cannot fail to be strengthened by a worship service.

Furthermore, the social contacts; the glad handshake of the pastor and Church officials and neighbors add greatly to the spiritual effect of a worship service. These may become to us a means of grace which will strengthen us for the tasks of the week. Finally, let no one make it a task to attend a worship service. If it appears to be that, change your attitude by prayer, by meditation, by straight thinking. Then go to worship, to share in the blessings of the hour and your attendance that day will surely be a means of grace to your soul.

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WHY SUPPORT THE CHURCH?

The Church deserves our support, loyalty, and active interest:

1. Because the Church is the biggest business on earth, embracing every race and country with the Lord Jesus Christ as general manager, and the finest men and women in all the world as officers and workers.

2. Because the Church is Christ's visible kingdom on earth, supplying His sacraments and bringing His life freely to us which no society can do.

3. Because the Church is a school educating young and old about God and His revealed will in the Lord Jesus teaching us how to live and die as Christians.

4. Because the Church is a sanctuary, where we meet to worship our Lord and Saviour, satisfying our deepest longings.

5. Because the Church is a hospital where we go for healing of body and soul.

6. Because the Church aims to change and remake us into beings like Jesus Christ by the power of His Holy Spirit.

7. Because the Church gave us the Bible, education, hospitals, liberty, and the world brotherhood.—*The "Angelus" of Grace Church, Sheboygan, Wis.*

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THE FELLOWSHIP CRUSADE

From January 1, 1938 to May 24, Aldersgate Young People's Day

Sunday, January 30.—This is the anniversary date of the founding of the Christian Endeavor society. A special program has been prepared under the direction of our Board of Christian Education, F. L. Gibbs, secretary of the department. This program may be had free on application, 3267 W. Liberty avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. All churches having young people's organizations are requested to observe the day and make a special offering for the work.

Pre-Easter Fellowship

Theme—The Mind of Christ in You. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2-5.

March 6—"The Mind of Christ Concerning God." Texts: John 14:7-11, Matt. 6:9.

March 13—"The Mind of Christ Concerning Man." Texts: Matt. 12:12, Luke 12:15.

March 20—"The Mind of Christ Concerning Personal Experience." Texts: John 14:23, Matt. 16:17.

March 27 — "The Mind of Christ Concerning Work." Texts: John 9:4, John 5:17.

April 3 — "The Mind of Christ Concerning Suffering." Texts: Matt. 9:36, Matt. 26:38.

April 10—"The Mind of Christ Concerning Triumph." Texts: Luke 19:40.

April 17 — "The Mind of Christ Concerning Death." Texts: John 10:17-18, Luke 23:43.

Sunday Evening Subjects—"Fellowship of Saints" Studies in Methodist Biographies

March 6—Samuel and Susannah Wesley—Religion and the Home.

March 13—The Holy Club—Religion and the Schools.

March 20—George Whitfield—the Great Evangelist.

March 27—Charles Wesley—The Methodist Singer.

April 3—John Wesley—the Founder of Methodism.

April 10—Francis Asbury—the American Apostle.

April 17—Easter Evening — local programs by the Churches.

Easter Sunday—Special Program

The Board of Missions for years has prepared the special program for this day, G. W. Haddaway, Secretary, 516 N. Charles street, Baltimore, Md. Samples will be mailed very soon and programs with special offering envelopes may be had free in any quantity. We are hoping for a great observance of the day and because of the need urge our churches to make large gifts for our World Service.

February—Home Visitation—Preparatory

For the suggested plans following it will be necessary to assemble a responsible group of church members, organizing and instructing them with much care. The possible results are worth much hard work.

May 24—Aldersgate

The 200th anniversary of John Wesley's "warm heart" experience is being celebrated by world-wide Methodism. In general, we suggest:

1. That preparatory sermons, Sunday, May 22, be preached in all our churches.

2. That special services be held Tuesday evening, May 22, in memory of this great event and that at "a quarter before 9 o'clock" all be found kneeling in prayer.

3. That "retreats" for both ministers and laymen be had during the previous week.

4. Fuller suggestions for this observance will be announced later.

1. February 1-12—For visitation of the homes, to acquaint the membership with all Church plans and to secure their cooperation. To distribute literature and to call attention to the matter of home devotions, such as "The Fellowship of Prayer," published by the Federal Council of Churches, New York, and "The Upper Room," published by the Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn. These may be had in bulk, two cents each for the former and five cents each the latter.

2. Sunday, February 13 and 20, Roll Call Sunday.—At this service all members to be presented with a Church Membership certificate, showing when they united with the Church and other very helpful material. In the case of absentees the committee to visit them in their homes with their certificates. "My Church Membership" (above plan) has become a national method for reaching the entire membership. We recommend it strongly. Sample is enclosed with the *Trumpet*.

3. Also during February, surveys be made of home and

community to discover those who are not Christians, unchurched families, thereby securing prospective approaches during the Pre-Easter season.

4. This is also the time to form catechetical classes, either within or outside the Church School organization. Samples of catechisms may be had from either of our book stores.

Evangelistic Work

The opportunity afforded by the Easter period for winning people to Christ and the Church is of late discovery to the evangelical churches. We have steered away from Lent as being an institution peculiar to the ritualistic churches. Yet at no time of the year are the hearts of people more susceptible to the message of Christ—eternal life. We cannot too strongly insist upon this fertile moment as an evangelistic privilege of high value. No matter what method you use, make a trial at this season to bring people to a decision for Christ.

1. Home Visitation Evangelism. — This is the widely known Kernahan plan and has been blessed of God in hundreds of places. The basic idea is the winning of people in their homes through definite planning and prayer by the local Church. The Kernahan book may be had from our book stores.

2. Use whatever method may be best adapted to your need. But as covering the field a pamphlet with many suggestions is being mailed each pastor with the *Trumpet.* Make a careful study of it.

3. But—do the work of an evangelist. Let Church members again become the soul winners they once were—and there is no greater satisfaction on earth than that which comes from having led some one to Christ.

Financial Plans

Easter also appeals to many people as a time for special offerings. We should provide an abundant opportunity.

1. There is the usual appeal for World Service, using the material of the Board of Missions—special envelopes.

2. There is the Rainbow plan, devised by Earl Cummings of the Maryland Conference. It is a very unique plan of seven bags, of the seven colors of the rainbow, one for each Sunday including Easter. (The book stores.)

3. Opportunities for the Gift Fellowship Crusade may be used in special ways.

4. Class methods in the Church School are also productive.

5. But, any plan is better than no plan. Let us improve this opportunity.

Miscellaneous

1. No suggestions are being made for the prayer meetings believing that pastors will prefer to have this time free. In addition to local plans the mid-week service may be used in supplemental ways as a clearing house for the various activities outlined above.

2. A Book List, helpful for the whole Easter and Aldersgate periods is being prepared by Dr. Shipley and will be published in the Church paper and in the *Trumpet.*

3. Finally, this general program is the work of a joint committee composed of the presidents of four conferences—Pritchard, North Carolina; Snyder, West Virginia; Hooper, Pittsburgh; and Sexsmith, Maryland—meeting with the President of the General Conference and pooling the thought of the four Annual Conference committees. It is greatly to be hoped that our Churches generally will use some part of it. Some sections of our Church have not been accustomed to pay much attention to this Easter period, but it is time to begin.

The program is submitted for such adaptation as churches may be disposed to make of it but with an earnest prayer that God will bless our efforts, bless our people, bless our churches, bless the Methodist Protestant Church, unto His Glory and to the coming of His Kingdom.

James H. Straughn, *Pres. General Conference*
J. E. Pritchard, *Pres. North Carolina Conference*
G. H. Snyder, *Pres. West Virginia Conference*
T. Leroy Hooper, *Pres. Pittsburgh Conference*
E. A. Sexsmith, *Pres. Maryland Conference.*

THE PLACE OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE IN METHODIST UNION

(A Fraternal Message to the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Raleigh, N. C., November 19, 1937.)

By Rev. T. J. Whitehead

Bishop and Brethren:

In the name of Christ I come with greetings from the Methodist Protestant Church. They have sent me to tell you that we love you. Yes, we love you so much that we are looking for a day in the not distant future when we will be one with you. We thank God that Methodist Union in America is not a vague dream but is almost an actuality now.

After all, why are we all looking to this great day of Methodist Union? What is Methodism, anyway? Is it a doctrine? Is it a form of Church government? Dr. T. H. Lewis states in the *Methodist Protestant Handbook*: "Methodism is not a doctrine, nor a form of government, but a type of Christian experience." My friends, this is the point where Methodist Union must stand. We are not uniting in order to count more people—to say to the world that there are eight million people or more in the Methodist Church in America. We are not uniting that we may be able to pool the resources of our three churches. We are not uniting to consolidate the governing bodies and boards of the three Churches. We are not uniting to bring together in our towns, villages and rural areas two, three and even more local Churches into one large congregation with an enlarged program. There are merits in all of these things. Reason tell us that we should consider Union for these results. But if we stop here, we are missing the real purpose of Union. There are two primary reasons why we are uniting. In the first place a United Methodist Church — one Methodist Church — will seek to enrich the spiritual life of the people through an enlarged fellowship. In the second place the United Methodist Church—THE METHODIST CHURCH—will attack modern problems with a new determination.

Let us consider this Christian experience for a minute. What does it do? In the first place it makes people have faith in God. As we study the life of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, we learn that the first period of his life he was restless and at times discouraged. He had doubts. Then came May 24, 1738. Here is what happened: "In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter to nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death." When he met his brother Charles, he cried, "I believe." We are talking of Aldersgate in these days. Let us remember why it is important! The Aldersgate we want is not a place; it is not a form; it is not a doctrine. The Aldersgate we want and need is a personal relationship with God that will make every last one of us new creatures. To this end the United Methodist Church must work.

The second thing about this experience is that it causes people to love one another. Methodism does not seek to take its people and leaders away from the world. It is not a theory about life. Its theme song is "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Where there are sick people, the true spirit of Methodism sends people. It gives to those who live in poverty. It gives encouragement to the discouraged. It gives friends to the friendless. It pleads with those who live in sin. It carries the Gospel of Christ to those who are in prison. Methodism, *true Methodism*, administers alike to the weak and strong, the poor and rich, the bad and good. The Methodist loves people of all classes and groups. Such love is a Christian experience. The one Methodist Church must remember that too.

In the third place, we must realize that this experience is going to reveal itself to the world through personal Christian living and creative Christian service. Wesley always kept these points before his people. He lived that out in his own life. He faced the needs of his day and generation. The United Methodist Church must face its day and generation with holier living on the part of its every member, greater teaching and preaching on the part of its teachers and preachers, and fuller service on the part of its every Church.

In conclusion, let me state as an humble servant of Christ in the Methodist Protestant Church that we are placing our membership, resources, traditions, local churches, ministers, teachers—all that we are and have—upon the altar of the Methodist Church that our Christian experience and your Christian experience may be made stronger. We believe that you are giving your all in the same spirit. Surely, God is going to bless such a Union.

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Mt. Moriah and Mt. Pleasant Churches accept the First Objective of the Fellowship Crusade, Pastor T. G. Madison reports. Also that 4½ subscriptions to the *Recorder* are secured and these Churches will certainly secure Herald quota. And so here are the first churches to report accepting the Fellowship Crusade, Mt. Moriah scored about 50% on First Objective and Mt. Pleasant scored over 40%. The canvass is not yet completed at either Church. Fine for Cleveland and Pastor Madison.

BEGINNING A LIFE OF SERVICE

The International Sunday School Lesson for January 16, 1938

Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 1:14-28.

Golden Text—"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the gospel."—Mark 1:15.

Last Sunday we noticed that John in preparing the way for the coming of Christ preached a message of repentance, personal purity and baptism. Today we note that Christ in beginning His ministry re-emphasized that message but He adds another element to it. He not only calls upon His listeners to repent but He challenges them to believe the gospel of the kingdom of God, or as an American translation puts its, "the good news from God." In my mind this additional note in His message was and is of supreme importance. As we know the essence of the good news was that God loves men. In other words Christ is saying that the matter of salvation is not a one-way affair. God is as anxious to fellowship with men as we are to fellowship with Him. Herein is hope; it matters not how terrible a man's sin may be he has the privilege of turning to a God of love and mercy. Good will from God toward men was and is the greatest message ever preached.

With this message upon His lips the Master went out to gather unto Himself a small following. It is interesting that He picked upon Simon, Andrew, James, John, fishermen who were evidently poor and uncultured. I cannot say that this is evidence that Christ was necessarily partial to the poor, but it does indicate that He knew the ones who would most likely respond to His message. Had they been as rich as the young ruler they, too, might have gone away sorrowful.

From the seaside the scene is immediately transferred to the synagogue where Christ went on the Sabbath day to teach and to worship too, we may presume. It was there that He came in contact with the man with an unclean spirit and healed him. Much has been said about Jesus' attack on the organized religion of His day. At times He did seem to be merciless. He did not seek to destroy but to reform. The synagogue, the Temple, the scripture and even some of the traditions of the Jewish religion were apparently dear to Him. As He said He came to fulfill and not to destroy the law.

In this lesson it seems to me that Christ is presented most significantly as a man of power. Though it is probable that He had talked with those fishermen before it was most unusual that they should leave nets, boats, in fact the old way of life in order to follow this wandering preacher. Apparently He was possessed of a force of personality, a personal magnetism, which could not easily be resisted. His straightforward honesty and His self assurance could not be resisted even by these old fishermen.

Again we see the force of His personality in the synagogue as the man with an unclean spirit senses His power and is afraid. The forces of evil are always sensitive to that which threatens their destruction. Herod sent forth to destroy the Babe in the Manger for he sensed in Him the greatest of all threats to his own power. And herein is hope, for even the forces of evil cannot stand before the power of Christ or disobey His commands. But whether we obey or disobey the personality of Jesus rises in such force that He cannot be ignored. He forces Himself upon our consciences; every man must make a choice. As for Plato or Darwin we can ignore and forget, but not Christ. We cannot but realize that our eternal destiny depends upon our attitude toward Him. Such has been the task of men through the ages. The fishermen, men with evil spirits, the rich and the poor, Herod upon his throne, somewhere along the way of life everyone must make a choice, for Christ will not be ignored.

Also we notice Christ's teaching power. He did not teach the scriptures as laws and traditions probably as the scribes did, but He taught out of His own living and vital experience of the will of God. When He invited people to follow Him He invited them into a way the beauty and value of which He knew. Truly He taught as one having authority for He taught that which He had seen and heard of the Father. It is always difficult to dispute the assurance of a man who speaks from the rich experience of his own life.

Finally we would consider the power of Christ to transform life. Said He, "I will make you to become fishers of men." Standing in the presence of a man of purity like Christ there must have been grave questions in the minds of those fishermen as to whether or not they could qualify as disciples of Him. But then there comes that assuring word, just follow me and I will *make* you to become fishers of men. It makes us all humble to stand in the presence of true greatness. Face to face with Jesus we become increasingly aware of our own limitations. But there is this blessed assurance, if Christ could take old profane Simon Peter and transform him into the great apostle like unto a rock then surely He can use us. The power of Christ to take and remake the life that is consecrated to Him is the mystery of the ages. The remaking and transforming of human life is the greatest miracle that Christ ever performed. Who dares distrust this Man of Power Who challenges the world today!

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up, and follow thee.

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THIS IS NO JOKE

Kansas, a pioneering state in the cause of prohibition, is made the butt of many jokes because of its dry attitude. It is no joke, however, what Kansas has reaped as a result of its bone-dry law. In Kansas there are: Fifty-four counties without any insane; fifty-four counties without any feeble-minded; ninety-six counties without any poor houses; fifty-three counties without any persons in jail; fifty-six counties without any representatives in the state penitentiary. — *The Christian Observer.*

THANK YOU

The Westminster Theological Seminary greatly appreciates the good will and loyal support of its friends. It extends most hearty thanks to all those who by their gifts are helping in the great work it is doing.

Since the adjournment of Conference the Seminary has received contributions from the following:

Alumni Association	$33.75
SPECIAL GIFTS	
Alamance, Center	4.00
North Davidson	1.00
Graham	5.00
Henderson	3.14
Concord	3.00
Lebanon	5.00
Union Grove	3.00
First Church, High Point	10.50
Haw River Charge	16.00
	$50.64
LIBRARY FUND	
W. M. Howard	$ 5.00
Whitakers	10.00
Haw River, Friendship C. E.	5.00
	$20.00

The Seminary is very confident that it has a much larger number of interested friends who are expecting to make contributions. It would appreciate their being made at an early date.

C. E. FORLINES.

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AGAINST LYNCHING

Resolved, That the National Methodist Student Conference, making a concrete step toward building the new world, send a telegram to Senator Albin Barkley, urging him to resist with all his strength the filibuster which has been threatened by Senator Connally and others against the Anti-Lynching bill; do whatever is possible to expedite passage of the bill; and oppose at all times any and all attempts to emasculate or weaken this bill by amendment.

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The President's Letter

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Saturday, January 15—Shiloh Charge Quarterly Conference at Shiloh Church, 2 p. m.

Sunday, January 16—Lebanon, High Point, 11 a. m.

Sunday, January 23—Yarborough Charge.

Sunday, January 30—Orange Charge.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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"Soft words sung in a lullaby will put a babe to sleep. Excited words will stir a mob to violence. Eloquent words will send armies marching into the face of death. Encouraging words will fan to flame the genius of a Rembrandt or a Lincoln. Powerful words will mold the public mind as the sculptor molds his clay. Words, spoken or written, are a dynamic, creative force."

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Social Control

Our class has just studied the subject of Social Control. By this term we mean the process of causing individuals to conform to the group wishes. The family, for instance, must find some way of causing the children to act as the family authorities say. A community, a Church, or a whole state must also find ways of making the individual members behave in a manner acceptable to the group as a whole.

There are many reasons for this control. For one thing we cannot accomplish any great common objectives unless all—or nearly all—of the separate members cooperate and do their part. Our educational system calls for money and people are made to pay taxes for the purpose. Besides, the very safety of the members themselves depends upon the protective standards maintained by the group. A certain group morality must be kept. Finally, in a complex society like ours social control is all the more necessary. Property is to be protected, health is to be safeguarded, and numerous interests are to be saved from the evil intentions of those who might want to destroy them.

Now as to the means of control: There are many agencies. One means is physical force. Parents and teachers (and even nations) have tried this. Another means is legislation. We have an exaggerated faith in laws. Some actions can, of course, be regulated by laws of society. Then, there is public opinion. This is a most powerful means of control. Individuals plan towards what others approve and turn from that which brings the scorn of men. Custom also is an effective way to control people. Let a certain style be established and everyone tends to follow it. It is a custom to pass on the right when meeting a car, and so we do it.

But among the best means of social control ought to be listed education, art, and religion. Our schools train the young in acceptable forms of behavior and as they grow old they are not likely to depart from them. The arts control us by their gentle, subduing influences. Let a man love his rose garden and spend much time in it and he will not be a bad citizen. Then, religion, of all means is most powerful. It works from within; supplies the right motives, and causes the person to do right because he wants to do right.

Scholars point to the extension of social control, meaning the ever wider area of life being brought under the laws of the land. The state encroaches upon the freedom of the citizen. It is not a matter of one's wish about paying tax, sending his children to school, or obeying the bird law. He has to. Farmers used to shoot a squirrel whenever they pleased, but no such liberty is now enjoyed. In town we must take the city water, blow the auto horn according to law, and sweep the backyard according to police instructions.

Along with this widening of control, however, there is also a limitation of interference in other areas. Less is said of the religious beliefs we must follow, the occupations we may enter, and the educational institution we may attend. Likewise there is freedom of investment and travel. Perhaps the restriction of freedom in some areas of life is balanced off by a new freedom obtained in other areas.

Now, ''economy in social control'' may be achieved by putting more emphasis upon certain of the means mentioned above. It is pointed out, for example, that more time and money invested in schools and churches would yield a larger return of good social behavior than an equal amount invested in courts and jails. Investment in religion always pays a high dividend. It was Carlyle, I believe, who said that the town with no library could always boast of a jail. Doubtless if we had more and better cultural institutions we would need fewer prisons and laws.

A STATEMENT CONCERNING OUR CHURCH AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

In order that the friends of our Church at Charlotte, N. C., may know just the situation there we are making the following statement: For the purpose of refinancing the cost of erecting a parsonage some years ago and to clear up some accumulated indebtedness the trustees of our Church at Charlotte gave a mortgage on the Church property for a little more than $8,000.00. When the question of Methodist Union became very prominent, those in our Church there who thought they were opposed to Union organized a Community Church. The trustees of our Church deeded the Church property to the Community Church. While our Church was rent asunder by these circumstances, payments on the mortgage held by the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company ceased and the company advertised the property for sale on November 15, 1937. In the meantime those who remained loyal to our cause in Charlotte instituted suit in the courts to recover the property for the denomination and won a complete victory. After the property was sold under mortgage a friend of another denomination came to the rescue by offering to pay the insurance company the amount owed by the Church and to allow the loyal members of the Church to remain in possession of the property. This friend of the Church is holding the matter open for ninety days, giving the Church an opportunity to reduce its indebtedness as much as possible and at the end of that period terms will be given the Church which they can meet. A campaign has been put on by the Church to reduce its indebtedness. A conditional gift of $1,000 has been made provided as much as $2,500 is raised. About $800 has been pledged in the first few days of the campaign.

This campaign will be pressed among the members of the Church and among the friends of the Church in Charlotte. Thinking that there might be those throughout our Conference who would like to help in this worthy cause we are making these statements. Any amount will be appreciated, either from individuals or churches. All contributions should be sent to Mr. R. S. Garmon, 1837 Kenwood avenue, Charlotte, N. C.

J. E. Pritchard, *Pres. N. C. Conference,*
T. E. Strickland, *Pastor.*

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Reidsville S. S.	$ 9.00
Pleasant Grove S. S.	15.00
Friendship, Friendship-Love's Grove, regular and C. O.	15.28
First church S. S., Lexington	4.00
Ladies' Aid, Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00
A Friend, Bethesda, Halifax, C. O.	2.00
Bellmont S. S., Mt. Hermon	5.24
Rehoboth, Granville	12.00
Greenfield, Ind., C. O.	5.20
Central S. S., Asheboro	40.00
Kannapolis S. S.	8.40
Moriah S. S.	4.50
Tabernacle S. S., Tabernacle	4.90
Fairfield S. S.	3.00
Mrs. R. A. Plunkett, Graham, helping support child	10.00
Siler City S. S.	5.62
Allegheny, Davidson	1.00
State St. S. S., Lexington	4.51
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	2.60
Mt. Pleasant S. S., Mt. Pleasant	6.00
N. C. Branch, Woman's Work, by the Treasurer	105.90
Miss Mary Margaret Bates, Haw River charge, T. O.	3.00
Mrs. Frank Warfield, Clarksville, Md., clothing for a boy	6.00
Hawkins Chapel, Littleton, T. O.	4.00
Mrs. Alice Glasgow, Littleton, T. O.	.50
Forest Grove church, Sharon, Ohio, C. O.	5.00
Whitakers S. S.	5.00
Whitakers (received on December 8; we though this had been reported) regular and T. O.	23.30
Young Ladies' class, Gibsonville, feeding child	5.00
Glen Raven S. S.	8.50
Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.00
Danville, Va., S. S., regular and C. O.	8.65
Antioch, Mecklenburg	1.50
Stone Coal church, Weston, W. Va.	3.80
Matthews Chapel S. S., Greensville	1.80
Mrs. B. F. Waddell, Concord, for the Williams children	6.00
Denton S. S.	5.00
South Park church, Canton, Ill., C. O.	8.88
Mebane S. S.	5.00
Sapling Ridge, Alamance, regular and T. O.	9.00
Ball M. P. church, Monroe, La., C. O.	2.60
Bentley's Auxiliary, Pollock, La., C. O.	1.50
Bethel, Randolph	2.60
First church S. S., Winston-Salem	7.00
First church S. S., Burlington	35.00
Yale circuit, Michigan, C. O.	12.00
Minton church, Texas conference, C. O.	2.00
New Hope, Foss, Okla., birthday and C. O.	7.60
Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	9.00
Chauncey Ct., Chauncey, Ill., C. O.	11.00
Graham S. S.	6.81
Concord S. S.	20.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

By Rev. G. B. Evans, Owosso, Mich., a box of Christmas packages.

Woman's Auxiliary, Union Ridge, Forsyth, 75 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables. Mrs. H. S. Miller, the same church, a bundle of clothing and a package of coupons.

Friendship, Friendship-Love's Grove. Our friends of this splendid church contributed the following at the solicitation of Brother J. H. Snotherly (For cash see above): 24 lbs. flour, 2 lbs. coffee, 2 lbs. rice, some drugs, 10 lbs. sugar, 7 boxes of hosiery for girls, 6 sweaters, 10 pair overalls, 10 dresses, and 2 skirts.

We are thankful for all the gifts of money and substance representetd in this report.

We have had to place an order for another car load of coal. The coal and freight will cost us about $300, so help us out in your next offering the best you can. If we get about 60 to 63 tons per car as usual, it will be a bit over $300.

All are well and reasonably happy. The children are all back in school again.

Coupons

We are so thankful for the goodly number of coupons which have come in recently. Keep it up. They help so much.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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LETTER FROM DANVILLE, VA.

Dear Editor:

I have been thinking ever since I commenced reading your very interesting and instructive little paper, to ask the use of space in its columns. However, I am no writer, at least no grammarian; I just want to remark that the front page in your recent issue on "Faith for Improvement" was a masterpiece. I never read anything better outside the Bible. And the article, "Is It Right?" is another problem for serious consideration. Yes, we must walk the straight and narrow way, if we expect to reach the blessed land. And now I want to say a word about the new shepherd of our little flock here. We regretted very much to see Brother Morris leave, for he was a good pastor and he took away one of our most popular leaders, she is a grand church worker; but we are glad they are better situated where they are than we could make them; but notwithstanding this heavy loss we have a good man for our present pastor. I think he is 100% an all round man. He gave us a great compliment when he said he had served many charges, but we were the most unified class he had ever served. He has a fine little family, a son just starting out in the ministry and I sincerely hope all of us will continue steadfast in the faith.

J. W. FORBES,
The oldest and youngest member of the M. P. Church here.

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GREENSBORO MINISTERS MEET

The Central Carolina Ministers' Association will hold its regular monthly meeting in Grace church, Monday, January 17, at 10:30 o'clock, according to J. Elwood Carroll, secretary.

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It was little Pat's first day at the new school, his parents having moved to another neighborhood during the middle of the term.

The teacher was questioning him.

"Have you read 'The Village Blacksmith'?"

"No, ma'am," Pat answered.

"Have you read 'The Barefoot Boy'?"

"No, ma'am."

he teacher went up and down the list and couldn't find out what Pat had read, and, finally becoming exasperated, asked, "Well, what have you read?"

"I have red hair," answered Pat.—Ex.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. C. C. Gilbreath, Guilford charge	$ .50
Mrs. Belia Bustin, Enfield charge	.50
G. R. Shaw, Calvary church, Greensboro.	2.00
Sent by Pastor Stubbins.	
Miss Esther Ross, Asheboro	2.00
Sent by Mrs. J. D. Lewis.	
Dr. F. W. Stephenson	2.00
D. A. Dowdy, First church, High Point	1.00
Dr. P. S. Kennett, First, High Point	2.00
G. T. Russell, First, High Point	1.00
Sent by W. J. Spencer.	
J. E. Littleton, Kernersville-S. Winston.	1.00
Sent by Pastor Way.	
H. L. Stone, Pinnacle charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Morris.	
W. L. Spoon, Mt. Pleasant charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Braxton.	
C. A. Cranford, N. Davidson charge	1.00
Mrs. A. S. Whitwon, N. Davidson charge	1.00
W. E. Marbry, N. Davidson charge	1.00
Sent by H. L. Miller.	
Chas. M. Yokely, N. Davidson charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Yokely.	
Coy Rich, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
Mrs. G. A. Nicholson, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Anderson.	
Mrs. Mattie Penninger, Roberta charge	1.00
Mrs. Ruth Fisher, Roberta charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Joyner.	
Miss Nonie Ferguson, Alamance charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Isley.	
J. S. Lloyd, Saxapahaw charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Bingham.	
L. R. Hughes, Randleman charge	2.00
Mrs. L. P. Foust, Randleman charge	.50
Sent by Pastor Spencer.	
Mrs. J. N. Thompson, Saxapahaw charge	2.00
Mrs. D. L. Carroll, Reidsville charge	2.00
Rev. G. R. Brown, Reidsville charge	2.00
Miss Mamie Pegram, Reidsville charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Brown.	
Mrs. D. M. Pender, Orange charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. O. F. Jones.	
I. M. Hughes, Glen Raven charge	2.00
Mrs. J. E. Deviney, Tabernacle charge	1.00
Mrs. Russell Shell, Greensville charge	2.00
Mrs. B. H. Sharpe, Siler City charge	1.00
Sent by Miss Sallie Smith.	
Mrs. A. D. Pittman, Whitakers charge	1.00
Mrs. Mary B. Johnston, Whitakers ch'ge	1.00
Sent by Miss Mollie Wheless.	
Mrs. Swearingen, West End church	1.00
J. C. Edwards, West End church	1.00
Sent by Pastor Bethea.	

Subsidy

Shiloh church, Shiloh charge	12.00
Sent by J. L. Evans.	

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Waiter: "How can you tell an old chicken from a young one?"

Patron: "By the teeth."

Waiter: "But, sir, chickens don't have teeth."

Patron: "No, but I have some."—Ex.

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"With the single stroke of a brush," said the teacher, "Joshua Reynolds, the famous painter, could change the smiling face to a frowning face."

"So can my mother," said a small boy.—Exchange.

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Teacher: "John ,you were not listening just now. What is the chief river of Egypt?"

John: "The Nile."

Teacher: "Yes, and what are its tributaries?"

John: "Er-r—the juveniles, ma'am."—Ex.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Friendship Church, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Jan. 10.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday, January 9, at 11 o'clock. He gave an interesting explanation of the Fellowship Crusade. Cards were given to the congregation, we hope all will enlist.

The teachers were elected since our last report. They are: Miss Lelia Byerly, class No. 1; Mrs. Zeb Snider, No. 2; Mrs. Ida Holt, No. 3; Ray Michael, No. 4; Mrs. A. L. Hartley, No. 5; Mrs. Leo Phillips, No. 7; Miss Juanita Phillips, No. 8; Henry Hartley, No. 6; Miss Maie Shoaf, No. 9; Harry Hartley was elected secretary of Sunday school in place of Becklin Snider, who is working away from home and could not attend.

The Woman's Auxiliary is planning to give a play soon, on the theme, "My Resources, My Responsibility."

Lawrence Holt, one of Friendship's young men who is a student at High Point college, attended the National Methodist student conference at St. Louis, Mo.

LeRoy Byerly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byerly, is ill at this writing, we hope he will soon be well.

We were glad to have Miss Gladys Klutz, a member of Reeds high school faculty, worship with us Sunday morning.

The first quarterly conference of Shiloh charge will convene at Shiloh church Saturday, January 15, at 2 o'clock, Dr. Pritchard, the Annual Conference president, will hold the conference. All members are urged to be present.

ADELE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

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Kernersville-South Winston, C. B. Way, Pastor, Jan. 10.—We conducted two church services the past Sunday, at South Winston church at 11 a.m., and at Sandy Ridge at 2:30 p.m. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered at South Winston. After the service there, we were invited to the good home of Brother W. C. Norris, secretary of the Sunday school, where a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by the pastor and family. Miss Geneva Pearman, of Stokesdale, who was a guest at the parsonage during the week-end, was with us in the two services and for the splendid dinner. Miss Pearman and Louise Way rendered duet selections at each service.

The service at the Kernersville church was called off on account of the bad condition of the furnace. A number of men of the church are engaged today repairing the broken parts so it may be in use for next Sunday morning. There being no service there, the writer had the privilege of hearing a sermon. We accompanied Miss Pearman to her home at Stokesdale and attended the preaching service at the M. E. church, south, hearing an excellent sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. E. B. Houser.

Pleasant visitors at the parsonage today (being guests for dinner), were the following: Mrs. Ella Doubt and two daughters, Misses Martha Pearl and Louella, Mrs. Frank Wooten and son, Billy. These good people are members of Baltimore church, on West Forsyth charge, and are among the best people on that charge. They have always remembered their former pastor and family and have visited us on other charges since we left the West Forsyth charge. Their visit was thoroughly enjoyed. Miss Martha Pearl Doub will leave this week for Washington, D. C., where she will enter a hospital for training.

PASTOR.

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Orange Chapel, Saxapahaw Charge, E. A. Bingham, Pastor, Jan. 6.—We feel that this conference year is moving along very nicely for us. Our pastor has filled each one of the appointments with good gospel messages. The Sunday school is doing very good work, under the leadership of Mrs. Clem Crawford, who was re-elected superintendent this year; we appreciate the work she is doing. We had a short program and treat for all present during the Christmas season, which the children enjoyed very much. The offering went for the Seminary.

We plan to have a young people's service the fifth Sunday in this month.

The stewards are trying to see that the pastor's salary is paid at least quarterly this year.

Our best wishes are for all the churches throughout the conference for this year.

MRS. J. L. MAYNARD, Reporter.

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Lexington, First and Mt. Carmel.—It is my custom to leave the matter of reporting to the Herald to the two efficient reporters from the two churches, but I feel that I must break over and say a few things in these columns.

We have passed through another Christmas, which was appropriately observed by our churches. Both having good entertainments or programs for the observance of Christmas. Each Sunday school put on such a service and took an offering. Also treats were given to the members of the Sunday schools in both churches. Every one seemed to enjoy the programs at both. We are now out into the new year with many things to be thankful for. It is true that we are feeling the industrial "recession" to some extent. We trust it will soon be back to normal again and all the people will soon be back to work.

May I take this opportunity of thanking our many friends of former charges for the nice Christmas cards and other ways by which they remembered us. It was very kind and thoughtful of you, and we thank each one, and ask that the Father of us all may richly bless you and yours during the new year.

Also we wish to thank the people of our present work for the many useful things they have given us. Space would not permit listing them, but may you be richly repaid. Also, it was our happy lot to have one of the most useful and appreciated Christmas presents this year that we have ever received. A few nights before Christmas two of the brethren, one from each church, J. I. Swicegood, and H. C. Koonts came to the parsonage and called for me. When I met them at the door they seemed a bit ill at ease. And after their temporary fright was over, they presented me with a new 1938 license plate for the car. We appreciate this gift in many ways; but especially both from its value and the fact that so many individuals had something in it. We have greatly appreciated this as it came when it was really needed. And as I placed the tag on the car, I asked the Lord to let me use the car just a little more completely in and for His service this year. We certainly do thank these good people for their thoughtfulness and will do our best to use this worthwhile gift to the best of our knowledge.

Our churches are moving along in a normal way. The attendance at both is good and interest splendid. The people at Mt. Carmel expect to improve their church by building a new front and a bell tower. This will greatly add to the appearance, and will make the church more serviceable.

We are glad to be with the good people for another year, and we are expecting a good year in the service of the Master. Pray that we may be led by His Spirit in all our undertakings.

PASTOR.

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Calvary Church, R. C. Stubbins, Pastor, Jan. 6.—The former pastor, Dr. Pritchard, left things in very good order, as was to be expected. The people greeted us with kindness and that kindness has continued.

We wish we might have space to mention the names of all who have remembered us, especially during the Christmas season and while we have been kept in with influenza. A new Kelvinator and an electric heater have been added to our parsonage equipment—thanks to the Woman's Auxiliary.

Calvary church has an interesting and responsive congregation, a very well organized membership, and some efficient and enthusiastic leadership. Our field is large, and not being crowded by any church of any denomination, offers one of the best opportunities for growth and good work to be found in this city.

It is delightful to be among and to serve such appreciative and cooperative people as we have found on our new charge. We are anxious to know them better.

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Alamance Circuit. — In spite of the extremely cold day last Sunday a good number were present for the preaching services at Center and Sapling Ridge. We were glad to have Miss Nonie Ferguson worship with us at Sapling Ridge. Because of the feebleness of her mother she cannot be with us often.

A new roof has just been put on Center church and other improvements are being discussed. Rock Creek Sunday school recently purchased a bulletin board.

One of the most generous poundings this pastor ever received came from Rock Creek on December 26, a large per cent of the membership participating. It would require too much space to give articles and names. Others have given the following: Mr. and Mrs. Wade Perry, a large turkey for Christmas (the first ever received as a donation); Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Richardson, a bushel basket full of canned goods; Bethel Woman's Auxiliary, a beautiful silk quilt; and cash donations from Mr. Robert Faust and Mr. Joe Thompson. The pastor's vocabulary is too limited to express in words his appreciation for these gifts. May the good Lord bless each one and help us to give them the very best service possible. Christmas cards? Yes, they came from present and former members and friends, some who live as far away as Baltimore and Florida. How could we get along without friends?

Bro. George B. Massey, who attended church at Center, passed away on January 7. He was a member of the M. E. church, south. A good man has slipped away from us. We shall miss him at Center.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Hope, Siler City Charge, A. M. Smith, Pastor. — The beautiful Sabbath day, which started a new year, seemed to be an inspiration in our church. With joyous hearts following the Christmas season, and new resolutions for a happy, prosperous and successful new year, our services were well attended the first Sunday in January.

The Sunday school has increased its membership almost one-half in the past quarter. Clayton Blair, our superintendent, offered at the beginning of our Sunday school year, a gift to each member of the class having the highest attendance during the quarter. This was won by the Juniors, who had only three Sundays that were not perfect in attendance.

The Sunday morning before Christmas the children of the church gave a short, but interesting program. This was enjoyed by all present. A treat was also given to each member of our school.

Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Smith, was with us the first Sunday in January and delivered a message that was inspiring to all. He impressed on us the fact that we be active at all times, meeting and paying all claims and budgets.

One of our much loved members, Mrs. Maggie Moore, is ill, suffering a broken hip We hope for her a soon recovery.

We were extremely happy to have with us Sunday, Mrs. John Fields, who was one of our most faithful workers until a few months ago when she moved to Worthville.

During the new year we hope to be a more active group of Christian workers. Giving to the Lord our best services at all times.

Through God, the leader of all, may we be successful.

LUCY MARGARET JONES, Reporter.

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Community Church, Thomasville. — Christmas with us was a very merry one. On Wednesday evening we had an unusually good program which was under the direction of Mrs. J. Clyde Auman, Mrs. E. C. Brandon, Jr., and Mrs. Douglas Crutchfield. The choir rendered a group of beautiful carols and the children presented a very interesting program consisting of recitations, songs, and a playlet, "Christmas Windows," stressing the real spirit of Christmas.

Rev. Auman has for the past few weeks been preaching a series of sermons on the "Ten Commandments." This series was interrupted for the Christmas and New Year services, but will be continued next Sunday evening. His subject last Sunday evening was "Are New Year's Resolutions Any Good?" He answered the question by saying that he would take the church member who made resolutions whether at the new year or at other times.

The Thomasville Christian Endeavor Union met at our church last Thursday night. Aside from the members of the local Christian Endeavorers, Rev. K. B. Shoffner, president of the state C. E. Union, Rev. Luther Medlin, of Gastonia, part time field secretary, Rev. Aubert Smith, of Liberty, treasurer, and Brothers Palmer and Bowman were present.

Our new board of stewards met on Monday evening in their regular monthly meeting with nine of its 12 members present. It was reported that envelopes had been placed in the hands of most of the members and a very fine report was made by all parts of the board. They set apart the month of February as the time to raise the $66 for the Annual Conference Expense. Their goal for Young People's Day was set for at least $25.

On Wednesday night of this week all official members have been urged to attend the prayer service to make plans on how to carry out the Fellowship Crusade most effectively.

Several members of our choir sang in the "Messiah" which was given under the direction of Mr. Harry Parker on December 19 with all the choirs in town participating.

Circle number three had its monthly meeting Monday evening at the church with Miss Bessie Allyn, chairman, in charge. A very fine meeting was reported.

We are happy to say that our two members who have been seriously ill in the City Memorial hospital are steadily improving. Mr. O. H. Berrier was removed to his home last Saturday. Dr. R. V. Yokley is still in the hospital but his condition is much better and we hope that he will soon be back with us.

MRS. HOWARD B. GREEN, Reporter.

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New Salem, Randleman Charge, C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—A large crowd greeted our new pastor, Rev. C. L. Spencer, as he filled his first appointment at New Salem church on Sunday, December 5.

We are happy to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Spencer to our community, and we trust their stay with us will be a pleasant and prosperous one. While we regret to lose Rev. and Mrs. Trogdon, we wish for them a happy and successful year in their new field. We are sorry that Mrs. Trogdon has been confined to her bed so long. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

We gave our Christmas program Saturday night, December 25, a very large crowd was present, an interesting program, under the direction of Mr. E. C. Hamilton, was given, consisting of recitations and Christmas songs. The tree was beautiful and every Sunday school member received a treat. We were glad to have our pastor, Mr. Spencer, with us and he made a very interesting talk.

Mr. E. C. Hamilton is teaching a singing class at our church, it will close Saturday night.

Of much interest to our community was the marriage of one of our members, Miss Loncile Trogdon to Mr. Kenneth Cox, of Providence. They were united in marriage on Christmas Eve at the M. P. parsonage, with Rev. C. L. Spencer officiating. We wish for them a long and happy life over the sea of matrimony.

Mr. Abert Hinshaw has recently returned from the Burrus Memorial hospital, where he was operated on for appendicitis.

Mrs. J. M. Hinshaw, who fell and broke her arm a few weeks ago, is getting along as well as could be expected. She has broken the same arm twice in the last eight months.

Dennis Hayes, small son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hayes, broke his arm Christmas Eve.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Maben Henley is confined to his bed with carbuncles on the back of his head. We missed him and his family at church so much Sunday.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Siler has pneumonia at his home in Greensboro. Mr. and Mrs. Siler are members of our church. We trust that he will soon be well.

We are glad to report that Mrs. J. H. Skeen, who has been sick for some time, is improving.

Due to sickness in our own family my reports were far apart, but I ask to be excused, perhaps I can do better in the future.

A happy new year to every one.

MRS. R. F. WARD, Reporter.

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Baltimore Church, G. B. Ferree, Pastor.— We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A number of people attended the Christmas program which was given at the church on Friday evening, December 24. All seemed to enjoy it very much. After the presents were distributed, we surprised our pastor with a nice pounding.

The regular preaching services were held on the first Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. We were pleased to have with us Rev. Sulon Ferree, a student at Westminster Seminary, to preach for us. He read from Luke 8:26-40, and gave a very helpful message. "This scripture is a very old story of three words: Sin, Salvation and Service. Sin seizes a man, finds him, destroys him body and soul and drives him into the desert of the lost. And how determined is sin not to be conquered! Sin invariably cries out against Jesus, the enemy of sin. Many times is the drunkard made sober, the quick-tempered made meek, the empire made clean, and all are given their right minds by an experience of grace with Jesus. The saved are not to sit idly by, but are to go tell what great things Jesus has done. Many Christians bury their talents of testimony. This talent every Christian has, and for its use all must render an account, or elsewhere, to use it."

We were glad to have Miss Lorene Koonts, of Winston-Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lakey, from Montana as visitors Sunday morning. We welcome them back again.

The Lord's Supper was also observed at this service.

We have been doing some very splendid work in our junior class in the past seven months. I, the teacher, promised a reward for the one that would read the most chapters in the Bible until Christmas. Mary Wooten had the class with 779 chapters and Hazel Kelly read 626.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held the December meeting with Mrs. S. L. Doub. We are being greatly benefited by it.

Due to the cold and rainy weather. Our C. E. society is not doing very much, but hope that it will soon improve.

JOSEPHINE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

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Friendship, Mt. Hermon Charge, J. R. Anderson, Pastor. — In behalf of Friendship church I wish to extend our sympathy to Mrs. L. E. Shaw, in the passing of her husband on January 4, he lived in Raleigh for 40 years and was a native of Pender county. Funeral services were held in Raleigh January 5. Then a short service was held at Friendship and burial took place there. He is survived by his wife and one son.

There was a Fellowship Crusade meeting at High Point college January 3. It was very interesting and a large number of preachers and church members attended. The speakers were Dr. Shipley, editor of M. P. Recorder; Judge Lewis Teague, Rev. W. L. Hutchins and President Humphreys, who also entertained all at a nice dinner in the college dining hall. Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Anderson and Mrs. H. A. Garrett attended from Friendship.

Our Christmas tree was a grand success and every Sunday school pupil received a nice treat. There was also a lot of nice presents. Circle No. 2 presented Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Anderson a nice box of groceries, they also received treats from the Sunday school. The Sunday school also sent treats to all the shut-ins and invalids in our community.

During the Christmas holidays we had two weddings. Dean Isley to Edith Hargrove, of Siler City, and Banner Eulice to Virgil Graves of Snow Camp.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Lee Eulice back to Friendship after a long illness.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Patterson on the birth of a son, Forrest Tribble, December 20.

The quarterly meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work will be held at Calvary church, Greensboro, on January 12. Those attending from Friendship are Mrs. H. A. Garrett, Mrs. J. R. Anderson, Mrs. W. A. Johnson and Mrs. Talton Allred.

Circle No. 1 will meet with Mrs. Moody Isley Saturday, January 15, at 2:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 2 will meet with Edith Isley Friday night, January 14, at 7 o'clock.

MRS. W. D. MANSFIELD, Reporter.

Welch Memorial Church, J. D. Williams, Pastor, Jan. 10.—The Christmas exercises are past and we are getting back to normal. I believe the spirit of brotherly love is higher at this time than ever before. Everybody seems to have the spirit of Christ, a smile on every face and a nice friendly handshake.

One of our members, Mrs. L. M. Teague, is sick at this writing, hope she will soon recover. We were glad to see Bro. L. F. Cassell at church last Sunday. Brother Cassell had the misfortune to break his leg that sleety Tuesday.

Dr. Williams is preaching some very fine sermons. Any one wishing to hear one, just drop in. You need not announce your coming, you will hear a good sermon at any time. All departments of the church are getting along fine. We want this to be our best year at Welch Memorial.

EUGENE SEAGRAVES, Reporter.

Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Jan. 10.—Our work here is moving on in a most hopeful manner, and we have much to encourage us to go forward. The pastor and family received many tokens of love and good will during the Christmas holidays, all of which go to make the work more pleasant, and greatly encourages us to try to render more faithful and efficient service.

Our people here are cooperating splendidly in carrying forward the program of our church and conference, and we are getting off to a good start for the year's work. We are now beginning to present "The Fellowship Crusade" here and I believe this charge is going to subscribe to its objectives in a most encouraging and satisfactory manner.

I want to again remind the members of this charge of our first quarterly conference to be held at Shiloh church on next Saturday at 2 p. m. We are expecting our president to come and hold this conference for us, and we hope to have a large number present. We invite you to come whether you are a member of the quarterly conference or not.

We are also planning to hold the Eleventh District rally at State Street church on the fifth Sunday in January at 2 p. m. The district is composed of the following charges: State Street, West Thomasville, First Church, Lexington, Mt. Carmel, Shiloh, Mocksville, Union Grove, Spencer-China Grove. We hope to have a very interesting program consisting of visiting speakers, special singers, etc., and we are going to expect every charge to be well represented.

The Greer's Chapel community has been saddened by the unexpected passing of Bro. Roger P. Fitzgerald who was accidentally injured while working with a hay baler on Wednesday before Christmas. His arm was so mangled in the cogs of the baler that it was necessary to amputate the arm at the shoulder. Gangrene soon developed and he died Friday morning. His body was laid to rest in Old Wesley Chapel cemetery on Christmas day at 2 o'clock. He was a charter member of Greer's Chapel church, and did much in its building and promotion, serving on the board of trustees from its beginning. The church and community was greatly shocked because of his sudden passing, and he will be greatly missed. The bereaved family has our sincere sympathy.

PASTOR.

First Church, Danville, R. L. Vickery, Pastor, Jan. 10.—Welcome, welcome, welcome—all ye newcomers! A new pastor, Rev. R. L. Vickery, a new member, Mrs. J. L. Lankford, a newly married couple in the Young People's class, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, a new year in which to work, and a new work of trying to build a new church on a newly acquired lot. With all this new equipment we're looking forward to accomplishing great things in 1938. However, with all our rejoicing over the newcomers, our hearts cannot help but be saddened at losing some of our best church workers. The church treasurer, Miss Nellie Scearce; the Sunday school secretary, Mr. Hugh Yeatts; and the Herald reporter, Mrs. Geraldine Brafford, are no longer with us. We have also missed our former pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Morris. We only hope and pray God's richest blessings will be upon them wherever they may go, and that they will be coming back to visit the little "homey church on the hill."

We enjoyed having the president of the conference visit us the first Sunday in the new year, and bring us the morning sermon. We all thoroughly enjoyed his message and especially did we enjoy having the honor of his worshipping with us in Danville. We each extend the hand of welcome to visitors at all times.

The first quarterly conference was held at the church, January 5. The officers presented good reports, and if the new officers are not able to bring in equally as good reports to the next conference, we'll know it isn't because they don't try, because we certainly have some fine bouncers. If they get pushed down, they just bounce back up, and work and pull together stronger than ever. Our papa bouncer is Rev. R. L. Vickery—if things don't turn out exactly right, he gets down to work and keeps up his faith until they are right. And speaking of bouncers—he bounced in Sunday school last Sunday before classes began. One thing about Mr. Vickery though—he always gets there, and Sunday morning he brought with him a splendid sermon that made us forget whether he arrived at Sunday school on time or not.

Some of our benches have been looking very neglected. We are hoping and praying that they will soon be filled with the smiling faces of Mrs. Lillian Elliott, who has been ill for several weeks; Miss Ravinell Vassar, an eppendectomy patient; Mrs. J. W. Forbes, and several others having slight influenza attacks. We are looking forward to their complete recovery and help in the work we are trying to do.

The Christian Endeavorers held a gala watch party at the home of Mrs. R. L. Grogan New Year's Eve, and we all had a big time "going out west" with Mahlon Elliott and Mrs. Pickeral.

We, the members of the First M. P. church, Danville, Va., wish to all of you, the best that 1938 has to offer, a closer fellowship with God.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

Hawkins' Chapel, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, Jan. 9. — Fourth Sunday evening Pastor Trolinger filled his appointment. Second Sunday his scripture was the 23rd Psalm, his text was "The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want." Just before the service the primary and junior class sang, "Jesus Loves Me." On the third Sunday our class leader, Mr. C. F. Hawkins, will hold prayer service immediately after Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Pittard and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Green are wearing smiles over arrival of a son and a daughter, respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Trolinger were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Pittard Sunday.

Mr. Forest Hawkins brought his bride, the former Miss Rooker, of Warrenton, N. C., home Christmas day. This marriage took place in November.

We surely missed Rev. Leo Pittard, Misses Mary and Dorothy Green, Alice Mae Glasgow, and Mr. Raymond Hawkins from worship today, as they have returned to their duties.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

Bethel, Alamance Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor, Jan. 10.—All appointments have been filled and our pastor has brought us good helpful messages each time. We were glad to have Mr. Isley returned to us this year and trust we will cooperate with him that we may accomplish a good year's work.

We are having a good Sunday school, under the leadership of Mr. Lon McPherson. We were glad to have several of our young people attend services while they were at home for the Christmas season. We had a Christmas tree and program on Friday night, December 24.

On Tuesday after Christmas, Mrs. Lon McPherson entertained the Mothers' class of the Sunday school at her home. She is teacher of the class and more than 40 ladies enjoyed her hospitality.

On Christmas Eve Miss Lala Lindley and Walter Brewer were united in marriage by the bride's pastor, Rev. H. L. Isley. Our church gives to them best wishes for a long and happy life.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. J. M. Foust last Sunday afternoon with several members present and a very interesting program.

We feel most keenly our loss in the passing of Rev. G. W. Holmes, who has been a faithful teacher in our Sunday school since he retired from the active ministry.

We also extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Foust, who recently lost their six-month old child by death.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Otis Workman, Mrs. T. C. Boone, and Marvin Stout who have recently been in the hospital are improving.

We miss the presence of Mrs. Paul McPherson, J. B. McVey, and Otis Cook who have been unable to attend church for quite a while. We hope they may soon be back with us.

MARCIA FOUST, Reporter.

Flat Rock Charge.—We have held our first quarterly conference and made a very satisfactory start on the new year. Our accepttances on the G. C. B. and the A. C. B. were the same as last year. Pastor's salary and the claims are starting off fully as well as last year.

We have been very kindly received for the new year. Santa was exceedingly good to us. Our gifts from Bethel, Gideon's Grove, Palestine and Flat Rock were many and varied. They included fruits, canned goods, candies, meats, coffee, sugar, cakes, pumpkins, soap, preserves, honey, beans, clothes, and a nice cash gift from Flat Rock; also two pine trees for Mrs. Burgess. For all of this we are just as thankful as we know how to be. We trust that somehow through this kindness of people to pastor God's kingdom may be advanced.

J. A. BURGESS.

Since writing the above Flat Rock church has pounded us again. The first time it was a gift of $8.75 in cash. This time it was 20 pounds of sugar, pudding, meat, coffee, cocoanut, sweet potatoes, matches, soap, washing powders, canned fruits and turnips. We hope to return this kindness in service.

J. A. B.

Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, Jan. 10.—Since our last letter to the Herald we have received another fine pounding. This time it was Chestnut Ridge that loaded our car down. The surprise came the day after Christmas when we started to get in our car following the afternoon service. When a count was made we found ourselves in possession of: 1 chicken, 1 pound butter, 2 cans tomatoes, 1 can soup mixture, 4 cans peaches, 1 can apples, 1 can beets, 2 cans berries, 2 jars jelly, 1 package dried apples, 2 packages sausage, 1 package spareribs, 1 box fruit, candies, nuts, and $1 in money. So you can see we haven't been lacking in something to eat. We are grateful to Mrs. Murray, Efland, for keeping the chicken two weeks, also to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crutchfield, Efland, for a basket of produce and to Mrs. Julia Lloyd, Efland, for sausage and spareribs, and to Mrs. M. L. Lloyd, Union Grove, for two aprons for my wife, and to the many others who have done favors for us. Also since our last report the Efland Sunday school made up some money with which some window shades and curtains and several kitchen pans were purchased for the parsonage. With the above mentioned favors, a flood of Christmas cards, a visit with my parents in Pinnacle and Mrs. Morris' parents in Danville, Va., a number of gifts from our friends, and good health, we had a very merry Christmas season.

We have a full program ahead of us for January. Sunday, January 16, Young People's day at Efland and Union Grove, and January 23, at Hebron and Chestnut Ridge. The fifth Sunday there will be a Circuit rally and our first quarterly conference at Chestnut Ridge. It will be an all-day rally with lunch on the grounds. We will have with us Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of the Annual conference, who will preach for us at 11 o'clock and preside over the quarterly conference in the afternoon, and Dr. R. M. Andrews who will present the Fellowship Crusade in the afternoon. We are urging all our people to attend, and we're expecting a great day.

Sunday night I had the privilege of attending the Christian Endeavor society at Hebron. I found about 25 present. Mr. Charles McAdams was the leader, and he did a fine job of it. Mr. Grady Kinley is the president. We wish to congratulate this group of young people for the fine work they are doing. It is our hope to organize the young people in the other churches sometime in the future.

We have presented the first objective of the Fellowship Crusade at Chestnut Ridge and Hebron, and will do the same at the other churches in the near future. We are anticipating a whole-hearted response to the Crusade on the part of Orange charge.

C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

West End, Greensboro.—The Auxiliary held its December meeting at the church with Mrs. M. H. Waynick in charge of the program. Christmas carols were sung. Mrs. Gerringer, of Calvary church, told an effective story that was in keeping with the season. At the end of the program, a generous offering was taken for Bethel Home. The meeting was impressive and every one enjoyed it.

The Greensboro C. E. City Union mass meeting was held December 14 at our church. The attendance was unusually large. Nearly every society in the union was represented. Roy P. Barber, the retiring president, presided over the meeting. The following officers were elected for this year: President, Floyd Reynolds, Calvary M. P. church; vice-president, Miss Elberta Murray, First Christian-Congregational; secretary, Miss Verla Mae Leonard, West End M. P. church; treasurer, Miss Nellie Works, First Reformed; Senior Young People's Superintendent, Miss Mary Armfield, First Christian-Congregational; Junior and Intermediate Superintendent, Mrs. Roy P. Barber, Westminster Presbyterian; Publicity Superintendent, Miss Viola Peeler, Calvary M. P. church.

After the business session, Rev. Roland C. Stubbins, pastor of Calvary church, brought a message to the Endeavorers. His subject was "Making Pearls." An enjoyable social period ended the mass meeting.

The Christmas pageant given by our Intermediate department was pronounced one of the best, if not the best, ever given at West End. Miss Velma Beam, superintendent of that department, is a wonderful director. The young people and children did their parts so well that you would think of them as having had several rehearsals. But the fact is that only a few times did they get together for practice. The pageant was not altogether original, but Miss Beam, after having read it in a magazine, took it and adapted it to local conditions and made such changes as would suit our people. She was assisted by the teachers of her department and the Young Peoples' class.

It has long been the custom to take an offering here for our Superannuates. This was done in the morning service when the pageant was first given. Then the request came for a second rendition for the evening service before we left the church. So the night exercise was much better than the morning, as the arrangements of lights given by Mr. V. C. Stockard made it much more effective than the morning rendition, if possible. The offering amounted to $19.46.

We are proud of the talent that we have here, and this entertainment only goes to show what may be done if those who are capable will only give of their time as Miss Beam is doing for the Intermediates. She has not been attending our church very long, though she has been in Greensboro for some time. She and her mother are members at Bess' Chapel in Lincoln county. We appreciate their presence and the help that they are to our church.

Last Sunday morning we had our first communion service for the year. One of the charter members said it was the largest ever had at our church. Mr. Ashburn, one of our Superannuates, assisted the pastor during the service.

We are very happy to say that we are doing our best to encourage the children of the Sunday school to stay for church. Mrs. W. W. Eldridge brings up a group of her Junior boys and girls every Sunday and sits with them. We know that these children will want to stay for the church service when they are older and it is never too early to start the habit of staying for church.

REPORTER.

Liberty, Aubert M. Smith, Pastor, Jan. 11.—We have just passed the Christmas season, which proved to be one of the best we have ever had. Our people seemed to have the true Christmas spirit, and we hope that it will be carried throughout the year. Friday evening, December 24, the pageant, "A Christmas Blessing," was rendered under the direction of Miss Katherine Underwood. We had a Christmas tree also, and a treat was given to each of the children of the Sunday school. Our pastor, Mr. Smith, and also our superintendent, Mr. Elkins, were remembered in a special way. Some unfortunate children in the community were given gifts of clothing, etc., at Christmas.

The Philathea class met Tuesday evening in the church parlors with Mrs. Ross Ward, Mrs. Wade Hardin, and Mrs. Joe Swaim as joint hostesses. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Will Hanner, the president. Mrs. J. A. Clapp conducted the devotional. Mrs. R. W. Ward had charge of the program and conducted it quite interestingly. The following officers were installed for the new year: President, Mrs. J. E. Cox; teacher, Mrs. R. W. Ward; assistant teacher, Mrs. Mamie Smith; secretary, Mrs. C. L. Highfill. A social hour was enjoyed at which time delicious refreshments were served.

George Elkins and Miss Verel Ward have returned to High Point college to resume their studies. John W. Curtis to Chapel Hill, Miss Anna Lee Gregson to Louisburg college, Everette Dameron to Riverside Military academy, Dudley Coble to Furman college, Miss Anne Ridenhour to Greensboro college.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dwight Gregson are the happy parents of a small son "Jimmie" James Dwight, Jr.

Mrs. A. J. Brower, one of our loved members, is a patient in St. Leo's hospital. She is slowly improving at this writing.

Funeral services for one of Liberty's oldest and beloved citizens was held at the home Sunday afternoon with Rev. Aubert M. Smith and Rev. Paul Taylor in charge. He was the father of Mrs. W. H. Clapp, of First church, High Point, and grandfather of Mrs. Jno. W. Curtis, of Liberty. He was a most devout Christian character; he was a man of prayer and served as Sunday school superintendent for 30 years in his younger days. He lived to the ripe age of 87 years. What a glorious victory won! when he heard the words: 'Come ye blessed of my father inherit the kingdom prepared for you." May this thought be a great consolation to his dear family.

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

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Shoals, Pinnacle and Mt. Zion.—On the first Sunday in January we reorganized Sunday school and elected the teachers. Our school is doing fine. There is much interest being manifest. We do not have a large membership here but a good attendance of the faithful ones. We are glad to see Mrs. R. E. Barber and Miss Doris also Mrs. Porter Key and children at Sunday school this year. Hope they will continue coming.

The second Sunday Mr. Morris brought a helpful message on "Christian Growth" to a large, attentive audience.

Our secretary, Miss Beulah Kiger and Mr. Hermon Brown were married at Hillsville, Va., on Christmas Eve. They will make their home with her parents. We extend to Mr. Brown a hearty welcome in our church.

Two of our members, Paul Owen, of Chicago, and Porter Hauser, of High Point college, spent most of their holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Owen and Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Hauser.

The electric power line is coming into our community. We will soon have electric lights in our church.

Our Woman's Auxiliary prayer meeting will be held at church the third Sunday after Sunday school. We hope to have a good number present.

The C. E. prayer meeting will be Wednesday night, January 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Hauser. We hope every member will be present.

MRS. O. F. HAUSER.

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Shiloh, Randolph Charge, G. L. Reynolds, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment the fourth Sunday in December. His message was "Helping the Spiritual Life." Also on January 9 he gave us another helpful sermon, taken from Phil. 1:21, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Our church gave a short Christmas exercise, under the direction of Mrs. J. S. Pickett, Mrs. George Pickett and Mrs. A. L. Kime. There were many gifts under the tree, a treat was given to the entire Sunday school.

The new year is looking good to us; our men are busy putting a new roof on our church. We are looking forward to a profitable year for our Lord's work. We have reorganized our Sunday school and added one more class. Our Sunday school is doing splendid work, although there is much sickness in our community. Let us not be satisfied with the little we are doing, let's see if we can't do more.

Mrs. Carl York, who has been confined to her room for some time is improving slowly. Mrs. Henry Capps, who has been sick for quite a while, shows no sign of improvement.

Since our last report we have held two meetings of the Ladies' Aid. In December we met with Mrs. Calie Cabe; officers were elected for ensuing year, and cards were sent to the shut-ins. The January meeting was in the home of Mrs. Lizzie Breedlove; routine business was attended to and plans made in beginning of another year's work. The Aid society is having racks made for our hymn books in our church which is needed very badly. In February we will meet with Mrs. G. L. Whitaker. Mrs. Mina Payne is leader. Delightful refreshments were served during the social hour.

MRS. J. A. CROWSON, Reporter.

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Orange Charge, Chestnut Ridge Church, C. P. Morris, Pastor, Jan. 10.—Our regular morning service was conducted by our pastor who brought us a very impressive message which included an explanation of the objectives of the Fellowship Crusade.

At our next regular appointment, which will be the fourth Sunday in January at 2:30 o'clock, we expect to observe Young People's day. At that time we are fortunate in having Mr. Junicki Nakamura, a Japanese student of Duke university, to speak to the congregation. He comes to us highly recommended by our pastor and we feel that everyone will enjoy the service.

Orange charge is planning to have a circuit rally at Chestnut Ridge church the fifth Sunday in January. At 11 o'clock we expect to have Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of our M. P. Annual conference, to preach to us. Then a fellowship lunch will be enjoyed. At the evening session Dr. R. M. Andrews, editor of the M. P. Herald and sponsor of the Fellowship Crusade, will give an explanation of the Crusade, after which the first quarterly conference will convene. The public is cordially invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch.

We were glad, as usual, to have visitors worship with us on Sunday morning.

ANNIE RUTH PENDER, Reporter.

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Central Church, Asheboro, S. W. Taylor, Pastor.—The president of the N. C. conference, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, D.D., delivered a timely sermon at the morning worship hour January 9, on "Magnifying the Church." A full house heard Dr. Pritchard's message, since he has previously served the local church for five years. He and Mrs. Pritchard had lunch with Dr. and Mrs. Taylor Sunday.

Rev. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the First M. E. church of Asheboro, and Rev. S. W. Taylor left Monday for Savannah, Ga., where they will attend the Aldersgate assembly this week.

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Monday in the social room at the church, Mrs. N. M. Harrison, Jr., read excerpts about the Minnis family from the Indian number of the Missionary Record. Miss Esther Ross, chairman, presided. Since the announcement by the "Prayer-to-Share" committee, with Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, chairman, in regard to the various Auxiliaries raising funds to carry on the missionary work in India, the local organization has made a donation of $28. This amount was raised when the Auxiliary members served the Kiwanis club at the annual Ladies' Night dinner. Mrs. S. W. Taylor's girls of the Mission Band gave $5 for the Minnis children, and other groups are raising funds for the worthy cause.

Miss Virginia Lowe and Mrs. Garland Pritchard were hostesses to Rebecca Ellen circle No. 1 Tuesday night at the Lowe home on Cox street, and circle No. 2 met with Mrs. Pearlie Freeman on North Fayetteville extension.

Mrs. W. F. Redding's circle met at the home of Mrs. O. Elmer Rich Monday with Mrs. Lester Rich and Mrs. Dal Rich, associate hostesses.

Mrs. E. G. Lowdermilk is visiting the C. F. Smiths.

Mrs. Lawrence Sours is ill at her home on Waiman avenue and Miss Ray Lamb is sick with a cold at her North Fayetteville street home.

Seymour Bullard, lecturer, writer, traveler, and past Rotary International president, was guest speaker at the Sunday school hour January 9.

CLETA RICH.

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North Davidson Charge, Wm. H. Neese, Pastor, Jan. 11.—On Wednesday, January 5, the ladies of the Canaan society met for their regular meeting. At the December meeting plans were made for a dinner to be held in connection with the January meeting. Each member was asked to donate something for the dinner. The ladies responded so well that a generous dinner was served to about 30 people. The president, Mrs. Rose Smith, suggested that the society invite the president and chairman of the parsonage committee from the other three churches on the work to be our guests for the dinner and to be present in our meeting. This was done and the following were present: Mrs. B. V. Morris and Mrs. P. C. Reid from Mt. Pleasant church and Mrs. C. M. Yokely, Mrs. D. D. Brinkley and Mr. Paul Brinkley, of Bethesda church. We were also glad to have as guests of the society, the pastor and the following ladies: Mrs. Stoker Williard, of High Point; Misses Virginia Hines and Sara Marie Neese, of the Canaan church; Mrs. Fred Love, Mrs. J. Clyde Auman and Mrs. A. H. Ragan were invited.

Following the dinner the ladies adjourned to the auditorium of the church for their regular meeting. Mrs. Neese read the scripture, using Hebrews 4th chapter for the lesson. Mrs. C. M. Yokely led the prayer. Mrs. Nell Linville had charge of the program and all the readings centered around the new year. Mrs. Paul Hines and Miss Virginia Hines sang a beautiful duet. The president presided during the business meeting. There were 18 members present. There had been 78 sick calls made during the month and fruits and flowers had been sent to 31 people. The society voted to give $5 to a family in the community who are in trouble. During the meeting talks were made by the visiting ladies which were enjoyed by all.

Since the reporter for the society is also district chairman of Women's Work in this district she thought this would be a good time to make plans for a district rally. This was discussed and it was decided to hold the rally at Mt. Pleasant church March 10. More will be said about the rally later.

I think our meeting Wednesday was a success and to all our visitors we say we are glad you came and come again.

This may be a little late to report on Christmas poundings, presents, etc., but the parsonage family was treated so good this year that we want others to know about it. We can't report all that was given us but will say this, the Men's class at Canaan, gave the pastor a nice pair of gloves, Mt. Pleasant Men's class gave him a tie and Spring Hill Men's class gave him a nice shirt. The Women's class at Spring Hill gave the pastor's wife a nice towel set, Mt. Pleasant Women's class gave an aluminum cooker and Canaan Women's class gave a nice iced tea set. Yesterday the "Heart Sister" of the pastor's wife gave her an iced tea set also. The Girls' class at each of the above churches remembered Sara Marie with nice gifts. A number of individuals gave gifts also. All these things are appreciated very much. Spring Hill wanted the pastor and family to have plenty to eat, so after the Christmas program was over Old Santa led the pastor into a back room in the church and presented him with a generous pounding, given by the following members of the church: Mrs. Ina Mae Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Craven, Mrs. Mae Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Swaim, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Swaim, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Collett, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swaim, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Craven, Misses Edna and Grace Moore, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Sink. There were three packages without names. Each one has our thanks. The following have remembered us with fresh meat and other things since last report: Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Everhart, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Clodfelter, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Berrier, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shoaf, Mr. and Mrs. Van Mabe, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Swaim, Mr. Lester Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Sink, Mr. and Mrs. Robah Mendenhall, Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Reid. Other good things besides fresh meat were given by Mrs. Paul Hines, Mrs. J. A. Robins, Mrs. Arthur Berrier, Miss Annie Payne and Miss Bessie Swaim, Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hilton fresh meat, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hayworth, potatoes. To one and all we say thank you and may the parsonage family be of great help to each of you who have so freely given of your means.

MRS. Wm. H. NEESE.

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First Church, High Point, J. C. Madison, Pastor, Jan. 10.—We have not had a report for several weeks in the Herald, but it is no sign of lack of activity in the church. Attendance at the regular services has been very good, and everything is moving along nicely.

Our pastor preached a real sermon Sunday morning to a large congregation. His subject was "The Sucessful Christian," and it went strtaight to the hearts and minds of his listeners. It was the kind of sermon that inspires us all.

The Sunday evening service at 5 o'clock was the second in a group of four sermons the pastor is delivering for young people. The subject was, "Is Religion Necessary for Success?" The subjects in the series were selected by the young people of the church. They selected four out of 13 topics. The series leads up to Young People's Day, which will be observed on the fourth Sunday of this month.

Immediately following this service the Christian Endeavorers heard Major Cowan, of the Salvation Army, speak. He is one of the most interesting speakers in this section, and approximately 100 young people heard him and watched his motion pictures. He was born in Scotland and has traveled extensively. Hot chocolate and cakes were served to those present.

The Fellowship Crusade has been launched and the first phase was explained last Sunday morning. We believe splendid cooperation will result and the membership has already responded enthusiastically.

The membership was glad to welcome Mrs. Tyson Ferree into its fellowship.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS ,Reporter.

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State Street, O. C. Loy, Pastor, Jan. 11. — This being the first letter since Christmas, first of all we want to mention our Christmas exercises held at the church with a beautifully decorated tree. Talks were given by Mr. Loy and others, then each child was made happy by a nice liberal treat and the entire Sunday school enjoyed exchanging gifts by drawing names.

The Philathea classes held their annual Christmas meetings by revealing the "heart sisters" which is always a gala event.

Everything is going fine for the new year. Mr. Loy has given most inspiring messages each time. All who do not hear them really miss something worth while.

Our Sunday school attendance keeps promising, and the C. E. society is going strong. The young people are wide awake. The Senior society held a meeting last Friday night, January 7, in the dining room of the church. A short devotional was given, and during the social hour several readings, stories, and talks were given and refreshments served.

On Saturday night our congregation was deeply saddened by the death of one of our loyal members, Mrs. Robert Jenkins. The funeral was held at the church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. N. G. Bethea of Greensboro, a former pastor. Flowers were carried by the members of her Sunday school class. The church extends heartfelt sympathy to the family in the loss of a true, faithful wife and mother, who will await them in heaven, as well as the large delegation of friends who were in attendance.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

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First M. P. Church, Lexington, Rev. L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—Rev. Mr. Mabry preached last Sunday morning to a very large audience on the subject, "The Fountain of Life." At this service he stressed the importance of reading the Bible. He also stated if anyone knew of any family that did not have a Bible, to report to him and he would see that they would be given a Bible.

At the night service Mr. Mabry preached on the subject of "Home." He has arranged a device to tell how many families are present for the night service. A small candle is lighted for each member of a family present. At the end of the month, if this family is present every night, a large candle will be lighted for them. There are 130 candles on the wooden frame.

An oystew stew was served at the church last Saturday evening for the young men of the Yates Baraca class. There were 24 present, and Rev. Mr. Mabry gave a short talk on "The Fellowshsip Crusade." Mrs. Mock Hedrick, Mrs. J. H. Yates, and Mrs. L. E. Mabry prepared the stew.

The first quarterly conference will be held at the First church Friday, January 21, at 7 o'clock.

The Boy Scouts of troop No. 30 repaired and gave 25 toys to four needy families, also food and old clothes were given to another family during the Christmas holidays.

The Christian Endeavor society has taken it upon themselves to pay the Herald subsidy for the coming year.

REPORTER.

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West End, Thomasville, O. C. Loy, Pastor.—It seems we are entering into the new year with more determination to go forward with the Lord's work. Our Sunday school is doing fine, having a good attendance.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment last Sunday morning with another wonderful sermon. He is doing fine preaching and having good attendance.

The Senior and Intermediate C. E. society is still making good reports.

On January 1, what used to be an adult C. E. was changed into a church fellowship club, and we are studying the Bible each Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

We sincerely ask the prayers of all for the upbuilding of our church and community.

MRS. L. C. GODBEY, Reporter.

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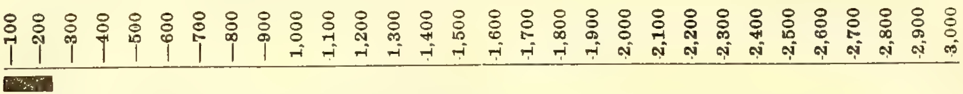

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REV. N. G. BETHEA

Subscription Booster

It is not possible for the youngest one in the human race to win in a foot race, or any of the athletic sports. But here is a case where the youngest has won in this subscription race. My, but if we could only get more folks to run like Danville! Look, folks. Danville, our youngest church in the conference, setting us an example of good works! They are all right, and we are expecting greater things from them.

At the meeting at High Point Monday, January 3, there were a few of Cleveland's leaders there with the pastor. They took me to task(?) for boosting that pastor up there. Jokingly, they said, if I did not stop boosting Madison so much he was going to bankrupt the charge. Wouldn't you like to see what a charge would look like broke from oversubscribing for the church paper? I am sure that charge would be overrun with applications from preachers wanting to serve it. This charge has been making such good progress in every way that there are signs of progress materially as well as a greater interest in the things of the Kingdom. Notwithstanding what these men said, if you will look it up, you will find that the greatest amount sent in last week came from Cleveland. Keep them going, Glenn; they are happy over the good leadership you are giving them. These subscribers and subsidy are only evidences of the good work being done.

A substantial payment from Shiloh charge on subsidy this week that is encouraging. Thank you, Ridge, keep the good work going both ways, for the Herald, and you will find it coming back in increased interest as the folks read of what their fellow Methodist Protestants are doing in other quarters. A fine list of subscribers this week, as you will see, many precincts heard from in such a fine way as to make us believe that we are going to be "elected" in spite of the "opposition."

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Enfield	16	2	....
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Flat Rock	77	1½	....
Friendship-Love's Grove	38	4½	....
Forsyth	46	4½	....
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Graham	30	8	....
Granville	58	....	....
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Mt. Ebal	4	....	....
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Mt. Pleasant	62	4	....
Mt. Zion	16	½	....
North Davidson	36	5½	....
Orange	77	9	....
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Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	52	3½	....
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Randleman	45	5	....
Randolph	78	5	....
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Richland	38	4½	....
Roberta	29	1	....
Rockingham	21	½	....
Roseneath	3	....	....
Saxapahaw	58	2	....
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Shady Grove	2	....	....
Shelby-Caroleen	18	....	....
Shiloh	65	4½	17.00
Siler City	22	2	....
Spencer-China Grove	7	1½	....
Spring Church	35	1½	....
Tabernacle	40	2	....
Thomasville, Community	18	....	....
Thomasville, First	25	2	....
Union Grove Church	10	1	....
Vance	53	4	....
Weaverville	20	....	....
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Gammons-Leonard

Mr. Howard Gammons and Miss Ethel Leonard were united in marriage December 3 at 5 o'clock at the Methodist Protestant parsonage at Canaan. The bride is a member of Mt. Pleasant church, North Davidson charge.

The writer performed the ceremony in the presence of a few close friends of the young couple. Our best wishes go with them.

Wm. H. NEESE.

Lowman-Swink

On December 24, 1937, at the Methodist Protestant church in Lexington, Webb James Lowman and Margaret Lea Swink were married. The ring ceremony of the Methodist Protestant church was used. The ceremony was performed by the pastor of the bride, Rev. L. E. Mabry.

Mr. Lowman is the son of Frank Lowman, of this city, and the bride is the attracttive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Swink, also of Lexington. Mr. Lowman is employed by a local furniture manufacturer. They will make their home with the parents of the bride.

We join with a large number of friends, and wish for them a long, happy, and prosperous life together. And as they journey life's pathway, may they be a great blessing to the community in which they live.

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Traffic Officer: "What's the idea of tying up traffic like this? Why don't you use your noodle?"

Sally (sweet young motorist): "Oh, I'm so sorry, officer. I didn't know this car had one."—Ex.

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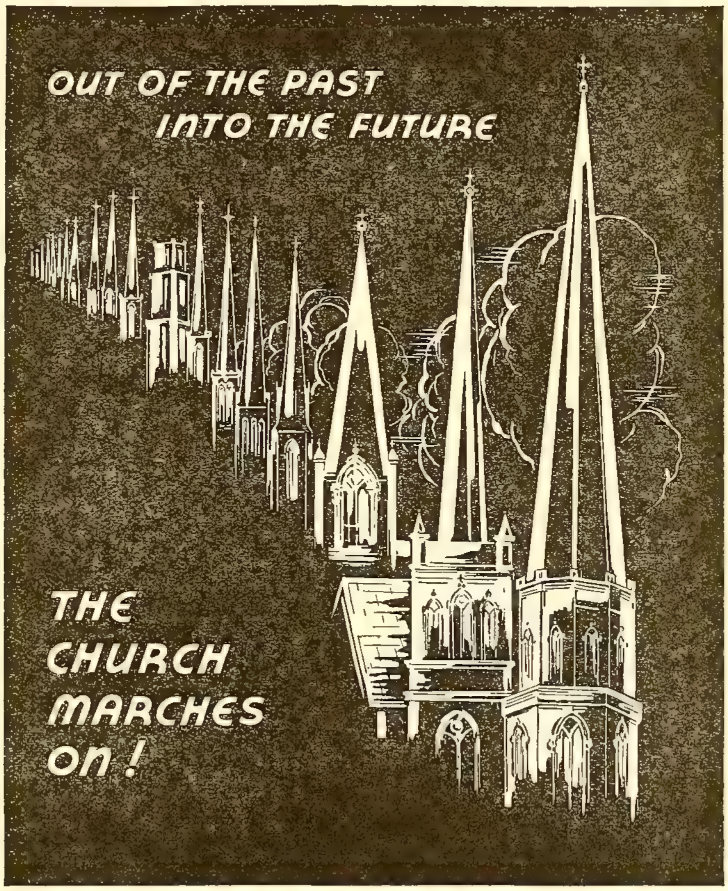
Let's Observe Young Peoples' Day


OUT OF THE PAST
INTO THE FUTURE
THE CHURCH MARCHES ON!

Enlisting Youth

30th Anniversary of Organized Young People's Work in the M. P. Church

Young People's Sunday, January 30th

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

Conference Council Meetings

On Wednesday of last week I was with the Conference Council of Religious Education in a meeting at Grace Church, Greensboro, and on Thursday I attended a similar meeting in our Church in Concord. The meeting at Grace Church was fairly well attended both by ministers and laymen but the Concord meeting was rather poorly attended by both ministers and laymen. These meetings are very helpful and can be of great benefit to the people if we can get them to attend. Of course it is more difficult for people to get away from their work in the week day than it is on Sunday.

Richland Charge Quarterly Conference

The first quarterly conference of the Richland Charge was held at Charlotte Church on Friday night of last week. All of the Churches on the Charge were represented except Giles Chapel. The reports from most of the Churches indicated that the work was moving along at a normal rate. The pastor, Rev. M. C. Henderson, who is serving his fourth year, I believe, is hopeful of good results for the year. The Fellowship Crusade is being presented by the pastor at the various Churches as he visits them this month. The first objective had been presented at Cedar Falls with good results. The pastor recommended that the people tithe for six weeks to meet the third objective. As this is the home Charge of your official he is naturally interested in seeing it go forward. The Churches on this Charge are grouped around the town of Asheboro and while the town has grown wonderfully there has not been a corresponding growth in the membership of the Churches. Brother Henderson has done faithful work on the Charge and can be depended on to continue to do his best. He is liked by the people and I see no reason why they should not prosper.

Shiloh Quarterly Conference

The first quarterly conference of the Shiloh Charge was held at Shiloh Church on Saturday afternoon. This Charge consists of three Churches, namely, Shiloh, Friendship and Greer's Chapel. The Shiloh Church is one of our largest rural Churches. The pastor, Rev. C. E. Ridge, made a fine report and had a number of recommendations to present. All of these were adopted and if I am a good judge, will be put into operation. This Charge has the reputation of getting on practically all of the honor rolls which the Conference has. Last year the only point lacking was Herald subscriptions at Greer's Chapel. This quarterly conference was unusual in several respects. It is very seldom that such optimistic reports are made by the officials. To be in this quarterly conference one could easily come to the conclusion that the people had recently gone through a great revival of religion, so joyful and hopeful they seem. But the report of the treasurer of Shiloh Church was the thing that swept us off our feet. The treasurer reported that he had already paid Annual Conference Expenses, A. C. Debt, Church Extension, Superannuates, College Assessment, Herald Subsidy and the Assessment for Religious Education. The only items which are not paid in full for the year are pastor's salary, World Service and Herald Subscriptions. When this report was made I wondered whether I was dreaming or whether my ears were deceiving me. Well, if any other Church can surpass this record I shall be glad to hear from it. Please wire me collect if you can beat that. The pastor reported having received $227 on salary so far this year. Brother Ridge is always popular wherever he serves. The prospect certainly is good for him to have a good year.

A Sunday Morning at Lebanon

Last Sunday morning was spent with Rev. O. L. Easter and the people at Lebanon Church in High Point. Brother Easter had asked me to come and present the Fellowship Crusade. On the previous Sunday morning he had presented the first objective and had suggested that I might present all three with special emphasis upon the second. I understand that it is his plan to have the third objective presented also. In case a minister has only one Church this plan might be worked with good results. I trust it may be so here. The auditorium was well-filled, although I was told that the congregation was off somewhat from the previous Sunday. This is Brother Easter's first year with this people but he already has made a fine impression and everything is pointing toward a successful pastorate here.

A Sunday Evening at Welch Memorial

Last Sunday evening was spent with the Welch Memorial Church in High Point. This was not my official visit to this Church but I went to supply for Dr. J. D. Williams who had been in with a cold for several days and who was not able to be in the service. A goodly number of people came out for the service. A children's choir has recently been organized and they were there to furnish one selection. This Church has done fine work under the leadership of Dr. Williams for the past several years. He is held in high esteem by the people.

Appointments

Saturday, January 22—Quarterly Conference at Harmony Church on the Yarborough Charge, 3 p. m.

Sunday, January 23—Yarborough Charge.

Monday, January 24—6 p. m., First Church, High Point, Fellowship meeting.

Sunday, January 30—Chestnut Ridge, Orange Charge, preaching at 11 o'clock and Quarterly Conference at 2 p. m.

J. E. Pritchard.

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Be not afraid to pray, to pray is right.
Pray, if thou canst with hope, but ever pray,
Though hope be weak,—or sick with long delay.
Pray in the darkness, if there be no light.—*M. P. Recorder*

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A Message in Verse

He stood at the crossroads all alone,
The sunrise in his face;
He had no thought for the world unknown,
He was set for a manly race.
But the road stretched east and the road stretched west,
And the boy did not know which road was best.
So he took the wrong road, and went down,
And he lost the race and the victor's crown,
He was caught at last in an angry snare,
Because no one stood at the crossroads there
To show him the better road.

Another day at the self-same place,
A boy with high hopes stood;
He too was set for a manly race,
He was seeking the things that were good.
But one was there who the roads did know,
And that one showed him which way to go;
So he turned away from the road that went down,
And he won the race and the victor's crown,
He walks today the Highway fair,
Because one stood at the crossroads there
To show him the better road.

—*Author Unknown.*

The Youth Movement

The Christian Church is the largest organized movement in the world. Its members are made up of peoples of all races; its book has been translated into practically every language and dialect of the globe. It claims among its leaders many of the most intellectual, and finest personalities of all the races. Until the past generation its technique was unvaried for enlistment through all the centuries. A common call to all to forsake all and to follow Jesus Christ in service. But little thought was given to how this was to be done and the new recruits were generally left to find their place in kingdom service as best they could. We rejoice that there is now being offered to all who would enter into the service of Christ helpful courses to prepare them for this service in the Teacher Training Schools. These schools, we believe, have in them many things to attract both youth and age who feels the need of better preparation and we are glad to give space in this week's HERALD to this work. The cut on the front page and contributed articles would give particular emphasis to this work.

There is much need for fuller enlistment in Christian service; and these new recruits should have most intimate contact with the leaders of the Church and receive from them instruction and inspiration for larger Christian service. There are so many of our Church members who are not, never have been, enlisted in Christian service. So many have yet to do one single thing in the Church to attest their interest. If just these could be enlisted and not one person brought into the Church by this youth movement, it would be well worth all the effort and financial outlay our Church puts into it.

Giving As a Christian

There are yet many secrets of life to be discovered by men; the secret of a happy life, the secret of keeping in good physical health, the secret of using one's talent to the fullest measure, and there is also the secret of knowing how to give so as to bring joy to the giver and to do most good to the recipient.

To be able to give as a Christian, possibly is one of the highest tests of discipleship; it certainly exhibits a very high level of Christian excellence. For giving too often degenerates, in religious affairs, to "paying" what has been pledged or assessed over a silent, if not outspoken protest. Such a change of money from the hands of the so-called giver to a Church treasurer can hardly be called a Christian act, although the money may be intended for a Christian cause.

It is therefore, a rare attainment to give as a Christian, generously, forgetting one's own needs and prejudices. It is not rare for people to support a religious cause competitively—to pay so much because others have paid so much; nor is it unusual to find the ostentatious giver, he who gives for show. But to take from your hard earned pittance of the month, money for missions, for education of others, for the support of the local activities of the Church, and to do it with a joy; to lay it on the altar as a token of appreciation of what God has done for you and yours, is not half so common as it should be among Church members.

I am confident that no one should give of his substance, of whatever kind it be, without trying to realize it as an act attesting his gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. For to give without due consideration is almost as bad a practice as to give grudgingly. But after one has sensed the need and understands his own obligation to it and gives gladly, joyously, he has performed a Christian service. As the poet says:

> "It is not what we give, but what we share,
> For the gift without the giver is bare."

Giving has been a part of worship as far back as history goes. The heathen people gave in their worship. When they built their altars they brought sacrifices which represented toil or self-denial. The Hebrew people practiced sacrificial giving. David declared he would not offer unto the Lord a sacrifice that cost him nothing. And the first lesson St. John's gospel brings us is that God so loved the world that He gave. God gave His Son because of His love for a sinning world. Here then is the main motive to give. We may deny that we are under the Levitical law, and therefore the claim of the law is not upon us. We may pay our debts because the law of the land compels us to pay them. But where love abounds, giving abounds regardless whether men are Jew or Greek. So to give as a Christian is to give because one loves the cause or the institution to which he contributes; or he gives to these because he loves the Lord in whose sight these things are precious.

THE OBSERVANCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY IN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Why Has Young People's Day Been So Widely Observed in North Carolina?

1. This is due to a vital interest which the leaders of North Carolina Churches have long had in Children and Youth. As evidence of this we have our Children's Home, our High Point College, and our excellent youth organizations such as the Christian Endeavors and Sunday Schools in our various Churches. The North Carolina Conference is always ready to cooperate when something is to be done for Children and Youth.

2. An active and efficient Conference Council of Religious Education. This Council is composed of ministers of the Conference and a representative from each Church. The members of the Conference Council Executive Committee in cooperation with these not only boost Young People's Day but always have a challenging program of Christian Education for the Churches of the Conference.

What Is Young People's Day?

1. It is one of the six major special days authorized by the General Conference and has come to take its place along with Easter, Rally Day, and Children's Day.

2. It is a time when a special effort is made to enlist the active participation of Young People in the life and work of the local Church and to bring a spiritual message to all connected with the organizations of the local Church. Spiritual emphasis occasioned by the Aldersgate Commemoration makes it possible to correlate the celebration of Young People's Day with this Commemoration.

3. It is an occasion when a special effort is made to raise the World Service money for the support of World Service enterprises.

Where Does the Young People's Day Offering Go?

It does not all go to the Department of Religious Education! Instead, it is used as other World Service money is used. After certain administrative expenses and flat appropriations are paid for Evangelism, Superannuates, Children's Home and Home for the Aged, it is divided as follows:

67% to Board of Missions.
28% to Department of Educational Institutions.
5% to Department of Religious Education.

Therefore, this offering goes to the support of the entire program for the General Conference. Each local Church receives credit on its World Service apportionment for the amount raised.

What Materials Are Available?

Samples of the following have been sent to pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, and Christian Endeavor leaders. All materials are absolutely free.

1. *Preparation Bulletin* — containing outlines for talks, sermons; and instructions for procedure. Order one for each committee member.
2. *Morning Church and Sunday School Worship Leaflet*—order one for each worshiper.
3. *Youth Candlelight Communion Service* — order for each worshiper.
4. *Offering Envelopes*—For a generous Young People's Day offering for World Service.

If you have not placed an order for your materials please order at once from the Board of Christian Education, 3267 West Liberty Avenue, Room 208, Pittsburgh, (16), Pa.

I trust that this day will be more widely observed in the North Carolina Conference than ever before and that it will prove a great blessing for each local Church.

F. L. GIBBS.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

YOUTH

Youth is not a time of life—it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than in a boy of twenty.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and the starlike things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing childlike appetite for what next, and the joy and the game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart there is a wireless station; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from men and from the Infinite, so long are you young.

When the wires are all down and the central place of your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then are you grown old indeed and may God have mercy on your soul.—*Anonymous.*

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CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Mind Set and the Worship

We have just been studying about what psychologists call the "mind set." By this term they mean the particular state of mind which makes it easy to see what one is looking for. If a person is going on a picnic, lively, free and happy, he will see many things to enjoy and laugh about. If, however, he is sad and depressed you will have a hard time of making him see any fun. His mind set is not suitable for entertainment. When one is "primed" to look for a certain thing he will easily see it. When he is prepared in mind to see something else, then he will see that. This illustrates what we call "mind set."

It is a matter of common observation what parents tend to see only the good in their own children while the children of another family never stand so well in their estimation. These particular parents are primed to see good in their own offspring. This is their mind set. It is said that we do not see *with* our eyes, but *through* them. It is what is behind the eyes that does the seeing, else everybody would see the identical things, and this we never do. We see what we are qualified to see—what our mind is set to see. The bank teller who handles money every day may still, with all of his experience, be unable to tell you whose picture is on the twenty dollar bill. He is not set to see the picture on the note, but he does see the figure. He is set for that.

Now since this principle is true in every relationship of life, let us carry it over into the Church. Here it means that we see at Church what our minds are set to see. Let a person go to the place of worship determined to catch the preacher's text and he will very easily get it. Let him go prepared to share the devotion and he will find himself sharing it. Or let him go looking for the nature and meaning of the hymns and he will find them central in his experience.

On the other hand, one may go to Church with a mind set on observing the building and physical equipment and these factors are what he meets at the worship. It is also possible that one may be so interested in the beauty of maidens or the handsome ways of the gentry that nothing else commands the view. Sweethearts seldom, while together at Church, reach the religious level for the simple reason that their minds are set for the delight and approval of one another. Worship most surely requires concentration, and the mind must be in a state of readiness before the experience can begin. It requires the proper mind set.

I have always observed how the tenseness of attitude at a funeral differs from the spirit of an ordinary service. At the former everybody is at perfect silence and respect. A solemnity pervades the audience. Minds are set. Consequently every word spoken goes direct to the waiting ears. Listeners hang on every sentence. But at the usual service some sleep, some turn through the song books, while still others allow their minds to wander in far away fields, leaving the remainder to lend their ears to the sermon. A state of expectancy is what we need at every service.

I suggest, therefore, that worshippers bring their conscious attention up to a good, religious mind set even before the service begins. Then, too, the pastor must devise and employ the wisest of his means to build up the proper expectancy when he finds it is lacking as the worship begins. He must create spiritual atmosphere, start the service aright, and help attain unto this all-important condition—mind set.

MINISTERING TO PHYSICAL NEEDS

The International Sunday School Lesson for January 23, 1938

By REV. J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—Mark 1:29-45.

Golden Text—"And he healed many that were sick." Mark 1:34.

Mark among the gospel writers seems to place the greatest emphasis upon Christ's power over the physical conditions of life. One incident after another is related to indicate His power to change miraculously the physical situations about Him. In our lesson today we find Christ using this power in ministering to human needs, especially in healing the sick. He cooled feverish brows, cleansed lepers, made the blind to see, and spoke peace to demon-infested souls.

Quite naturally in this so-called practical-minded, scientific age some questions arise concerning the apparent supernatural powers of Christ and His disciples. What about the miracles? and is it possible for men to have such powers today? In trying to answer these questions we must remember that we of the twentieth century use thought patterns entirely different from those used by men two thousand years ago. Whereas when a strange happening takes place about us we immediately look for some physical or natural cause and explanation. It was their custom to look for a spiritual or demoniac cause for a similar incident. It is impossible for us to look back in the distant past and determine just what did or did not happen twenty centuries ago. However, I would suggest that such miracles are not so constantly performed today and if they were, beyond a doubt we would explain them differently from the explanation given centuries ago. But still we must keep in mind that to the people of Gallilee Jesus performed miracles, and I doubt that our knowledge of the power of the spiritual over the physical is yet sufficient for us to prove or disprove that such miracles might take place again.

Christ confessed it to be His task to help people to live the more abundant life. In using His great and unusual powers to relieve human suffering He was certainly consistent with the task that He was trying to do. Anything that makes life happier, fuller, more worth the living was His task and likewise the task of those who follow Him. It is rather difficult to find value and meaning in a life that is beset by constant hunger, suffering, and disease. Christ made the world sensitive to that fact. He made us to see that health and happiness are a part of man's salvation; and that being true it follows that those things which hinder health and happiness individually and collectively stand condemned by His gospel message. And so warfare, poverty and needless disease rise as the greatest national and international sins of our day. Never can a kingdom of happiness and abundant living come so long as these problems remain unsolved.

Although Jesus was quick to respond to the needs of suffering humanity, it is evident that He did not want to become known as some commercial healer or miracle worker. He often healed without telling who He was; He cautioned the leper to tell no man; when the great crowds came bringing their sick to be healed He was obviously displeased. It is just a little difficult to understand just why this was. Certainly He was not ashamed of His powers, and certainly it was not a matter of not wanting to minister to the needs of others. Possibly the better answer is that He recognized the danger of trying to help people, not a danger to the one who helps but to the one who is helped. It is so easy to change the physical conditions of life without changing life itself. Christ soon saw that the crowds that gathered about Him were interested in Him only in so far as He could work some stunts of magic, give them something to eat, or relieve some pain. But when fed or relieved they went away into the same old way of living again just as ready to nail the Christ to the Cross as they had been to ask food of His hand. Ten lepers healed and only one returning to give thanks was and is the great parable of trying to minister to the physical needs of men. It is a dear gift that any man receives if it causes him to lose his self-respect and become dependant on somebody else. Frankly, though I realize it seemed necessary, I believe that the charity and welfare of the last six or eight years has made more beggars and loafers than any program ever carried on in America before. Unless physical help serves to make life spiritually richer it is a curse instead of a blessing. Christ knew this and was determined that Christianity should not become simply a wholesale charity movement.

Christ loved people and He could never refrain from doing anything that would be for the individual's good, but as we shall see in the next lesson He felt that He had a task to do, a service to render to mankind which was more important than that of ministering to physical needs.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS, PLEASE

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Editor of The Herald.

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The absurdity of racial intolerance is illustrated by the fact that a number of benches along the fashionable Kurfuerstendamn in Berlin have been reserved for "non-Aryans," with prominent yellow inscriptions, "For Jews Only." Such "reserved" seats have been installed in several Berlin squares and parks. The official explanation is that "Aryans cannot be expected to sit on the same bench with Jews."—*M. P. Recorder.*

A CHRISTIAN STATEMENT ON WAR

Whereas, In view of the present international situation, involving as it does direct and emphatic indications that the peace-loving nations of the world may be drawn into a world-wide conflict not of their own making, we, as representative American youth, believe that the President of the United States, the members of the United States Senate, and the members of the United States House of Representatives, the official leaders of our country, will welcome a statement of our profound convictions, as Christians, on the subject of war, and;

Whereas, We believe that a world completely motivated by the principles of Jesus Christ would be a warless world, that true followers of Christ have a definite and inescapable responbility for the consummation of that ideal, and that the discharge of this responsibility demands the enunciation, now, of what we conceive to be the Christian stand, and;

Whereas, Realizing the contribution which the United States may make toward the achievement of world peace, we believe that our nation, professedly Christian, should recognize and follow the principles hereinafter set forth in its dealings with other nations;

Therefore, We, as a young people of the United States, believing in Christian principles, do hereby

Resolve, That we denounce war as utterly opposed to the Christian ideal and renounce it as a means for the settlement of international differences! We believe that a genuine and abiding settlement of international differences can, in the spirit of Christ, be achieved by means other than war. We recognize that true and sincere Christians may honestly differ among themselves, not only as to the proper means of preventing war, but also as to the nature and extent of their participation therein should war occur. We believe, however, that the spirit of Christ can lead all nations and individuals, under any and all circumstances, to a Christlike decision as to the nature and extent of their participation in any conflict, and we;

Further Resolve, That we expect the executive and legislative branches of our Government to follow these Christian principles in their pursuit of methods and means by which the establishment and preservation of world peace may be attained; and that we will heartily encourage and support all such efforts which manifest the all-encompassing mind of Christ.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all interested Christian young people's groups for indorsement, and;

Be It Further Resolved, That, upon completion of the return of these indorsements, this resolution be presented to the President of the United States, to the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States for presentation to the Senate, and to the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House for presentation to the House of Representatives.

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More things are wrought by prayer
That this world dreams of. Wherefore let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.—*M. P. Recorder.*

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REPORT OF TREASURER, N. C. BRANCH OF WOMEN'S WORK

For Third Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1937

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance Sept. 30, 1937	$ 106.61
Funds received for:	
College	33.50
World Service	1,559.99
N. C. Budget	713.52
Minnis Fund	34.10
Received from Mrs. S. W. Taylor, Treas., dividends Nos. 2, 3 and 4 from Security Nat. Bank	9.72
Total Receipts	$2,457.44

DISBURSEMENTS

		Totals for 9 Months
Mrs. R. M. Andrews, postage, etc.	$ 2.07	
Methodist Protestant Herald (space for year)	100.00	
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Carolina Bank & Trust Co. (intangible tax)	.20	
High Point College	33.50	$ 839.00
Mrs. P. S. Kennett, Student Loan Fund	142.70	407.01
Rev. Homer Casto, Bethel Home	142.70	407.01
Dr. A. G. Dixon, M. P. Children's Home	356.77	1,017.74
H. C. Staley, Treas. World Service:		
Undesignated	874.23	2,399.20
Thank-Offering	665.76	771.82
Minnis Fund	37.00	37.00
Building church in India	2.00	2.00
Life Memberships	20.00	20.00
Memorial Membership	......	15.00
Scholarship to India	......	10.00
Total Disbursements	$2,379.18	
Bank Balance	78.26	

Notice to Auxiliaries

We are now on the last quarter of our fiscal year, and I hope the auxiliaries which have not paid three-quarters of their year's apportionment will send this in just as early as possible.

MRS. COY L. KEARNS,
Treasurer N. C. Branch.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING HELD

The keynote of the third quarterly meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work might well be said to be "Progress," for the fine reports submitted certainly denoted progress in the various departments.

The meeting was held at 10 o'clock on January 12, in Calvary church, Greensboro, and was presided over by Mrs. R. M. Andrews, president. After the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," by the group, Mrs. E. O. Peeler, Spiritual Life Secretary, gave an impressive talk on "Progress," giving as the basis of her theme Phil. 3:13,14 and 1 Cor. 3:9. She said we could not progress without cooperation, and said, "There is no better plan of cooperation than the three ways given us in the Fellowship Crusade.

In the absence of Mrs. G. C. Haltom, secretary, Mrs. J. M. Millikan was asked to serve as secretary pro tem. The roll call showed 27 officers present, 63 voting members and about 35 visitors.

Relative to an inquiry concerning the number of delegates attending the quarterly meetings, a communication from Mrs. J. W. Shell, president of the Missionary Convention, stated that the official number would be the same as those attending the annual Branch meeting.

Mrs. Andrews in her report said that Miss Brittingham could not visit the N. C. work this spring and suggested that Dr. and Mrs. Horace Williams, returned missionaries, would be available for two weeks if we should need them to visit the various auxiliaries.

The Treasurer's report gave the total amount of money received, $2,457.44, and total disbursements, $2,379.18. The Assistant Treasurer reported $700 paid out for Student Loan, and a balance of $1,243.03.

Reports were next submitted by the secretaries of the various departments showing what progress had been made in their respective departments. The total amount of the November thank-offering went beyond the amount expected, so stated Mrs. Hammer, secretary of thank-offering.

Mrs. C. W. Bates, Secretary of Records, suggested that the Branch establish a missionary shelf in the High Point College library and begin by contributing a number of mission study books now on hand. Mrs. Andrews was asked to find out if there was an available place in the library and if the suggestion would be feasible.

Mrs. Mabel Russell was presented to the group and spoke of her recent history of the Children's Home. She asked the ladies for their support in selling the booklets.

Just before the meeting adjourned for lunch, Mrs. F. W. Paschall, of Burlington, extended an invitation for the next Branch meeting, the following churches to be associate hostesses: Haw River, Graham, Fountain Place, and Glen Raven. This invitation was graciously accepted.

Mrs. Lillian Green, house mother at the boys' dormitory, High Point College, brought greetings from the Washington-Virginia Branch and dismissed the morning session with prayer.

At the afternoon session Mrs. W. C. Hammer talked at length about the "Prayer to Share" plan. She stated that it was an unapportioned fund of $750 for the Minnis salary. Any person who pays $1.00 is entitled to membership in the club. The total amount of money raised to date was $126.60. Contributors to this fund are urged to send their money to Mrs. C. L. Kearns, Denton, N. C., this month, if possible.

The Finance Committee reported and presented three recommendations, all of which were acepted: (1) The plan submitted by Mrs. Andrews to liquidate an outstanding literature bill. (The plan was that all auxiliaries be asked to pay from 25c to $1.50, which amount would pay the bill and give a surplus.)

(2) That all thank-offering money that comes in from now on be credited on the February thank-offering.

(3) That individuals and auxiliaries emphasize the "Prayer to Share" plan.

Mrs. Andrews appointed the following nominating committee for the Branch meeting: Mrs. J. M. Millikan, Mrs. F. R. Auman, Mrs. P. S. Kennett. The program for the Branch meeting was placed in the hands of the following committee: Mrs. R. M. Andrews, Mrs. J. T. Bowman, Mrs. E. A. Lamb, Mrs. F. W. Paschall, and Mrs. W. C. Hammer.

Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of the N. C. conference, explained the meaning and purpose of the Fellowship Crusade, and asked for the full cooperation and backing of the women in this undertaking. Following his remarks, the meeting closed with prayer by Rev. R. C. Stubbins, pastor of the local church.

FOURTH DISTRICT MEETING OF WOMEN'S WORK—JANUARY 14

This meeting was well attended, I hear from several sources. Six of the seven auxiliaries in the district were represented. Mrs. Jennings, chairman of the district, presided over the meeting, Rev. Freo Surratt over the singing, and Mrs. C. H. Pierson, of Haw River, read the scripture lesson. Mrs. Freo Surratt led the first prayer. Mrs. R. L. Pickard, president of First church, Burlington, gave a hearty welcome, to which Mrs. Aubrey Amick of Fountain Place responded. I was to have spoken on the needs of the work, but was unable to attend the meeting on account of illness, and Mrs. Fred Paschall took my place very splendidly. Rev. O. B. Williams, who had been a home missionary in Seattle, Washington, spoke on home missions. Then there was a round table discussion and reports from all the auxiliaries present. Miss Ila Stafford led the closing prayer, and then came a social hour with light refreshments.

I believe they had a better meeting than if Mrs. Nicholson and I had both been there, but I was truly sorry to have to miss the meeting. I am glad to share the report Mrs. Jennings has sent me with the women in the other districts. Perhaps you will find something of interest to you. The meeting was held in First church, Burlington.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, President.

LETTERS FROM DHULIA

Dhulia, W. Kandesh,
November 4, 1937.

Miss Bettie Brittingham,
516 N. Charles St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Miss Brittingham:

During the rainy season, the Collector's wife of W. Kandesh organized a society known as the Dhulia Ladies' association, whose primary object is to train up some Indian village women in rural medical aid. There are about 25 ladies in this association, which include the wives of all the government officials stationed here, many prominent ladies of Dhulia city and the ladies of our Mission.

Seven villages in the Dhulia district have been chosen for this medical relief—villages not within easy reach of dispensaries and which have no means of medical relief except home remedies of the crudest kinds. It is in rural areas like these that a large part of the appalling mortality of India occurs—not necessarily from serious diseases but from minor ailments or injuries that would have been cured if treated in time. This being impossible, as the nearest dispensary was too far away, or the patient was unable to make the journey, many cases of the simplest forms of diseases and injuries have been fatal.

The plan is to choose a woman from each of these seven villages—women who are intelligent, and of good caste and preferably literate. They are to be given a short course in elementary home nursing, such as cleaning sore eyes, dressing wounds, treatment of itch and other skin diseases, fevers, colds, and other minor ailments—always stressing the importance of absolute cleanliness. This training is to be done in the villages and not in hospitals, otherwise when they return to their villages they would be hopelessly lost without their hospital equipment. Government is supplying the medicines and simple outfits required. This is a new experiment, but has been successful in a number of places so we are hoping it will prove a success here in our district.

Miss Miskimen and I have chosen a village 12 miles from Dhulia as our special project. Dr. Lacy accompanies us and instructs us how to care for the minor ailments and injuries. Then we in turn will teach a village woman and when she thoroughly understands, then we will leave the medicines with her and she will have regular hours each day for treating patients. Of course, her work will be inspected every few days and always by surprise. The only woman in this village of 2,500 people, who can read and write is the teacher of the Girls' school. She is a Brahman but has promised to do the work. In all that village there is not one doctor or nurse or anyone who could dispense medicines, and besides there is not a drop of medicine or a pill anywhere. If anyone becomes ill they perform all sorts of ceremonies and apply home remedies which usually do more harm than good. So far we have made three visits to this village and each time have had more patients than we could treat. We treat only the women and children if the men came then the women couldn't appear before them, except, of course, the low caste women. There is no restriction on them appearing before men in public.

Mr. Minnis has gone with us on each of these trips and while we are working with the women and children, he has a meeting with the men of the town, discussing the general improvement of the village. All this is a phase of what is known as village uplift. It is a mighty task and all too often we become discouraged when we think of what is to be done and how little we have accomplished. Pray for us that while we are trying to uplift the villagers from their unwholesome environment that we may lift up Christ so that He may draw all men unto Him.

With kindest personal regards,
Most sincerely,
MERYL S. MINNIS.

Dhulia, W. Khandesh.

Dear Friends in America:

During the summer we all had birthdays and received lots and lots of pretty cards. We want to thank you for them and for the good wishes which you sent us. Many said they didn't know how old we were, so we are enclosing a picture taken with Daddy and Mother and shall ask Miss Brittingham to have it put in the Record. We are 13, 10, and 5 years of age—Jess, Jr., is in second year high school, Jean in fifth grade and Jimmy will start to Kindergarten next year in April. We like to live in India but we miss our friends at home.

We send you our good wishes and hope your birthdays will be as happy as ours were.

Sincerely,
Jess, Jr., Betty Jean, and Jimmy Minnis.
—The Missionary Record.

Our Children's Home

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Mt. Lebanon S. S., Randleman	$ 4.80
Midway S. S., Greensboro Road	2.00
Macedonia, Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
Pleasant Union S. S., Mt. Pleasant	1.75
Center, Alamance	5.13
Friendship S. S., Shiloh	3.25
Shady Grove S. S., Connelly Springs	2.20
Love's Grove S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	3.10
Baltimore S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Fountain Place S. S., Burlington	5.89
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	3.60
Maple Springs S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Pleasant Valley, Gandeeville, W. Va., C. O.	2.03
Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	5.50
New Hope, Why Not	3.70
Charlotte S. S.	7.15
Enfield S. S.	5.00
Harris Chapel S. S., Vance	2.70
Ethel Hempstead Mission Circle, Inwood, L. I., feeding child	10.00
First church S. S., High Point	15.00
Calvary S. S., Greensboro	15.10
Chestnut Grove S. S., Punxsutawney, Pa., C. O.	5.00
Fairview, Glen Raven	4.55
Mrs. John Beach, Mt. Vernon, O., C. O.	5.00
Bessemer City S. S.	1.00
Salem S. S., Saxapahaw	5.83
Mt. Pleasant C. E. society, clothing for little boy	3.00
Prairie Auxiliary, Fairgrove, Mich., C.O.	16.20
Bethany S. S., Randolph	3.55
Ladies' Bible class, R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., clothing child	5.00
Henderson S. S.	7.19
Love Joy S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	2.00
Canaan S. S., Dec. and Jan.	2.00
M. P. church, Disco, Ill., C. O.	6.21
Mt. Pleasant S. S., N. Davidson	3.38

Denton, additional offering, 25 lbs. flour and 20 dozen pair socks.

West End, Greensboro, 1 dress and a bundle of coupons.

Ai, Kernersville, 4 cakes in December and 2 cakes and a lot of cookies on January 16.

First church, Concord, 10 boxes of cookies.

Mrs. Brown, Bethel, Randolph, 4 cans of tomatoes.

First church, Charlotte, 1 bag of potatoes and 10 cans fruit and vegetables.

Mrs. Louis Setzer, Camden, Ala., one quilt.

We thank you for your good help, both in money and in material things. Because of fuel and extra supplies to be bought during the winter months, it is difficult for us to keep up financially through this season of the year. Help us out all you can regularly.

Keep sending the coupons to Mrs. Dixon. Thank you.

A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Miss Ella Andrews, Burlington	$1.00
T. F. Humphreys, Flat Rock charge	2.00
Ira N. Johnson, Flat Rock charge	2.00
Mrs. F. J. Cox, State Street church, Lexington, club subscriptions	2.50
Rev. J. W. Braxton, Mt. Pleasant charge, club subscriptions	1.12
Ernest M. Hamilton, First church, Lexington, club subscription	2.10
J. M. P. Wright, Greensville charge	1.00
Rev. J. M. Morgan, Greensville charge	2.00
Miss Frances Cunningham, Asheville	.50
Miss Nancy Clouse, Asheville	.50
Miss Lelia B. Kirkman, Tabernacle chg.	2.00
Mrs. Arthur Faulkner, Vance charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Cranford.	
Miss Etta Hight, Henderson charge	2.00
Sent by Miss Lucy Taylor.	
Mrs. M. O. Parham, Vance charge	1.00
Mrs. J. C. Bean, West End, Greensboro.	1.00
Sent by Mrs. F. S. Stockard.	
Miss Gladys Pugh, Randolph charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Reynolds.	
Mrs. J. C. Edwards, Greensville charge	1.00
Mrs. E. R. Breedlove, Granville charge	2.00
Rev. J. P. Pegg, Granville charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Pegg.	
Mrs. C. G. Hunter, W. Forsyth charge	1.00
Mrs. W. B. Speas, W. Forsyth charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Ferree.	
Miss Kathleen Shearin, Halifax charge	1.00
Mrs. Sallie McPherson, Alamance charge	2.00
Miss Lonnie Stafford, Alamance charge.	2.00
Sent by Pastor Isley.	
Dr. J. A. Pickett, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
Mrs. Linnie Bailey, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
Mrs. G. M. Isley, Mt. Hermon charge	1.00
Miss Debbie Thompson, Mt. Hermon chg.	1.00
H. O. Bivins, Orange charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. E. S. Taylor.	
Advertisement	1.90
Rev. T. M. Johnson, Anderson charge	2.00
Mrs. H. R. McClimon, Anderson charge	1.00
Mrs. D. Pike, Anderson charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Johnson.	
Roy E. Moore, Greensville charge	1.00
J. C. Whitby, Greensville charge	2.00
L. M. Wright, Greensville charge	2.00
Lottie Edwards, Greensville charge	2.00
H. A. Clarke, Greensville charge	2.00
Mrs. R. H. Archer, Greensville charge	1.00
F. S. Pearson, Greensville charge	2.00
R. M. Pearson, Greensville charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Morgan.	
Ira W. Baity, Forsyth charge	2.00
J. F. Baity, Forsyth charge	2.00
L. G. Brandon, Forsyth charge, gift sub.	.50
C. E. Bailey, Forsyth charge, gift sub.	.50
W. V. Baucome, Forsyth charge, gift sub.	.50
Sent by Mrs. Lucile H. Baity.	
Miss Louise White, Union Grove church	2.00
Sent by Pastor Coble.	
Rev. K. G. Holt, gift subscription	2.00
Rev. L. S. Helms, gift subscription	2.00
T. H. Vickery, gift subscription	2.00
Rev. T. E. Strickland, gift subscription	2.00
Mrs. Helen Lamar, Mt. Hermon charge	1.00
Mrs. Eunice Holt, Mt. Hermon charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Washington Johnson.	
A. L. Lemonds, Flat Rock charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. E. M. Parrish.	

Subsidy

Orange charge, sent by N. T. Cook	5.00
Sapling Ridge, Alamance charge, sent by Miss Nonie Ferguson	1.00
Harmony Church, Yarboro charge, sent by Miss Sara Simpson	1.25
First church, Lexington	1.00

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

State Street Charge.—Since the writer has not had a report in the Herald since the meeting of the last annual conference, he wishes to say it was with deep regret that he left the good people of First church, Thomasville. They were very kind and generous to the writer and family, and their loyal support and hospitable acts will ever linger in our memories to keep aflame our love and esteem for them. For them and their new pastor and family we wish heaven's best.

We have been received very kindly by our new charge, and their many acts of thoughtfulness, fellowship, and love have already won for them a large place in our hearts. They have repeatedly manifested an appreciation of our efforts, which causes any pastor to strive to be his best. When we moved to the parsonage the good people of both State Street and West End, Thomasville, saw to it that we had the needed additions to the parsonage furnishings. A stove and four new rugs were purchased. These were needed and greatly appreciated by us. The parsonage furnace was repaired, which cost about $16.00.

The spirit of giving has been evident on our new charge. For Christmas we received from State Street a very nice Chatham blanket, and last Wednesday night at prayer meeting we were taken by surprise and got the socks pounded off us with flour, meat, sugar, potatoes, canned fruits and vegetables and many other good things to go in the pantry. This has greatly reduced our grocery bill, and as we feast our bodies on these good things to eat we are feasting our souls on that spirit of love and good will that prompted this act of thoughtful kindness. We appreciate this more than words can tell, and we know that they shall receive their reward. From West End, Thomasville, we received a beautiful hand-made quilt for Christmas, as well as some individual gifts, which we appreciate very much.

We have fallen in love with our new people and are enjoying our work splendidly. Our attendance at all churches has been very encouraging. At Yadkin College our attendance is not so large but is very gratifying, considering the small membership. Though small in number, we have found a big spirit of love and fellowship there. We especially appreciate the spirit of cooperation existing between the different denominations of the community. We feel that church union will prove a great thing for the people of that entire community.

On coming to our work we found one of the best C. E. societies in the county at West End, Thomasville. Miss Lillian Binkley is proving a very efficient leader of young people in that church. We found no young people's organization at State Street, but have organized a C. E. society, which is growing in interest and number under the competent leadership of Jimmie Jenkins. Our young people had a C. E. social in the church basement last Friday night, which was enjoyed very much by all present.

The women's organizations of both churches are functioning in a normal manner, and we are counting on them for great things this year.

Mrs. Fred Cox has organized the juniors of our church at State Street into a Junior C. E. society with an enrollment of nearly 30. She is a good leader and is doing a great work with her group.

Since coming here, Brother John Weaver, a very loyal member of State Street, has been called home, and at the time of this writing our entire church is sad because Mrs. Robert Jenkins is lying in state at the funeral home. Her funeral will be held this afternoon, Monday, January 10. We grieve with her loved ones because of her passing.

O. C. LOY.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, T. M. Johnson, Pastor, Jan. 11.—We have finished up the year of 1937 with a heart full of thankfulness for the progress we have made, and now may we start this new year on a field of labor for our dear Lord. One of the things we are thankful for this year is our good pastor. He filled his regular second Sunday appointment, with the text taken from the 21st chapter of Revelation. I feel sure everyone hearing this sermon was greatly blessed. We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Grubbs and daughter with us Sunday.

We are proud to write that the Junior Christian Endeavor society has improved lately. Anita McClimon was the leader for Sunday night, and her subject was on "Prayer." As was reported by the president, Esther Compton; they have 29 on roll at present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McClimon and Mr. and Mrs. John D. McClimon visited in Spartanburg Sunday afternoon to hear the well known evangelist, John A. Leland. He is doing great work, and we pray that God will still bless him and keep him broadcasting over WSPA each day.

Rev. T. M. Johnson was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pearson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brannon are proud to announce the arrival of a fine son on the 26th of December. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

We will observe Young People's Day the fifth Sunday in January. Definite plans are under way at this time, and we trust everyone will come and help the young people with their presence. No doubt this will be a very impressive service.

Mr. B. A. McClimon and Mr. and Mrs. N. G. McClimon and family were dinner guests of Mrs. Dennie Vaughn of Pelham.

Mr. W. M. Compton went back to the Atlanta hospital Friday for an examination. He is doing well.

The Ladies' Aid will take charge of prayer meeting Wednesday night. The reading will be several chapters of Exodus. As was reported by the president, Mrs. A. A. Foster, they are planning to help improve our church grounds by setting out shrubbery and trees. As you remember, the November Bulletin featured trees and the planting of trees on the church grounds to beautify and to afford shade. We thank the pastor for getting the people to become tree-planting-minded.

We greatly thank Mr. Johnson, our pastor, for these bulletins he gives to us every month. I feel we owe lots to him for the work he is carrying on. I am sure they have been a great help to everyone, and especially the first one of this year. It is written on the new year, and we need to keep thinking of it and keep the year new to the end.

The young men's class had the extreme pleasure of attending the oyster stew and fish supper on Thursday night, January 6, at the home of John McClimon. The supper was arranged by the teacher, J. P. Waddell, David Pearson, and Mack Compton, with the help of the class. This meeting was given to get all of their class together and really be drawn closer in fellowship and brotherly love. May it be a blessing to all, that they may work closer together.

It made us all hapy to see our faithful member, Mrs. J. K. Poole, back at church Sunday morning, after having been confined to her bed several weeks. She was greatly missed and we hope she will be able to come back and worship with us regularly.

It was a great shock to this community to learn of the death of Rev. Newton Smith, of Virginia, formerly of this community.

Let us pray that this may be a more successful year for our church, both spiritually and financially.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

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Denton-Canaan.—As we look back through the Christmas season we can see much that gives reason for happy hearts and rejoicing. At the Denton church on Sunday night, December 19, a most impressive Christmas program was rendered. This service was not only impressive in its rendering and in the truths it portrayed, but the manner in which the people responded in its preparation and in the rendering gave reason for great rejoicing. Certainly the true Christmas spirit was rendered. A number of nice gifts came to the parsonage during the season. Among them was a nice comfortable rocking chair from the Biltwell Chair company, and a beautiful electric table lamp from the Rex Furniture company. We have had much good eats on our own table that have come from the hands of our good people, and we have had a number of good dinners at the homes of the people. These good things have been fit for a king. Christmas greetings have been more numerous this year than ever before. A large number of the people we have served in recent years remembered us, and we greatly appreciate this, as we do the remembrance of the good people here which we are serving now. The Tabernacle people led in this, as they have on other occasions. We make use of this occasion to extend thanks to all these good people, as we have not been able to write thanks to all personally. Christmas is a great season and happy is he who enters into its joys with the proper spirit.

The Denton church has just installed the duplex envelope system, out of which great results are expected. The people here seem to be ready for this kind of thing. For this readiness thanks are extended to work that was done before we came. My, it is fine to follow up good workers.

At our first quarterly conference, which convened on January 5, a number of matters were nicely cared for, and among them was an advance of pastor's salary of $150. This, of course, makes the pastor feel good. But it also makes him feel that he is more indebted to the people and more anxious to serve them.

At the last service at Canaan the Lord's Supper was observed, and it was impressive to see the large percentage of the congregation responding to this solemn means of grace. It was so fine to see a large number of young people among the communicants.

On the fifth Sunday of January we are planning to observe young people's service at both churches. We shall be disappointed if these services do not prove to be of a high order.

Wedding bells have been ringing. On December 24 Miss Mary Lee Crouse, of R.F.D. 6, Lexington, N. C., became the bride of Mr. Jesse Wayne Kindly. Mr. Kindly is one of our Canaan families. These happy young people are now living in Denton. We extend to them most hearty congratulations and wish them a long and happy life.

Brother C. H. Surratt, the father of Rev. H. F. Surratt, has been confined to his home because of sickness, but he is now improving, we are glad to report.

GEO. L. CURRY, Pastor.

Henderson Church, T. J. Whitehead, Pastor, Jan. 17.—We have entered the door of 1938 and a new book is open to us, with its pages clean and white. May nothing be recorded on these pages that will grieve our Heavenly Father.

It is a great privilege to write in our new book something about the adult division of our Sunday school. We know the power of tomorrow is in the youth of today, but the power of today is in the adult. Here we have our teachers, our home-builders, our financial leaders, and our leaders in every line of work. In the absence of the general superintendent, Ralph Grissom is acting superintendent. Robert L. Oakley is the secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Maurice Allen pianist, and Clyde F. Finch music director.

The Men's Bible class and the Baraca class decided that "in union there is strength," so they united, and upon the resignation of S. R. Harris, who has been the beloved and efficient teacher of the Bible class for many years, the class elected J. B. Hicks to succeed him. S. R. Harris and Mr. Calstrom are assistant teachers, Clyde L. Finch president, Walter Grissom vice-president, and Mr. Trogdon secretary-treasurer.

The Rosa Harris Woman's Bible class, taught by Mrs. L. R. Gooch, was named for Mrs. S. R. Harris, who on November 15, 1936, entered the broad and beautiful field of another life to spend an eternity of service. We miss her kindly smile and words of encouragement, but memories of her beautiful life will abide with us always.

At the December meeting, the Philathea class re-elected Mayor Henry T. Powell as teacher, Mrs. Maurice Allen president, Mrs. J. L. Freeman secretary, and Miss Lucy Taylor treasurer.

The January meeting was held with Mrs. J. M. Baity. Plans were made to observe home-coming day January 23. As the class members are also members of the various circles, they are working together beautifully to "scatter seeds of kindness" and to raise funds to be used not only in our homeland, but in lands across the sea.

Misses Agnes Harris and Lucy Taylor took Christmas cheer to the local hospitals, and the class assisted the circles in helping the needy at Christmas.

Circles met Monday, January 10, as follows: Circle No. 1, Mrs. Roy Dixon, chairman, with Mrs. E. C. Kittrell; Circle No. 2, Mrs. E. D. Falkner, chairman, with Mrs. L. R. Gooch; Circle No. 4, Mrs. Charles T. Tankersley, Jr., chairman, with Misses Lucy and Mattie Hayes; the Girls' Mission club, Miss Mary Jean Falkner, chairman, with Miss Helen Mustian.

Mrs. Clyde L. Finch led the devotional, the subject being India.

The girls voted to collect old Christmas cards to send to the Board of Missions and to play Pollyanna for the next three weeks. The topic for discussion was "Progress."

We deeply sympathize with Mrs. John Grissom in the home-going of her mother, Mrs. Thomas Fuller, and with Mrs. Claude Harris, whose father, Mr. Williams, has recently gone to his reward. Mother and father mean so much to us, and their passing leaves a vacancy that never can be filled.

May God comfort and sustain these sorrowing friends.

The first of three conferences on Christian Education of the N. C. Methodist Protestant conference was held in the Henderson church January 11. Mr. Whitehead, who is president of the Council of Religious Education of the North Carolina M. P. church, presided at the morning and afternoon sessions. The conference was interesting and instructive and greatly enjoyed by those who attended.

After a very earnest sermon on the subject, "A Good Crusader," Sunday morning, by Mr. Whitehead, quite a number signed the pledge. If we try to do our best, and fail, God will understand.

May the year 1938 bring to all that sweet peace and joy which is the wonderful gift of God's love.

ANNIE C. LASHLEY, Reporter.

Whitakers Church, D. R. Williams, Pastor. No report has gone in since conference, but that is no indication of lagging activity. Our work is progressing under the leadership of our pastor. We welcome him and his wife for another year.

On the eve of the 19th of December at 5:30 o'clock we held a most beautiful and impressive candlelight service in the place of the regular preaching service. The church was beautifulluy decorated with pines and evergreens and four candelabra holding the burning tapers who gave light for the evening worship. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Henry Cutchin, blended beautifully together in their program of Christmas songs.

The most impressive part of the service was Henry Van Dyke's "Mansions" that was given so beautifully by Mrs. Charles Thrift, a former citizen of our town, now of Georgetown, Texas. Every word was so plain that the smallest child could have understood.

This is the first service of its kind in our town, and we were so glad that it was received by a full house.

On the night of December 21 the M. E. church in our town burned. Our hearts go out in sympathy for the loss of a church home, but we welcome them into our own church. They are cooperating with us in Sunday school work and holding their regular services in our building, since their services do not conflict with ours. At present we are trying to work out a plan of union for these two congregations, even before union is consummated by the general churches. Pray for us that our efforts may be successful.

During the Christmas season the beginners, primary and intermediate departments of our Sunday School enjoyed a treat which was accompanied by the singing of Christmas songs and a story told appropriate to the spirit of Christmas.

The Fellowship Crusade has not been launched in our church, but we are hoping to attain the gold which has been set.

MARGIE PITTMAN, Reporter.

Bethesda, North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor.—Our Christmas program went over nicely, everyone seemed to enjoy it. Treat was given each member of the Sunday school. Then we had white Christmas. A manger that was lined with white was set out to receive the presents. It was a beautiful sight to see little tots and grown-ups bring their gifts. These were sent to the Orphanage.

Our pastor always comes with inspiring messages. The fifth Sunday we will observe Young People's Day. Rev. Mr. Neese will preach at 11 o'clock.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. John Brinkley for their regular January meeting, with 12 members present. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. E. A. Clodfelter, using the guide book. Questions were given to several members and short talks were made by them. Our topic was India. Our regular Bible question contest was held, Mrs. C. M. Yokley winning the prize. We were sorry to find Mrs. Brinkley sick, but she was assisted by Mrs. D. D. Brankley and Mrs. R. D. Everhart. They served delicious refreshments. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. J. O. Everhart.

We are planning our thank-offering program. The time has not definitely been decided on.

Mr. H. H. Brinkley, one of our faithful members, has been real sick for several weeks. We are sorry to say he doesn't seem to improve. We hope and pray he may soon be restored to health.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Numa Leonard join our church the second Sunday. They came from Shiloh M. P. and Lexington Reformed churches. We welcome them.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

Mt. Hermon Charge. — Our Friendship reporter, Mrs. D. W. Mansfield, is watching at the bedside of her little son, Charles, who has scarlet fever. She asked me to write to the paper this month. We are glad to know that Charles is improving, we hope he will soon be out again. We are sorry to know that the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wood, of Mt. Hermon, has appendicitis. The doctors at the hospital hope he will respond to treatment and not have to have an operation. Our prayers are for them in their distress.

Our work here is moving along very nicely. Each of the four Sunday schools had a Christmas tree and a treat for the children, and everybody enjoyed the splendid programs rendered by the children. I do not know when I have enjoyed a pageant any better than the one rendered by the Belmont Sunday school. The pantomime at Friendship was well rendered also and enjoyed by a large crowd though the weather was very bad. I could not get to the other two churches, but I understand that they also had a good program. The preacher and his family was not forgotten, while the presents were being given out at the Friendship tree, Supt. Knox Lamar called for the preacher to come and get his present; when I reached the tree he drug out a large basket of groceries, the gift of circle No. 2. We enjoyed the good things in that basket. Thank you. At Belmont the preacher was again called on to come and get his present, remembering the kindness of the Friendship circle we went up eager to see what good fortune was ours this time; to our delight Bro. Reid Brown pulled out from under the tree two beautiful rocking chairs. Somebody has been peeping in the parsonage. We needed nothing quite so much as these rocking chairs. They were the gift of the Sunday school. Thank you.

We were asked in a letter by Cale K. Burgess, vice-president of our dry forces in North Carolina to cooperate with him in what he called "Field Day" in Alamance county. Each church in the county was asked to put on a program or have someone to speak on temperance at 11 o'clock Sunday, January 16. We asked him to send us two guest speakers; one for Belmont and one for Cedar Cliff. We spoke on the subject of temperance at 11 o'clock at Mt. Hermon and at Friendship at 3 o'clock; a splendid congregation met us at both places, many expressions of appreciation came to us for having spoken on such a vital subject.

We are launching our Fellowship Crusade campaign, and the charge as a whole is responding nicely, while we did not expect anything else, but it is very encouraging to have people to respond so readily to this campaign for we believe it means much to our church. We have some people on this charge that will respond to anything that is for the good of the church and the betterment of humanity.

We announced the prayer week, and prayers are going up for the success of every feature of this campaign.

PASTOR.

Bethany, Randolph Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. G. L. Reynolds, filled his regular appointment Sunday morning. The girls' class had charge of Sunday school on the second Sunday. Discussions of lesson were by Lauretta Routh, Bessie Baldwin ,and Doris Wood.

We are enjoying four of our Sunday school rooms and are working hard to raise funds to complete the other rooms.

A member of our church, Miss Mozelle Sheron, and Maurice Weathers, of Fuquay Springs, were united in marriage January 10.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. J. A. Redding and Mrs. C. T. Redding, who have been sick for some time, are slowly improving. We miss them at church. Hope they will soon be able to come to church.

GLADYS PUGH, Reporter.

Bess Chapel, W. L. Harkey, Pastor.—John 14:8, "Show us the Father," was the text chosen by the pastor for the morning worship hour January 9. The general thought was that deepening acquaintance with the Father that will suffice in the valley of temptation the same as on the mount of transfiguration. A large and appreciative congregation heard this inspiring message.

Since our last report two funeral services have been held at our church. Mr. John Ledford, a member who had made his home in Cherryville for several years, was buried Monday, December 27. Mr. Walter Clark, also a member, was buried Sunday, January 9. The pastor was in charge. Our sympathy goes out to both families in their bereavement.

As a part of our Auxiliary Christmas Cheer service we distributed baskets of fruit to the sick in our church and community.

The January meeting of our Auxiliary was held Monday night, January 10, at the home of Mrs. Earl Baxter, with Misses Avis Hull, Margaret Baxter, and Mrs. W. A. Hull as hostesses.

Fifth Sunday morning we go to Lawndale for our District Rally, and in the afternoon to Shelby for an Aldersgate service.

MRS. B. L. HEAVNER, Reporter.

Fairview Church, Glen Raven Charge, R. S. Troxler, Pastor.—Our church work has started off very encouraging for the new year; the attendance is fine for this time of the year, also our offerings are very good. We are very glad to see this good interest being shown and just hope it continues throughout the year.

Our pastor brought his first message of the new year the second Sunday morning of this month. His topic being "Open Doors" in which he stressed the fact that the door of opportunity was always open to all those that really wanted to be of service.

The Woman's Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. David Saundras Tuesday night, January 10 for its monthly meeting. The devotional was conducted by Rev. R. S. Troxler. Plans were discussed for this year's work. There was a good number present for this meeting, and all of our members seem very interested in wanting to do their part in this organization. At the close of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

MRS. CLARENCE RUDD, Reporter.

Kernersville-South Winston Charge, C. B. Way, Pastor, Jan. 17.—The morning service yesterday was at the Kernersville church, with the usual attendance. The special music rendered just preceding the sermon was a duet by Mrs. C. B. Way and Miss Hazel Hendrix. Following the sermon the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered, with the ground of young people gathering at the tab lefirst. A large number of others followed. After the service the pastor and family went to the home of Miss Hazel Hendrix, where an appetizing dinner was enjoyed. Miss Meta Regland and George Higgins were also guests for dinner.

The afternoon service was at Pine Grove church at 2:30 o'clock, with Dr. P. E. Lindley, of High Point College, delivering the sermon. We launched the Fellowship Crusade at this service. In addition to the sermon by Dr. Lindley, in which he stressed the three objectives of the crusade, the pamphlets containing the questions and answers concerning the crusade were distributed. This service will be followed later with the covenant cards. The congregation was delighted with Dr. Lindley's sermon and special music by the Pine Grove quartet.

The usual attendance was noted at South Winston church last night. There is a loyal group of Methodist Protestants in this church, and the opportunities for development of a larger church seem abundant. J. E. Litteten, teacher in the Sunday school, is a new subscriber to the Methodist Protestant Herald. We are expecting others at this church to follow his example.

Friends here and elsewhere will regret to learn of the illness of Mrs. A. N. Linville, member of the Kernersville church. Mrs. Linville is anticipating an operation this week. Her husband's brother, Dr. Clinton Linville, of Goldsboro, has been attending her for the past few days. We hope her recovery will be speedy.

PASTOR.

First Church, Albemarle, C. G. Isley, Pastor.—Since our last report we have had several interesting visitors with us, including Dr. R. M. Andrews, of High Point; Rev. Mr. Garmon, of Bob Jones College; also Mr. Vickery, of High Point College.

Our pastor has been bringing us some helpful and inspiring messages, for which we are very grateful.

We held our first quarterly conference last Wednesday evening with a very good attendance. Each committee gave a good report.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held a joint meeting at the church, and at this time plans were made for the Merchants' Association banquet of this city. Our ladies are very loyal in the work of the church, and each one did her part in making the banquet a success. The proceeds amounted to $119.50. This will be applied on the church debt.

Mrs. J. E. Gantt entertained the members of her circle at an informal party in her home last Tuesday evening.

A wedding of interest to their many friends was that of Mrs. Essie Mae Mills and Algie Story. Mrs. Story is one of our faithful members and we wish them both a sucessful life.

We are very sorry to report at this time the illness of Mrs. John R. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Moton, and little Miss Ann Whitlock; we wish them a speedy recovery.

Mr. Ira W. Smart has been a patient in the Yadkin hospital with an infected foot, but we are glad to report he is able to be at home at this time.

The condition of Mrs. Luke Cook remains about the same.

MRS. COLON MAULDIN, Reporter.

First Church, Burlington, F. W. Paschall, Pastor.—The writer has been "laying down on the job" a little, but hope the readers will forgive me, and I will try in the future to be more faithful to my responsibility. The Great Jehovah has wonderfully blessed us and brought us to the beginning of another new year. What does it have in store for us? We can never tell, but we can govern ourselves, and we do know that what we really put into a thing, that is exactly what we're going to get out of it. May we put lots of good things into the new year and really receive many blessings.

Since we have not handed in a report since Christmas, that should be reported. Prior to the holidays, the Fellowship Committee planned and held a fellowshsip program in the hut, at which time the whole membership of the church was invited. There was a good attendance and it was a very enjoyable occasion. The church needs more fellowship of that kind. Also the Baracas and Philatheas held their annual banquet during that week. At Christmas time, the choir presented a cantata entitled "Chimes of the Holy Night," under the direction of Mr. W. T. Way. Mrs. Robert Barnwell, of this city, was at the console of the Hammond organ, assisted by Miss Lula Riddle at the piano. The presentation of this cantata was very beautiful, and the choir members are to be commended on their splendid ability. On the following Sunday evening the members of the junior choir gave a pageant under the direction of Mrs. F. W. Paschall. This group is doing good work, and every child should try to attend, because these services provide excellent training and opportunities worth-while to boys and girls.

Our attendance since the first of the year has been very good, but could be better. All organizations seem to be going full blast. On this past Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, Dr. Paschall presented the program of the Fellowship Crusade to the members. The sermon was a very inspirational one. It encouraged me to do more and to do better and I am sure that everyone who heard it felt the same. The Fellowship Crusade committee is meeting Tuesday evening of this week to plan further programs for the year.

Several of our members have been very sick, but the Lord has blessed them and reports are at this time favorable.

We are looking forward for a successful year. REPORTER.

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Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, E. A. Bingham, Pastor, Jan. 9.—It seems as if I have forgotten my task, as I have been neglecting to report from this church. Nevertheless, we are all active and doing much good work for the Master. We are glad to have Mr. Bingham and family back with us for another year, and we hope to make this the best one yet. We plan to observe Young People's Day the fifth Sunday or somewhere near that date.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet Friday night with Mrs. Grady Perry, our president. This auxiliary gave a donation of money to the Home for the Aged at Christmas.

We like very much the devotional books for each day of the week, which our pastor got for his members to use.

Mrs. R. S. Woody has been sick for the past few weeks. We wish for her a speedy recovery, for we miss her at church.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Moore were both able to be at church Sunday for preaching, after being confined to their home for some time.

BESSIE COBLE, Reporter.

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Mebane, D. I. Garner, Pastor.—We regret to announce the loss of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nicholson as active members of our church and Sunday school. Our present church was organized during the pastorate of Mrs. Nicholson's father, Rev. W. D. Fogleman, and both Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson were charter members. They have given long and faithful service in the various organizations of the church and will be missed here. We extend our good wishes to them as they go among new friends at Thomasville, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson were the recipients of many social courtesies recently.

Mr. C. L. Mixon, who has been in Duke hospital for some time, is reported improving and expects to return to his home soon.

We were very glad to receive Miss Mary Margaret Bates into church membershsip last Sunday. Miss Bates is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Bates and comes to us from Haw River charge. She is a member of the Mebane High School faculty and we extend to her a hearty welcome.

The Ladies' Aid society met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. C. Allen. The business session was presided over by the president, Mrs. T. O. Pender, after which a social hour was enjoyed.

The circles of the Woman's Auxiliary met in their regular monthly meetings Monday night.

Mrs. L. R. Sink was taken to the Alamance General Hospital at Burlington Monday for observation and probably an operation. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

MRS. GEORGE WYATTE, Reporter.

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Flat Rock Church, Flat Rock Charge, J. A. Burgess, Pastor, Jan. 10.—Mr. Burgess filled his regular appointment Sunday afternoon and preached to a congregation described as large considering the weather and the amount of illness in the community. Bad colds and whooping cough have more than one way of cutting down the attendance sometimes. This reporter has had illness in the family for several weeks.

Our pastor received a pounding and expressed his appreciation for the many useful articles placed in his car Sunday afternoon.

A drive is under way to pay off the debt on our church during this year, if possible, and a report given by one collector sounds very encouraging, to say the least. His quota collected in full and some to spare, with the campaign just begun. We hope all the men are as successful as this one. That would lighten the burden for the Ladies' Aid, which already has a good start on its allotted sum. Here is hoping some who have gone out from this historic old church will remember us in a substantial way for the sake of parents or grandparents who rest in the cemetery here. REPORTER.

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St. Paul's Church, A. D. Shelton, Pastor.—We had such fine services at church at the 11 o'clock appointment we had an extra good sermon on "Selling Out to Evil." We feel sure that the entire congregation was stirred by the powerful message. Our Sunday school attendance was unusually good too. We had special music and a good interest. At night the service was equally as good. The substance of the evening lesson was resisting the call of the spirit to the extent of eternal punishment. There were truths explained which I am sure the average church member did not understand. As a church we feel we have an advantage to have a pastor who is also a good teacher.

Mr. Millaway, who is visiting out of town, is being missed greatly by us all. Hope he will be back soon.

We will have an announcement soon concerning our spring special meeting.

REPORTER.

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Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor.—We have held our first quarterly conference for this charge, with a very good attendance, and the people seem very hopeful for the future of this charge; and there are some indications of improvements and interest. At the first quarterly conference they raised pastor's salary $100, which a pastor always appreciates at any time; but at the first quarterly conference it seems that we can appreciate it more. Another note of improvement is that Matthews Chapel tore down the old church on Monday after the third Sunday in October, and the first Sunday in December we held our first service in the new church; however, it was not completed, for they had to paint, and the plasterers had to do some more work. The years I have been in the ministry I have never known a church to be built so quickly. I am not calling names, but some of the people have worked so faithfully, and all have done well. The beauty about it is that it is about all paid for.

The church will have five Sunday school rooms, part of these can be thrown open to the auditorium.

The people have been good to us since conference. During the holidays they have given us many presents that are useful, and we have had meats of all kinds given us, and I don't think there has been a day since conference we did not have in our house some fresh meat. And we have three hams in soak for the future. We have bought $6 worth of wood since we have been on this charge; the rest has been given to us. So you see they have been good to us. We are just hoping we may be able to pay them in service for their kindness.

PASTOR.

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Enfield-Whitakers Charge, D. R. Williams, Pastor.—Well, as the old darky said in Salisbury on one occasion in the days of the saloon, when he was standing on the corner with his Christmas liquor in a paper sack; it slipped and fell to the sidewalk and broke to pieces, and looking at it, he said, "Christmas has done come and gone." And so Christmas has come and gone, and I didn't see a drunk man, I am glad to say; but I suppose there were some. We received about 100 cards and wish to thank all who sent them. It makes us glad to know somebody is thinking of us. We also received many nice, useful presents, for which we are thankful. And just before Christmas Mrs. Emmitt Marshall and Mrs. J. R. Powers drove in our backyard with a nice pounding from the Enfield church. We have also been receiving fresh meats and potatoes from Whitakers and Whitakers Chapel. We thank one and all for their thoughtfulness of us.

We held a beautiful candlelight service in our Whitakers church on the third Sunday evening in December. The church was beautifully decorated and all who participated in it did it well, and I personally think it was the best service of the kind I have ever attended. PASTOR.

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Seagrove-Love Joy Charge, E. G. Cowan, Pastor, Jan. 17.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday night and made an interesting talk.

We are having worship services first Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and third Sunday evening at 7 o'clock instead of 11 a. m. during the winter months so Fair Grove can have one morning service.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely with good attendance for winter weather.

It is rather late to talk about Christmas, but we had a Christmas program and tree, with lots of presents and treat for every member of the Sunday school, and everyone present received something. Santa Claus was present, to the delight of the children.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary held the December meeting at the parsonage, and names had been previously drawn, so each member received a gift which was placed under a small Christmas tree. Refreshments were served.

The January meeting was held with Mrs. Alson Auman and almost all members were present, and the meeting was enjoyed. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be with the secretary of the society, Mrs. W. C. Auman.

Rev. L. A. King will preach for us at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning.

We hope and pray for a great year's work.
MRS. N. WILLIAMS.

Welch Memorial, J. D. Williams, Pastor, Jan. 17.—Our pastor has been sick the past week, but is better now. President Humphries of High Point College preached for us Sunday in the absence of our pastor. He brought us a good message. He spoke from the 28th chapter of Genesis—the life of Jacob, the future life, how Jacob went into a strange country and that night, lying down to sleep, dreamed that he saw a ladder set up from earth to heaven and angels ascending and descending, carrying the message from Jacob to the Father. The consecrated or fuller life was the theme. We are better men and women by having heard that wonderful sermon.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday night, and the best program I think I ever heard. The Golden Rule was exemplified in the program, gotten up by Miss Winnie Cassell. It is really inspiring to hear the young people carry out their part in the meeting. It makes me know that our church will be in consecrated Christians' hands when we older ones pass away.

Mrs. Howard Vuncannon is in the Guilford General Hospital at this time. Hope she will soon be out.

EUGENE SEAGRAVES, Reporter.

Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Jan. 17.—The work here is going as well, it seems, as it ever has. It seems that the church as a whole is working in a very cooperative spirit, and as was expressed by one of its members, "Shiloh really seems to be growing deeper spiritually." We are proud that this kind of a spirit exists among our people, and hope that at such a time we shall watch more than ever before, because we are aware of the fact that when it seems that everything is moving fine, then we are apt to neglect and the devil takes a hold somewhere. We shall strive harder to keep the spirit among us that we shall ever go forward in the progress of the Kingdom's building in the hearts of all who may be influenced by our associations.

The first quarterly conference for Shiloh charge was held at Shiloh church Saturday afternoon with all three churches well represented. We were indeed fortunate and glad to have our new conference president, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, present to conduct the conference. We think the N. C. conference did a fine piece of work in bestowing this honor upon Dr. Pritchard, because he is very capable. He has the spiritual life of the church at heart, and of course we know that without that, no church can be progressive. We hope Dr. Pritchard will be able to visit us again soon. Space will not permit a detailed account of the good reports given, but they were all good. Our pastor gave a very good report and the goals he set must be mentioned: (1) Special emphasis on family and church religion; will be successful by (2) Bible reading, study and prayer; which will be a part of (3) each family with a regular family devotion and family altar; (4) each member striving for a better church attendance and support of the church; (5) all work for a personal salvation; and (6) special praying for a spiritual revival in every church and in America. Others were mentioned, but these seemed most important. We see in these enough to keep us mployed for a year, that there is no time to lose. Our church treasurer made a very favorable report showing that $150 had been paid on pastor's salary, and on conference claims, Superannuates $27, College $36, Church Extension $17, Herald $12, and two other items, one $33 and the other $17, making a total of $292 paid by the treasurer first quarter. Our C. E. society has plans now under way by which will be raised $150 or more. The Woman's Auxiliary has paid $66.82 on this year's $75 budget. The Sunday school in both adult and primary departments shows a deepened interest in the work, with good attendance. Our present enrollment is 265, with 243 in attendance Sunday.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment yesterday—a service which seemed to be one of the greatest deepenings of our spiritual life. At the close of a brief message on the subject, "Not Bethlehem, But Calvary," the Holy Communion was observed very reverently.

As a further evidence of our spiritual interest, we are beginning our weekly prayer services again. Some of our church people have been inquiring as to when they would be started, as well as have some of the people of the communities where the services have perviously been held. We know that these prayer services are helpful to us. Our monthly prayer service will be conducted next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, in charge by members of the C. E. society. We hope that it shall prove a great blessing.

Announcement was made by our pastor that there will be a district rally for the 11th district at State Street church on Sunday afternoon, January 30, at two o'clock A program will probably appear later.

Continue to pray for us in our work.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

Efland, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, Jan. 17.—Yesterday was Young People's Day with us, and a very pleasant one it was. Imagine a service with all young people. Of course some were present who have had 60 or 70 birthdays, but all were young enough to enjoy the two very inspiring services planned by our pastor. In both the morning and evening service the leaflets were used, "Youth and Christ." "Builders" was the theme for the morning message, and a well filled house heard a splendid message. The candle-light Communion service was our first of this kind, and was a very impressive service. In addition to the choir, assisting in the service were Misses Mabel Lloyd, Stella Efland, and Marjorie Bradley, who took the parts of the Evangels, and Misses Lydia and Priscilla James, who sang "Take Time to Be Holy."

We are glad to see quite an improvement in our church attendance, and hope to have others come and be with us. The choir is working to make this part of our service more inspiring. We hope to have regular practices in the future.

Mrs. J. M. Denn was hostess to Circle No. 2 on a recent afternoon, and in the evening she entertatined her Sunday school class and the Wililams circle. At this time the Williams circle had their January program, and the president, Miss Sykes, presented a Memorial Membership certificate for Miss Christine Efland, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Efland.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Taylor is very sick in Duke Hospital. We pray if it is His will that he be restored to health again.

We are hoping to have a good representation at Chestnut Ridge on the fifth Sunday for our circuit rally.

On Saturday night, January 22, a Brunswick stew supper will be served in the church by Circle No. 2. Come, eat, and enjoy the evening with friends.

Miss Carmen Vaden has returned to her home in Danville, after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. C. P. Morris. Mr. and Mrs. Morris also left Sunday night for a brief visit in Danville with Mrs. Morris' parents.

REPORTER.

Forsyth Charge. — Our first quarterly conference was held at Maple Springs with a fine attendance. The conference was one of the best held during the present pastorate. The reports were good and there was manifested a spirit of optimism and hopefulness. The budgets were adopted and the conference went on record as indorsing the Fellowship Crusade.

As has already been reported by our reporter, Maple Springs church has been repaired—new roof and new front porch—which has added greatly to its appearance. Several new members have been received recently and the Sunday school enrollment and average attendance is ahead of anything we have ever had here.

The other churches on the charge are making progress also, Union Ridge planning new Sunday school rooms and other repairs, and Mt. Carmel finishing up their basement, which will give them ample Sunday school room, together with kitchen and dining room.

The members of Hickory Ridge also are talking new Sunday school rooms. We trust there will soon be action along this line by these fine people.

We were remembered during the Christmas holidays by quite a number of members and friends in the community. Since the holidays also a number of good things have come our way. We appreciate them all.

R. A. HUNTER, Pastor.

Halifax Charge, W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor.—Since the people on a charge want occasionally to see a report from the pastor, I am supplementing those of the regular reporters. This conference year has started well for us and promises to be much better than the last one.

The churches remembered me at Christmas time with very useful gifts. I am grateful for these and the spirit of love which prompted them. I use this opportunity to thank the members of the charge and former parishioners for Christmas cards with which I was remembered. The membership of Halifax charge is known for its generous poundings, but since their present pastor has no use for provisions for the table, their generosity finds other channels.

There have been three deaths in Hollister recently; none of these persons was a member of our church, but all of them attended it and had family connections in the church.

Mrs. Jim Ellington was the mother of our church pianist and of the president of the auxiliary. Mr. Lennie Gupton had served as Sunday school superintendent of the Hollister church and was actively interested in the church. On January 13 Frederick Gupton met a tragic death when he fell from a housetop and broke his neck. His mother, a sister, and a brother are members of the Hollister church. We feel deep sympathy for each of these families.

Halifax charge has a wide area of usefulness. It has served its section well and is still a great power for righteousness. We hope to make an excellent report to conference this fall.

W. M. HOWARD, Jr.

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Moriah, Leo Pittard, Pastor.—Moriah has not been heard from for some time, but we are still busy in one way or another. Our Sunday school and church attendance has been somewhat better than usual so far this winter, probably due to the fact that our new furnace (and it's paid for, too) keeps the church comfortably warm for services.

Our Christian Endeavor society, organized about a year ago, is still going strong, and we have been holding prayer meetings each Wednesday night. The Ladies' Auxiliary holds its meetings regularly with good attendance and much interest in the work being done.

The fourth Sunday morning of this month has been set aside as Roll Call Sunday, and we want as many members of "old Moriah" as possible to be present at the 11 o'clock service and answer to their names.

On the fifth Sunday night of this month, at 7:30 o'clock, we will have a special candlelight Communion service in observance of Young People's Day. This will be something unusual for our church and we invite your attendance.

We have held our first quarterly conference, and at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 16 it was decided that the parsonage is to have a new roof. We have already started working to raise our apportionment for the Fellowship Crusade and Brother Pittard has appointed a special committee to "round up" the money.

POLLY UNDERWOOD, Reporter.

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Kannapolis, D. T. Huss, Pastor.—The Senior Girls' Sunday school class sponsored a box supper Saturday night in the assembly room. Games were played and various contests were held, everyone having a grand time. This supper was given in order to help furnish their Sunday school room. The profit cleared was $10.20. Mrs. G. L. Slowson is the teacher of this class and a very faithful worker. She has organized a Junior Girls' circle which will meet in different homes every month just as the other circles do. We hope these little girls will be able to do great things for their church under the leadership of their faithful leader.

There has also been reorganized from the Juniors and Intermediates a choir which sang for us Sunday night two specials. This choir was organized and is being directed by Mr. Arthur Tutterow.

Now let's see who we have on our sick list this month. We never forget the sick and our prayers are always with them. We are very glad that these litle ones were back with us Sunday after being ill for several Sundays with flu; all three are from the Primary class—little Ema Lee Long, Donald McDaniel, and Gladys Mae Whitley. Several other small children have been ill from the different other classes. We have others also who are still confined, and new ones. Miss Gaynell Price is still in Black Mountain. Friends everywhere, would you please when you see this name and would like to make this child very happy, send her a nice card and you will never know the joy that you will bring to her lonely heart; she is far away from her home and parents. She would be so glad to receive cards from any one, although she isn't able to answer every one's cards and letters. The address is Miss Gaynell Price, Western N. C. Sanatorium, Black Mountain, N. C.

Then we have another in Statesville who would appreciate a cheery card from friends anywhere, Mrs. Katherine McLean, who has suffered a very severe burn. She has recently recovered from pneumonia, and the painful idea of having part of the meat grafted from her body to replace other parts of her body which have been burned into crisps. Mrs. McLean has suffered much agony since the latter part of November. She is still a patient in Davis Hospital, Statesville, N. C.

Mr. C. B. McCommons is still confined to his bed here at home, and Mr. N. F. Harris has been quite ill for several days. We request the prayers of every Christian for those who are less fortunate than we.

Our church is still doing splendid work. We have had numbers of new members received into our membership, and hope to have more. Our pastor has delivered some very inspiring messages this year. We still love our pastor and his family and feel that we have had a grand year together, and we are looking forward to a much greater one under his leadership.

REPORTER.

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Caroleen Church, L. S. Helms, Pastor.—We observed Christmas at our church by having a very interesting program rendered Christmas eve by the Senior and Junior C. E. classes. By popular vote of the Juniors, Brothers R. J. Tate and Loyd Piercey were chosen to make all necessary arrangements for Santa Claus to be present. They had a very difficult task; so many children and various other things occupied Santa's time. He dropped in for a brief moment and helped everyone have a joyous time.

The church was decorated very beautifully with a very homelike scene which brought out the real "truth about Chrstmas" in a striking way. The Christmas tree was decorated elaborately with colored lights. Two smaller trees gave the larger tree more dignity. Many gifts and treats for all the children and aged persons helped spread the Christmas spirit for all. The Juniors gave a very beautiful program of recitations and drill.

Our Sunday school is improving every Sunday. The past Sunday we had 171; our aim is 200. We are going above 300 if possible.

Our church is pressing forward. Our hearts were filled to see Brother James E. Price and wife reunite with our church. They have our prayers and we want to help them to serve others. We are still pushing our work on the church grounds. Two walkways have been rerun, and made straight. The back walkway is approximately 210 feet. Maple trees have been set on each side with two large evergreens at the head. Two crepe myrtles give it an air of quaintness. Weeping willows have been set, with several species of shrubs as background and borders. The lower walkway has been set with water oaks. Spirea forms the border and we plan to set hedges on the front side, making a total of hedge to approximately 225 feet in a straight row. Two large columns will greet you at the front entrance, and three more will add to the charm of rustic appearance. We would like for every church to tell us through the Herald what you are doing to beautify your church grounds.

The C. E. society met and organized pallbearers, honorary pallbearers, with 16 flower girls, for emergencies which arise sometimes. We are going to have uniforms tailored with our church name and C. E .society upon them. Group superintendents were elected to care for the different plans and requests. We plan to have small signs to place around the driveway for the different cars, flower girls, family, friends, etc.; also with cards to match inside the church.

We had one conversion in C. E. Sunday night. It is the beginning of our revival, which is to start soon. We hope to have a successful meeting.

Some sickness has been reported lately, Bro. A. J. Tate's daughter, and Mrs. Laura Burgess. We hope they recover soon.

Brother Helms received a pounding Sunday night.

We hope to do many things this year. Pray that we will, and that by doing so, good will come your way.

LUCIELLE SCRUGGS, Reporter.

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Thomasville, Community.—Two Sundays ago we received into the membership of Community church Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, of Mebane, who have recently come to Thomasville to live. Mebane's loss is our gain by having these two fine church folks to live in our midst. However, as we think of it in a larger sense we are sure that the Kingdom has not suffered any. They will make their home on North Salem street.

Since our last report Mrs. Alfred R. Finch has united with the church here. She likewise will make the church a faithful and most helpful member.

Dr. Yokeley is still a very sick man, but we believe he is slowly improving. Dr. Yokeley is a member of our Board of Trustees and is greatly missed in the church and community. He has been in the hospital for five weeks. Pray for his recovery.

Bro. O. H. Berrier has been very sick for a similar length of time, having been in the hospital part of the time. He is able to be out some now and we hope he will soon be able to return to church. He is one of our Sunday school teachers.

The Fellowship Crusade has been presented to the community and received a very fine response to the first goals. The other goals will be presented in the near future.

We appreciate having Miss Edna Nicholson to worship with us on Sunday.

J. CLYDE AUMAN.

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Autumn Anthem

These are nice days
To "blurp"
About pancakes
And s'urp!

—E. C. Baird, Missouri.

MARRIED

Brewer-Lindley

Miss Lola Lindley became the bride of Walter R. Brewer in a ceremony performed at the home of the bride's pastor, Rev. H. L. Isley, who heard the vows Friday, December 24. The ring ceremony of the Methodist Protestant church was used.

Mrs. Brewer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lindley, and is a member of Bethel church, Alamance charge. She received her education at Eli Whitney high school and High Point college, and is now a member of the Mebane high school faculty.

Mr. Brewer is the son of W. M. Brewer, of Siler City. He received his education at Wake Forest college and is employed by the High Point Chair company at Siler City.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a brief wedding trip.

A Double Wedding

Miss Opal Branson and Manie Graves, and Miss Edith Hargrove and Dean Isley were married in a double ceremony Thursday morning, December 23, at 10 o'clock, at the home of Rev. H. L. Isley, who heard the vows of the Methodist Protestant church. Both couples, with the exception of Mrs. Isley, are from the Snow Camp section of Alamance county, and have their affiliation with the Methodist Protestant church; Mrs. Isley having her affiliation with the Friends church.

The many friends of these young couples will wish them much happiness in life.

Smith-Thomas

A marriage of great interest to many was that of Mr. Collie Smith and Miss Evelyn Thomas, that was solemnized at the Friendship parsonage on December 23, 1937. The groom's pastor, Earl A. Cook, officiated, and was conducted only in the presence of a few close friends.

Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of the Love's Grove community. Mr. Smith is a popular young man in his church and community, and is a member of Love's Grove church. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mrs. Viola Thomas and the late Bunyon Thomas of Union county. Mrs. Smith is a beautiful bride of 18 years, and is very popular among people of her community.

They will make their home with the groom's father in the Love's Grove community. Their many friends both in Union and Stanly counties wish for them a long, prosperous, and happy life together.

Walker-Dean

A marriage of interest to a large circle of friends of the couple was solemnized at the Methodist Protestant parsonage in Kernersville Saturday, December 25, 1937, at 2 p. m., when Miss Glenola Walker became the bride of Dale H. Dean. The impressive ceremony of the Methodist Protestant church was used, during which music was played softly on the piano by Prof. H. G. Easley, of Burlington. Rev. C. B. Way, former pastor of the bride, spoke the vows which united this couple of splendid young people.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for the home of the bride in Rockingham county, where a wedding supper was enjoyed with several relatives of the bride. Mrs. Dean is the eldest daughter of D. A. Walker, of Rockingham county, and has been a valuable and faithful member of Palestine church, on the Flat Rock charge for a number of years. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Tucker, two of the founders of Palestine church. Mr. Dean is a son of Mrs. A. C. Dean, of near Walkertown, Forsyth county, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a young, progressive farmer. They will reside at the home of Mr. Dean's mother on Winston-Salem, route 2.

The writer joins the numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dean in wishing them a long life of happiness and success.

C. B. WAY.

Boone-Thompson

Sunday, December 26, at 12:30 p.m., Miss Effie Boone and Mr. J. H. Thompson were united in marriage by the pastor of the bride at the Boone residence, near Hebron church. The marriage was witnessed by the bride's parents and a small group of friends. The ring ceremony was used.

The bride is a member of Hebron church and is a very loyal worker. The groom is from Burlington and is connected with the Rawleigh Company. They will make their home with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Boone.

C. P. MORRIS.

Morris-Almond

Mr. Grady Morris and Miss Grace Almond were quietly united in marriage on the 22nd day of December, 1937, at the parsonage at Friendship Methodist church, by Earl A. Cook, the bride's pastor.

Mr. Morris is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Morris of this community. Mrs. Morris is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Almond, also of this community. They will make their home with the groom's father.

These are two nice young people of the community, and they have the best wishes of all their friends throughout the county, and we wish for them a long and prosperous life together.

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LADIES' AID SOCIETY MEETS

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Flag Spring church met Friday night at 7 o'clock at the home of Miss Olive Bailey, seven members and seven visitors being present. Mrs. E. C. Cox had charge of the devotions and business meeting. Very interesting poems and other religious literature were read by several of the members. The society has recently purchased chanslers for the church and is planning to help reseat it in the near future.

Mrs. Cornie Williams is to have charge of the devotions at the next meeting, which will be with Mrs. E. C. Cox, February 4, at 7 p.m. After the business meeting closed the hostess served a delicious plate.

MRS. C. D. COX, Reporter.

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know of anyone
Out of work—now pause and think—
Who lost his job, or was discharged
Because he wouldn't drink?

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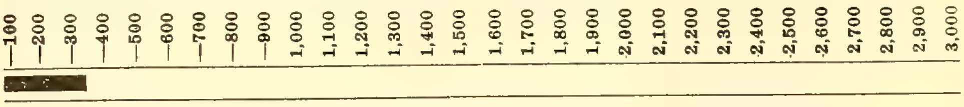

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REV. N. G. BETHEA
Subscription Booster

Seems to me that one of the great helps in this Fellowship Crusade is to read the church papers. We want to see it succeed, to be sure we do. Let us try to get more or our folks to reading about it. We will find in the Herald and the Methodist Protestant-Recorder all that we need to help put this thing across. So this part of our work needs to be pushed now. Some of us may fail, but let it not be said that we did not make an effort worth-while.

But you say, what does that have to do with boosting? Lots, lots. If all our people were reading, it would not take extra speakers to stir them up on this important matter.

But did you notice that Reidsville did the thing up Brown last week? Sure they did. Sent in the largest amount of any charge. No amounts were large, but there was a considerable list of small amounts. That keeps everybody growing. If every charge was sending in a small amount every week, we would all be coming up together. But lest I forget, Thank you, Dr. Brown.

Subsidy growing, did you say? Sure just as long as some charges with their pastors realize that we need this amount to keep the fires burning, we will be getting help that is needed. Just make up a Ridge like was made last week from several charges and we will have something that will be a protection against the printer as well as the butcher and the baker. Thank you Brother Ridge for that nice payment on Shiloh's quota. And to you Brother Evans for sending it in.

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Chase City	10	1	....
Chatham	10	....	....
Cleveland	63	34½	17.61
Concord	26	1½	....
Connelly Springs	19	1	....
Creswell	29	1	....
DANVILLE	9	9½	....
Davidson	56	5	....
Democrat	12	....	....
Denton	37	3	....
Draper	8	....	....
Enfield	16	2	....
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Flat Rock	77	5	....
Friendship-Love's Grove	38	4½	....
Forsyth	46	7	....
Gibsonville	24	½	....
Glen Raven	52	4½	....
Graham	30	8	....
Granville	58	2	....
Greensboro, Calvary	34	3	***7.50**
Greensboro, Grace	36	1	....
Greensboro, St. Paul	17	½	....
Greensboro, West End	25	8	***7.50**
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Guilford	87	6	....
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Porter	7	....	....
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Randolph	78	5½	....
Reidsville	13	4	....
Richland	38	4½	....
Roberta	29	1	....
Rockingham	21	½	....
Roseneath	3	....	....
Saxapahaw	58	2	....
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Shady Grove	2	....	....
Shelby-Caroleen	18	....	....
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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Walser

John Ellis Walser, son of John and Priscilla Walser was born May 2, 1853. He departed this life December 21, 1937. Age 84 years, 7 months, 19 days. On December 24, 1874, he married Sallie Frances Warner who preceded him in death 10 years. To this union were born six children. Those surviving are Mrs. Frank Foster, Mrs. Early Snyder, Willie D. and Roscoe M. Walser. Two having preceded them in death, Marshal R. and J. Grover. There are 14 grandchildren living, one dead, and seven great-grandchildren living. Mr. Walser joined Friendship Methodist Protestant church in early life and remained a faithful member until death.

The funeral service was held in Shiloh church on December 22, at 11 o'clock by the writer assisted by Rev. Hoyle Love, pastor of Reeds Baptist church. The body was laid to rest by the side of that of his companion in Shiloh cemetery to await the Resurrection Morn. The bereaved ones have our sympathy.

C. E. RIDGE.

Foust

Early Sunday morning, December 19, Hal Dean, the six months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Foust, went back to the God who gave it. He was sick only a few days with pneumonia. The writer conducted the funeral at Bethel church on December 20, a large crowd being present for the service. Mrs. J. M. Foust and Mrs. Fleta McPherson sang in a touching way, "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old When Jesus Was Here Among Men." The little grave was more than covered with beautiful flowers. While the parents cannot bring back their precious child, if they are faithful they can meet again in a "better country."

H. L. ISLEY.

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Every day you have opportunities for correcting your mistakes and misjudgments. Life is a great school, in which you are constantly learning what to do and not to do, how to plan and execute better.—Grenville Kleiser.

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ONE IS YOUR MASTER EVEN CHRIST AND ALL YE ARE BRETHREN.

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"Learn of Me"

To be a disciple is to become a learner. Jesus said to those whom he called, ''Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.'' Our hands may become feeble so that we can no longer follow our chosen trade or calling; our physical infirmities may be such that we cannot leave our homes to visit other places; yet the human mind may still keep its interest in things of time and eternity and may be a learner.

Man was created for discipleship—to sit at the feet of others and learn. Knowledge is to be gathered by experience. All knowledge. Knowledge of material substances, knowledge of spiritual essences and of God came through our experience with those things and with God. One had to follow Jesus in order that he learn of Him. It was said of the early disciples of their enemies, ''They took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus.'' These simple men were learners. They had learned well His way about life; they had learned His manner with people; they had learned something of His secret of poise, of control; their tones as they spoke must have reminded men of Jesus. No, there was no doubt about it, they had been with Jesus. Peter and John were not arrested and cast into prison for being fishermen, nor for wearing the clothes of fishermen, nor for talking like fishermen. Although they were skilled fishermen; they now no longer talked about fishing, nor acted like fishermen. They had been with Jesus for three years, and their whole personality was changed. They are now accused of having associated with Jesus because of their manner of life.

What a Great Teacher of men and how well He taught men to be like Himself. He was their book, He was the pattern for their life, He was their daily lesson. They were to drink of the cup He drank of, and to be baptized with the baptism He was baptised with. He was teacher, they were learners.

The learner is meek, humble, teachable. Mary sat at His feet as a learner and Jesus called this a ''good part,'' better even than serving Him. To know His purpose in our lives; to know His will as to how we shall realize that purpose. To learn His method with people. To have His love, His patience, His winning way with the indifferent means victory to the learner. ''Learn of me,'' for I am meek and lowly of heart.''

Christianity is the Jesus way of living. How difficult it is for those who do not know Christ—to those who have no fellowship with Him, who never sit at His feet. Creeds and rituals are not teachers. We must learn of Christ. Jesus had the motive for service-love; He had a peculiar technique as He served, patient, considerate, knowing He went about doing good in a good way. There are people who try to do good but have a very bad way about it. They have yet to learn Jesus' way of doing good in order to leave no bad results from a good intentioned act. ''Learn of me'' should be our watchword each day of our lives as we go about to live the Christ-life.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

Obituary Committee for Rev. G. W. Holmes

After conferring with the family of the late Rev. G. W. Holmes I am appointing Rev. H. L. Isley, Rev. J. A. Burgess, Rev. S. W. Taylor and Rev. W. F. Ashburn as an obituary committee to report to the next session of our Annual Conference.

A Visit to Yarborough Charge

Starting out on last Saturday morning for Yarborough Charge in a fog that was so dense that one could see only a very short distance I finished the journey of 216 miles in beautiful weather in time to hold the first quarterly conference at Harmony Church at 3 o'clock. This Church is twenty-seven miles rather southeast of Greenville, S. C., and is by the side of U. S. highway 25 leading to Augusta, Ga. The Yarborough Charge consists of two Churches, Harmony and Yarborough Chapel, the two being forty miles apart. The pastor of the Charge, Rev. T. H. Vickery, a student at High Point College was recuperating from an operation for appendicitis in a hospital in Albemarle, N. C., and could not be in the quarterly conference. But there was a goodly number of people present from the Harmony Church although the Yarborough people were not present. Bro. E. M. Hipps, of the Yarborough Chapel, was re-elected secretary of the conference. Some right hopeful reports were made by the officials present. Due to the fact that Brother Vickery is so far away he preaches at each Church only once each month, the appointment being at Harmony at 11 o'clock on the fourth Sunday and at Yarborough at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. This was my first visit to the Harmony Church and I was impressed by their interest and devotion. There were about seventy in the Sunday School on Sunday morning and all seemed to enjoy it. The teacher of the more mature men and women is Miss Kate Medlock who has been a leader in this Church for quite a while. She seems to know how to ask questions of her class that will bring out the important truths of the lesson.

In the Church service Sunday morning I made an appeal for financial help for the young pastor and $34.01 came in on the offering plate. In as much as the salary promised for the year is only $400 for the entire Charge, this was a goodly sum to be paid at one time and the people seemed to be thrilled by what they had done.

Following the service at Harmony I started on the forty-mile drive to Yarborough by way of Laurens and Clinton. In leaving Clinton I saw a large sign which said, "Detour to Gross Anchor by way of Laurens, road under construction." But disregarding the sign I pressed on over the remaining twelve miles, sometimes on the new and some times on the old road and arrived at Yarborough Chapel in good time for the afternoon service. Here I found a goodly number of people who were appreciative listeners. It had been seventeen years since I had visited this Church before, however, there were some familiar faces at this service. Here as at Harmony I made an appeal for the sick pastor and this Church responded to the tune of $25. At both Churches, after preaching I presented briefly the Fellowship Crusade. Some cards were signed Sunday and others will be turned in later. It was a pleasure to be in these two Churches and I shall be glad to visit them again. These people are so far removed from the center of things in our Conference that it has been difficult for them to keep in close touch with things, however, several families read the HERALD and know what is going on. I am indebted to Miss Kate Medlock and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Killingsworth for entertainment while in the Harmony community and to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bobo for similar courtesies while at Yarborough. On Monday morning I met Dr. R. M. Andrews who had gone down with me as far as Greer to be with Dr. T. M. Johnson on the Anderson Charge, at Spartanburg and we had the privilege of driving home through the rain.

Fellowship Crusade at First Church, High Point

On Monday evening of this week I had the pleasure of attending a supper meeting at our First Church in High Point and to speak in behalf of the Crusade. This was one of the best meetings of the kind which I have attended and I am sure that Pastor Madison and his committee will get good results in presenting this matter to the people.

Observe Young People's Day

I am still appealing to the pastors and the Churches to observe Young People's Day and get as good an offering as possible for World Service. Send the offering to the Conference Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Allen, Reidsville, N. C.

Quarter to End February 6

In order to have four quarters of as near equal length as possible I am asking that this first quarter end with the close of Sunday, February 6. Blanks will be mailed out in due time for the quarterly report and I trust they may be returned promptly after the quarter ends. In the meantime do not forget to raise and send in apportionment for Annual Conference Expenses. In addition to the Churches which have already reported having raised the Annual Conference Expenses, Rev. Fred Love telephones that his Church, Pleasant Grove, is over the top. Good for him and the Church.

An Ingathering at Easter

I am urging our people everywhere to make just as much as possible of the Easter season in the way of getting people into the Church. It is true that we people in the south do not make as much of this season as they do in other sections

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A Message in Verse

FRIENDSHIP

"The happiest business in the world
Is that of making friends;
And no investment on the street
Pay larger dividends.

For life is more than stocks and bonds
And love than rate per cent,
And he who gives in friendship name
Shall reap as he has spent.

Life is the great investment
And no man lives in vain
Who guards an hundred friendships
As misers guards their gain.

Then give the world a welcome
Each day whate'er it sends,
And may no mortgage e'er foreclose
The partnership of friends."

Author Unknown.

The Great Physician

The record of the healing ministry of Jesus is the most inspiring record in all history. Mankind was and still is in great need of a healing ministry. The words of the song, "Oh, the world is full of sighs, Full of sad and weeping eyes," aptly describes many of every age. Dip into the past wherever you will find the blind, the deaf, the dumb, the lame, the paralytic. They greet you in the home, and on the streets. Jesus found them in little Palestine wherever He went. Even at the place of worship was the man with his right hand withered; by the side of Siloam was the lame man laid; on the highway He met the blind crying for sight; from the tombs came those possessed with devils and in the home of Jarius He found the dead laid out for burial. What a picture these make. What poverty, what suffering, what despair had settled down upon the lives of thousands in that day. To these came Jesus as a Great Physician to give men life more abundant.

Also think of the many who never had a fair chance at life. Prejudiced by poverty or by the oppression of a cruel master; reared among the enemies to society, those who spend their days and nights seeking ways by which they may destroy property and human life. To all such the gospel offers freedom by a redeemed life. What a blessed thing this message of salvation. How thrilled it would make each of us to know that the Bible we have, that the Church we belong to, that the experience we have of a deeper life—these have become ours to pass the knowledge along to those less fortunate. The Christian Church, the asylum for the demented, the homes for the homeless child and the friendless aged ones, the Christian hospital, where the body may be healed and the soul restored. These are the results of the coming of Jesus to earth. Can one be linked up with all this and fail to rejoice and be glad daily for the opportunities for service he has in the name of Jesus Christ? Is there just one person in all the membership of our Church who is willing to sacrifice these and try to live without them? Then let's do our part faithfully every day God gives us here.

The Fellowship Crusade

Many pastors and their official boards are now busy enlisting the membership of their Churches in this great movement. A movement to lift the standards of Christian living by the rededication of the life to God; by becoming intelligent members of the M. P. Church; and by sharing with others in the Church in the freeing of our boards and institutions of all indebtedness. Who will join us in this great movement? If you will join, then sign the Covenant Card the pastor has for you and pledge to do those things which will make all who enter upon that pledge as one in the cause of Christ as it is represented in the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Director of the Fellowship Crusade has visited many centers of our Conference and quite a number of Churches has spoken upon this movement. We have found receptive audiences wherever we have gone. We believe when our people learn the purpose and plan of the Crusade they will join heartily in it. We shall gladly render every assistance possible and endeavor to find speakers to present the Crusade wherever possible; but we are confident that the Crusade should be put on in the local Church by the pastor. He ought to have more influence than any one else in doing this. Let us continue to pray earnestly for the success of the Fellowship Crusade.

We are delighted to hear that Bethel Church, Randolph Charge, is to have two additional Sunday School rooms in the near future. This is one of the best working Churches in the Conference; not so big in number but very efficient in doing things.

Prayer—May we know that wherever there is one who suffers pain, or stumbles through moral weakness, or wanders from Thee through intellectual perplexity, that there we may hear Thy voice calling us to service. In all these things may we do Thy will and thus reveal to men the love of God. In Thy name. Amen.—*W. C. Covert in The Methodist-Protestant Recorder.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Social Institutions Resist Change

Social institutions and customs grow up to meet a certain definite aim and then, when the aim has passed away, still persist on their own momentum. They come to rest upon a traditional rather than a rational base. The cause that called them into existence may pass away but the social patterns continue. Thus institutions become "ossified" or hard, unbending, and tend to resist change. In England, for instance, before the opening of Parliament some officer must take a lantern and search through the halls and basement for fear that gunpowder is packed therein by the enemy. The custom started long ago when actually there was discovered high explosives in the closets. Now Parliament will not open until search has been made for the gunpowder even though everybody knows there is no powder there at all, and that every hall is brilliantly lighted with electric lights. Every reason for the search has passed away yet the search itself continues. The custom has shifted from a rational base to a traditional base.

Perhaps the principle can also be illustrated by our custom of holding the meeting on the third Sunday in August every year. There was, at the time of the original schedule, just reason for having the meeting at that particular date. Now, however, the reason may not exist. Still precedent decrees that the meeting be held on the third Sunday in August. The schedule has become an institution which resists change.

Writers point to the causes of the "ossification" of institutions. Mental laziness, they say, accounts for much of it. People just will not take the time and energy to think the situation through or study the good and bad points of existing conditions. They just knock along, taking things easy, not bothering their brains about the wisdom of a change. Thinking is hard work and few people engage in it.

Another thing, too much veneration for the past will cause an institution to resist change. A sacredness gathers about anything that has lasted a long time. India worships the cow. People of India need the wholesome meat of cows but their reverence for cows forbids eating it. They need milk and butter, but the old customs will not allow these fine foods to be used. Dr. Beaven says hardly any attention is paid to the funeral of a human being in India, but a great celebration is staged at the funeral of a bull. Even Gandhi would tell you frankly that he hopes to die holding to a cow's tail! Such veneration for the past prevents a sensible outlook on this condition.

Vested interest, also, will resist change. The man who has money invested in an old institution does not want to see that institution broken up. Where the treasure is there will the heart be also. No man wants to vote for a road system that leaves him off in the woods. Officials resist changes that dislodge them from power. Men who grow up with an institution, invest their lives and money in it, fight for the protection of the same. That is natural. Most of our interests are rooted in the past, and they resist any change which threatens them.

To fight this tenacious principle among institutions we ought to give large leadership to the young. They are not so traditional. We might also make more of critical investigation. Doors of learning must be forever open. Wisdom should lead in all things, and we should try to look upon the golden age as lying in the future rather than in the past.

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MINISTERING TO SPIRITUAL NEEDS

The International Sunday School Lesson for January 30, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 2:1-12.

Golden Text—"Son, thy sins are forgiven."—Mark 2:5.

Last Sunday we saw the Master as He ministered to the physical needs of the people of His day. That was an important work but it is apparent that He was not satisfied that this work should characterize His ministry to the world. So today we see Him engaged in another and what I believe was to Him the more important phase of His task, that of ministering to the spiritual needs of men.

The setting of this story is back in Capernaum in some home, probably that of Simon Peter. The people of the town, hearing that the healer was back, gathered in great crowds about the house where Jesus was. The Scribes and Pharisees were there at least lending their approval by their presence. Beyond a doubt the group had come expecting to see some more miracles of healing performed. But instead Christ preaches the word unto them. In this He is both accusing and revealing, accusing them of not knowing what they really need and revealing to them that their greatest need is a need of the spirit rather than of the body.

It is in this situation that four men try to bring to the Master a friend sick of the palsy. It was so difficult to get through the crowd that they had to go upon the house top and let the sick down through the roof. Earnestness and faith to overcome such obstacles naturally brought a word of approval from the Master; but it is interesting to note that He did not mention the man's palsy but spoke of his sins saying, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." Here again He is pointing to the most important need of the individual, that of spiritual health. For a long time we have known that one's spiritual health depended largely upon one's physical condition and circumstance, but more and more we are coming to realize that one's physical health may depend upon the condition of one's soul. A message of hope and faith is sometimes better for the sick than medicine, a fact which doctors sometimes more than ministers realize. Order in the soul and spirit is more important than a strong body but very often the two are interdependent.

It seems to me that this story has a very specific application to our society today; the men said that their friend was sick of palsy and needed to be cured. Christ said that He was sick of soul. For the last several years our society has been very sick. Leaders have been saying that it was sick of body and needed charity and legislation, something to meet physical needs, but I wonder if Christ is not saying that it is sick of soul. Its needs: not charity but justice, not more legislation but forgiveness, not more inventions but a living message of faith, hope and love. Let us not be deceived, the ailments of our world go far deeper than physical needs. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick tells of a young man who wrote him a letter setting forth his philosophy of life in bold letters: "Take care of the body and the soul will take care of itself." I am afraid that is exactly what most of us have been trying to do. Everything is provided for the body both for self and children, but as for the soul, well, let that take care of itself, not even fifteen minutes a day to spend in the cultivation of our spiritual lives. I know of no greater challenge that could come to the young people of our Church on this Young People's day than this: get busy like the four faithful of long ago; let no obstacle be too great to overcome; by prayer, by personal evangelism, by education, and in some instances by legislation bring mankind individually and collectively within reach of the healing touch of Jesus Christ. That is the only road that leads to the building of a new world. The Church dare not forget its duty, the world does not today stand in need of material miracles half so much as it stands in need of hope, faith, love and a new sense of social justice. In our world of material plenty our souls have made a pretty poor mess of taking care of themselves.

It is interesting to note that right here is where God first meets serious opposition. So long as Jesus healed people and gave them something to eat the scribes were very well satisfied, but the moment He begins to talk of forgiving sins, of really changing a life, it is different. Immediately they begin to find fault with Him. Their objection is on theological grounds of course but I believe that their spirit was somewhat of a universal one. We of America have been very liberal with our charities, but the moment a move is made to establish greater social and economic justice, a law is proposed that will give men and women a better opportunity to earn an honest living or a right to share in the profits which they have helped to make, the moment a move is made to give men self respect, self confidence and independence serious opposition begins. We will do everything we can for a man when he is down except help him get up; except give him those opportunities which truly change life and minister to the soul. We of the south say that we are friends to the Negro. We give him schools; we let him share in charities; yes, we will give him most anything except the right to be a human being like the rest of us, but that is what he wants and needs most. Give him an equal chance through law, government and industry to help himself and then he will not for long need so much of our help. He needs confidence, self-appreciation and self-respect, those things that go to make up the soul. So maybe it is we more than he who need the healing touch of Christ, we need His spirit. Individually and collectively we need to know that Christ Whom to know aright is life eternal.

"A PRAYER TO SHARE"

Has your Auxiliary, Church, Sunday School or other group made a contribution to our "Prayer to Share" program? If not let me urge that you make contribution during January if possible. Our goal is set at $750.00 and only $147.60 of this amount has been raised to date:

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MRS. COY L. KEARNS,
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Denton, N. C.

Successful school administration depends upon the proper mixture of education that the children need with what they and their parents and the public want. Too much of either spoils the pie.—*Emmet L. Morris.*

For one word a man is often deemed to be wise, and for one word he is often deemed to be foolish. We ought to be careful, indeed, what we say.—*Confucius.*

THE ROAD TO ALDERSGATE

By C. W. BATES, D.D.

To those of us who have lived or walked in them there is something mysterious and intriguing about city streets. Where do they begin and where do they end? Sometimes the question seems easily answered, for we look down the street and there is its dead end. Where the other end goes we do not know. Or, perhaps, like Wall Street, it begins at a Church yard and ends at a river. These city streets, with house touching house, may be long or short, but they are always interesting. And their interest is not concerned with their breadth, nor with their length, but rather with what has happened or is happening in them. And, if we use our imagination, with where they begin and where they end. We may have to travel far to find the beginning and the end, indeed we may never find them, for they transcend space and time. They are more than buildings and pavements. They are spiritual, like the city that hath foundations, like the streets of the New Jerusalem.

Such a street is Aldersgate in London. It is an old London street, taking its name from one of the original gates in the northern wall of the ancient city. It is but a few minutes' walk from St. Paul's cathedral. A little street, just a block or two long, out of the path of commerce or of war. The crowded ways of life do not cross it, it has never resounded to drum beat or the tramp of marching men. And yet no street, unless it be the street called Strait in Damascus, is more famous in the religious history of the world.

I say it is a little street, just a block or two long. You can see the end of it from the beginning. That is, you can, if you do not use your imagination. But if you use your imagination, you will see its beginning at a far distant point; but even your imagination cannot see its ending. The road to Aldersgate is long and winding. And who can know the end of it? It goes to the ends of the earth. It has become part of the highway of holiness which leads to the foot of the Throne of the Majesty on high. And it is all of that because one man walked it two centuries ago.

For John Wesley Aldersgate street began in Epworth. It ran by the rectory where he was born. He followed it through the college buildings of Oxford. It brought him at last to London. For him it was more than a road. It was, as all roads are, an adventure; and for him a spiritual adventure. Let us go back two centuries to the road Wesley walked.

I said it ran past the rectory where he was born. Does the kind of a mother a child has determine the direction of his life, where the road he takes shall lead him? If so, then from the beginning the road was marked out for him. For him what began in Epworth ended in Aldersgate; what began in his mother's desire ended in the Spirit's descent.

One of his biographers has said, "John Wesley was a Methodist from his cradle." He was a Methodist in form as he walked the road to Aldersgate. He was a Methodist in spirit as he walked the road away from Aldersgate. But his mother pointed his feet in that direction, and, so far as human instrumentality could do it, made that experience possible.

So we begin at Epworth, in the rectory at Epworth. We begin with his mother. It would be difficult to explain the character and achievements of John Wesley without some knowledge of his birth and training as a child in the home, and especially his response to the nurture and admonition of his godly mother. She was one of the greatest mothers of all time. As Dr. Joy well says in his book, "John Wesley's Awakening," "To his mother John Wesley owed that genius for order and 'method' which were basic to his success as an organizer and leader. From her he learned that dignity and courtesy which put him at ease in any company. From her he caught that air of calm authority that made him master of so many difficult situations, and compelled the obedience of so many men of different types. She showed in her daily practice how first-rate results could be wrested from second-rate materials, which was often Wesley's problem in developing the Methodist organization. From her he inherited his 'iron will.' Above all, it was her precept and example that supported him in his supreme resolve to make his life acceptable to God and useful to his fellowmen.

"Susanna Wesley has a rightful place in the great window of Liverpool cathedral, which was designed to honor the saintliest women of the Christian Ages. But it is not ungracious to say that her son's career furnished the chief argument for her selection. John Wesley was her masterpiece and her diploma in the art of Christian motherhood!" But, I add, John Wesley without such a mother is unthinkable.

But great as was his mother's contribution to his character; great as was the influence of her life upon his conduct, something more was needed. He recognized the lack of it, earnestly desired to have it. But he had to walk many a weary mile to find it. So the road led him from Epworth to Oxford, from the rectory to Lincoln college. But he did not find it there. It was one of the stations on the way. But he had not yet arrived at the end of the journey; he could not except he pass through Oxford. At Oxford, the half-way point, he was to learn that the letter killeth. At Aldersgate, at the journey's end, he was to find, with joy, that the Spirit maketh alive.

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JOURNAL MONEY

I have just received a bill from the Book Concern for the 1937 Annual Conference journal. One thousand and twenty-five copies, printing and mailing, $490. (If you figure that out you will find that each copy costs pretty close to fifty cents. It sells for twenty-five cents. The difference comes out of the Annual Conference Expense item of the Budget. Every unsold copy takes just that much more out. So it is imperative that we sell them all.) But, and this is the sad part of it, I have just $67.80 with which to pay that bill. I am anxious to pay it, and Brother Reiner needs the money to meet bills incident to the printing of the Journal. But, of course, until the pastors send in the money they have received from the sale of Journals, I cannot pay the bill.

Please send in your Journal money. Thanking you in advance, I am,

Cordially, sincerely, and fraternally yours,

C. W. BATES, *Secretary.*

THE MENACE OF FASCISM

The new three-power pact, supposedly anti-communistic, recently entered into by Italy, Germany, and Japan, is causing plenty of sleepless nights in the chancellories of Europe, and not a little uneasiness in the United States. And well it may.

Examinations of this new three-power treaty, and the conditions surrounding its signing, must lead to the conclusion upon the part of those who can think straight that this "anti-communist" pact is not so much a defense against the spread of communism as it is for the promotion of fascist imperialism.

The world has less to fear from communism today than it had ten years ago. Russia is largely responsible for this situation. For communism has been tried and found wanting.

Fascism, not communism, is the present world menace. This is the reason why the Italian-German-Japanese agreement has in it the germs of so much trouble. It is true that this new bloc is financially and economically weak. But it is exceedingly strong from a military point of view. And it is this strength that is to be used in an apparent campaign of territorial acquisition against smaller neighbors by which Rome, Berlin, and Tokyo hope to bolster their present weaknesses along financial and economic lines.

But this is Europe's problem, you may say. It is no concern of the United States. This is where many of us are in error. A fascist victory in Spain, now plainly evident with the aid if Italy and Germany, is going to be of vital effect on South America. In fact, we already have evidence of that influence in the recent military coup in Brazil, whereby the largest of the South American republics repudiates its constitution to become what is very much like a fascist state. The situation there holds the possibility of many headaches for Washington.

Fascism, like communism, is based on denial of personal liberty. People are regimented like sheep under the all-powerful autocracy of the state. It is the very antithesis of freedom. We have a right, therefore, to be worried about the present situation as it may affect us.

LET'S SUPPOSE

Suppose the membership of your Church was limited to one hundred people. Would you be in or out?

Suppose you had to "run" for Church-membership as any candidate runs for political office. Would you win or lose?

Suppose the membership were good for one year only, and that re-election depended upon the good you had done in the Church during that time. Would you be re-elected or not?

Suppose there was a long list of those waiting to get in. Would you be more alive to your duties as a Christian?

Suppose you were called on to explain just why your Church should keep your name on the roll. Have you a record of helpful service to offer in your own defense?

Suppose every member of the Church did as much for the Church as you are doing. Would more seats be needed, or would the doors be shut and nailed?

Suppose your Church had this set of rules: All dues must be paid in advance. Regular attendance at services is required, sickness being the only acceptable excuse. Each member is required to serve in at least one of the following capacities: Church School teacher, member of the choir, member of some parish organization, participant in some recognized Church work, how long could you qualify?

When a man is seeking a position he submits all of the recommendations he can secure and brings to bear all of the influence he can command to make a favorable impression. After he has landed the job he works his head off to please the boss. He knows that only by giving satisfaction can he hold the job. Securing a good position is not the signal to take it easy. It is the incentive to hard work.

Yet we find Church members who seem to think that their Christian experience ends the minute they get their names on the Church roll. They think that they are on the high road to heaven merely because they have joined the Church. All they have to do from then on is to go to the services when they feel like it, put in their dime when they go and then send the children to Church School if other things do not interfere.

Becoming members of the Church does not justify people in sitting back and taking it easy. It's always time for Church members to buckle down to work, to put their shoulders to the wheel and push.—*Church Business.*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY IN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

A special effort is being made to have each of our 224 Churches in the North Carolina Conference observe Young People's Day in some manner during January or February. If it is not convenient to use all the materials use those features which best fit into your local situation. In the "Preparation Bulletin" there is material for talks and sermons. If the local Church leaders have failed to order supplies it is suggested that the minister preach an appropriate sermon and take a Young People's Day offering for World Service. Let's make this day mean much in each of the 224 Churches of our Conference.

F. L. Gibbs,
3267 W. Liberty Ave.
Pittsburgh (16), Pa.

January 21, 1938.

P. S.—Our supply of materials is almost exhausted. The orders have been away ahead of last year. If you have not already done so, place your order at once!

The President's Letter

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but it is an opportunity and I trust it may be used to good advantage.

Appointments

Sunday, January 30—Chestnut Ridge, Orange Charge, preaching at 11 o'clock and Quarterly Conference at 2 o'clock.

Sunday, February 6—Enfield at 11 o'clock and Whitakers at night.

Other appointments pending. If you want me at some particular time write me at 834 Circle Drive, High Point, N. C.

J. E. Pritchard.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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THESE CHALLENGING DAYS FOR THE YOUTH AND YOUTH LEADERS OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

When we think of the humble beginning of the Board of Young People's Work and of how it has been expanded to involve so many individuals and to include such an expanded program, we are thrilled with the present challenge which it presents. We call upon our Youth and Youth leaders everywhere to give every assistance possible to the following projects:

1. The observance of Young People's Day some time in January or February. This year marks the 30th anniversary of organized Young People's Work.

2. Make provision in each local church for a more adequate program for the Christian Education of children, youth, and adults. Make use of the suggested helps available from the Department of Religious Education.

3. Provide classes in Leadership Education for the local church, making use of the courses for young people and workers in the local church available through the Department of Religious Education.

4. Give every assistance possible for the realization of the three objectives of the Fellowship Crusade; namely, spiritual, fellowship, and financial.

5. Find your place of leadership, make some contribution financially, or attend one of the 40 summer camps and conferences being planned for the three months of June, July, and August of this year.

Your church needs you and you need what the church has to offer.

F. L. GIBBS,
Executive Secretary,
Department of Religious Education.

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IN THIS NEW YEAR AS STEWARDS

In these days of convalescence, there is much time for meditation and praise for the goodness of the Lord. Another lapse is finished in the run of life's race. As we look back over the year gone, we can think of many things we should have done. We may question, "Did I run a good race, or did I just stumble along?" Are you satisfied with last year's run, as a good steward of the Master of the Vineyard? I am not, for myself. We are now entering a new lap; are we strong in the faith, ready to run with diligence, with our eyes ever on the goal? What is our objective in this greatest of races, or are we drifting, drifting along with the crowds in this great rush of the present times? God forbid! "Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord."

There does come an end to every race. When we draw near to the great goal in the last lap of the journey, may we hear the words "faithful steward," because we have pressed on, faced in the right direction—runners of a good race.

For this year there is strength through these things:

N-eglect never to pray,
E-ager for service,
W-inners of souls.

Y-earn to bear up the fallen,
E-arnest in telling the good news,
A-lways face toward the goal,
R-ejoicing in the Lord.

We are most grateful for the many splendid deeds for our several benevolences during the Christmas season. None of us can ever know how happy were those whom we remembered. Now as we enter a new year, your secretary of this department does wish to urge every Auxiliary to stress stewardship. Have a special program, a pageant, and read the books on this great subject. May we, every one of us, be stewards of all of life, and face ever in the direction suggested in this poem by Grace Noll Crowell:

Questioning

I asked the New Year, "What am I to do
The whole year through?"
The answer came,
"Be true."

I asked again, "And what am I to say
To those that pass my way?"
"The kindest words,' he said,
"That you can say."

"What thoughts am I to think, day long, year long?"
And clearly as a quick-struck gong
The answer came,
"Think no wrong."

"And what roads take across the earth's worn sod
Where many feet have trod?"
Swift came the answer—
"Those that lead to God."

Yours sincerely,

MRS. J. M. STONE, Secretary,
Benevolences and Stewardship,
N. C. Branch.

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THIRTEENTH DISTRICT RALLY

February 6, 1938

The Thirteenth District, composed of Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, Forsyth, West Forsyth, South Winston, and Winston-Salem, First Church charges will meet for the annual Rally Sunday, February 6, at First church, corner Seventh and Liberty streets, in Winston-Salem. Those who can attend the 11 o'clock morning service are cordially invited to do so. The afternoon session will be at 2:30 o'clock. The theme "Crusading for Christ in the Methodist Protestant Church" will be emphasized. All pastors and church officials are asked to make announcement, and urge the people to attend. This is a most important meeting and every church official in the district should be present.

J. L. TROLLINGER,
District Chairman.

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Listen for a Christian Endeavor program over WPTF, Raleigh, on Monday, January 31, at 5:30 to 5:45 p.m.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

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Bethesda S. S., N. Davidson	2.75
Bethel S. S., Alamance, Dec. and Jan.	10.15
Mt. Zion, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	3.50
Ladies' Aid society, Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00

Our report is short this time, but we are thankful to those who helped to make the report we have.

Offerings for January, so far, have been exceedingly short, and consequently we are slipping backward with our bills. Please help us to keep up. We thank you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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CHILDREN'S HOME HISTORY

Friends, our second 1,000 booklets are off the press. Our publisher is so thrilled over our success at selling church literature that he insists on holding the forms for our third thousand. Let's not disappoint him. If we sell 3,000, it will mean between $600 and $700 for the Home. Will it be worth the effort? Let's everybody do his or her best. Order what you need and send in money when sold.

Other states are coming to the front. One who appreciates this work has sent money for three booklets to go to someone. I have decided to send these to the three oldest Methodist Protestants in North Carolina on the 9th of February. If you have an elderly person in your church, please send in name and age at once. If there are others who want to add to this fund, it will be great. One or more copies in each M. P. church in Notrh Carolina is our desire. Help us.

MRS. MABEL W. RUSSELL.
1011 Lindsay St., High Point, N. C.

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CARD OF THANKS

We desire to publicly thank our many friends who have so thoughtfully and sympathetically remembered us in any way during and since the recent illness and death of our husband and father. We shall hold dear the many expressions of love and friendship which have been shown us.

Mrs. Geo. W. Holmes and Children.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Union Chapel, Granville Charge.—Mr. Pegg brought a very impressive and appropriate sermon Sunday morning, after which the Lord's Supper was observed.

The regular fifth Sunday Rally will meet in the M. P. church in Henderson next Sunday. Our members are expected to attend.

The Young People's Rally Day will be on the second Sunday in February. We are expecting a good program and a large crowd.

The Missionary Auxiliary will meet in the home of Mrs. Owen Edwards on Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

The Parsonage Aid met at the parsonage on Friday afternoon of last week, with a goodly number present from Rehoboth, Mt. Carmel, and Union Chapel.

Our church attendance is picking up some, we are glad to see this and hope that it will continue to grow.

We regret having lost one of our oldest members some weeks ago, Mr. D. Fred Finch. But our loss is heaven's gain. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

MRS. E. C. HUFF, Reporter.

Kernersville Church, Kernersville - South Winston Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. C. B. Way, preached an interesting sermon at our church Sunday evening at the regular 7 o'clock appointment. He preached from the 9th chapter of John, using for his theme "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day." We regret the attendance at our church services for the past few weeks has been small. We presume this is partly due to illness in the community and possibly due to indifference on the part of some. Our own firesides are comfortable on winter evenings, we know, but our church is comfortable and warm, also. About two weeks ago we had a broken pipe and had to call off one service. A new pipe was put in the next day. We do hope that if any of our members who are Herald readers and who have not been attending church services regularly will read this and begin immediately to help boost our attendance. We still have the "faithful few" but at that we have too many vacant pews.

C. B. Way, Jr., soloist, talented young son of Rev. and Mrs. Way, has been singing for us. We appreciate his part in the services.

The third Sunday morning of this month Communion service was held at our church. We had a good sermon and a very impressive service.

Our Sunday school has about the usual enrollment and attendance. Miss Hazel Hendrix, teacher of the young man's and young ladies' class, has the largest enrollment of any class in our Sunday school. Miss Hendrix is doing splendid work with this class.

Circle 1 of the Ladies' Aid society held its regular monthly meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. John Corum, at 7 o'clock p.m., January 19. Mrs. Clay Parrish from Circle No. 2 was present and conducted the devotionals. The regular routine of business was gone through. During this period the members decided to thoroughly clean the church auditorium some time between the fourth and first Sundays.

During the social hour Mrs. Corum, assisted by Mesdames Odell and Omar Corum, served refreshments to six members and three visitors.

Circle No. 2 of the Ladies' Aid society held the January meeting at the home of Mrs. P. Landreth on Oak Ridge road. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Howard Dean, Mrs. Clay Parrish had charge of the meeting. After the business session a delightful social hour was enjoyed.

The Young Women's Missionary society met at the parsonage with Miss Louise Way hostess for January. The president, Miss Hazel Hendrix, reports a splendid meeting.

Mrs. A. N. Linville, who has been ill for several days in a Winston-Salem hospital, has returned home. We visited her yesterday and are glad to report she is improving. We hope she will soon be entirely recovered. We miss Mr. and Mrs. Linville in our Sunday school and church services.

Mrs. Howard Dean, who was ill a few days ago, has recovered.

Mr. Charlie Cooke, who was ill all fall, is now able to go back to work and be back in Sunday school and church services. We are so glad.

MRS. PAUL BUTNER, Reporter.

Asheboro.—Our correspondent is a frequent and full writer, and her reports have made it unnecessary for me to concern myself with this phase of our work. However, there are some things about a pastorate that the pastor feels an urge, from time to time, to say. That urge is upon this pastor now, and he "takes up his pen to write." (I can see the Editor grinning complacently because it is a typewriter instead of a pen.)

The beginning of our fourth year here has been attended by many things to make us glad. Among them is an assurance of our welcome. Pastors are human beings—very human—and the ego rises a bit when they are assured that they are wanted. That assurance has been given us here. But we are not "exalted above measure." On the contrary, a sense of humble appreciation possesses us.

Quick on the heels of conference came Christmas, and with it came a Christmas pounding that filled our pantry with just the sort of things that satisfy healty appetites, and add to Christmas joy. In addition to the pounding, we received many beautiful Christmas cards from our people here, and friends elsewhere. And came, too, that traditional "Christmas Present" which is so vital a part of this most blessed of all festive seasons. It is needles to say that all of this good cheer was gratefully received and highly appreciated.

From this standpoint the year has been auspicious in its beginnings. But other tokens of encouragement are in evidence. Our church work is moving—moving in the right direction and in the right way—smoothly and unitedly. Our people here know "how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Our Sunday school is good. The Auxiliary work is up to the high standard maintained by that organization. The C. E. society is growing in interest and efficiency. Our scout troop has an enrollment of 20, and they are planning to erect a hut in the rear of the church for their use. Our stewards are active, and if their plans carry through, we should have 90 per cent of our resident members contributing to our budget. And one of the further encouraging signs is the attendance upon our services. Our congregations for the year have been highly gratifying. A church attendance program, running through March, is growing in interest, and we expect good results from it. Young People's Day will be observed next Sunday. We are also cooperating with the Fellowship Crusade. Our church committee for promoting it will major on this undertaking in due time.

I suppose that I shall not be speaking out of order if I tell you this little secret: since conference, a balance of $500 on our church repair cost has been paid, and building and loan, maturing in February, will wipe out the balance of our parsonage indebtedness. We will then be entirely free of debt. To use a denominational phrase now current, we are "setting our house in order." And this may mean a larger and a better housing equipment for our work in no remote future. But our trustees will speak on that when they think the time is ripe.

The recent visit of our president, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, was enjoyed by the pastor and people. His coming helped us. Dr. Pritchard was acompanied by Mrs. Pritchard. They have many friends here, both in the church and in the community. It is always a pleasure to have them in our midst.

I do want, in this public way, to acknowledge my indebtedness to our congregation, and to Rev. H. P. Powell, pastor of the Asheboro M. E. church, South, for the privilege of attending the Aldersgate celebration at Savannah, Ga., January 11-14. It was, indeed, a high mark in American Methodism. Nothing, I suppose, has ever equaled it. It was a pleasure to see President Straughn there, and also Dr. J. S. Eddins, of the Alabama conference, and to hear Dr. Straughn in his magnificent address on the closing day.

Serving the Asheboro church, and living in this thriving and expanding town, is a joy to this pastor and his family. We shall give ourselves—pastor and people—heart and hand to the Lord this year, and do it in the confidence that in Him our labors will not be in vain.

S. W. TAYLOR, Pastor.

Concord, E. O. Peeler, Pastor.—We are still enjoying our series of sermons on Sunday morning and on Sunday night we are enjoying a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments. We are sure everyone has enjoyed them all. This evening we used the eighth commandment. When we finish the commandments we are planning to have a revival. Next Sunday evening we will observe Young People's Day. Today our pastor talked to us about the Fellowship Crusade, and we hope all of our folks will fall in line and do our part in this work.

Last Sunday morning we were very happy to welcome into our church family Mr. Woodly Fisher and Charles Whitten. We hope that these young people will be a great blessing to the church and the church a blessing to them. We were glad to have a Fellowship Crusade meeting in our church on Thursday. I was sorry that I could not attend the meeting, but those who did attend enjoyed the meetings very much.

We are glad to have Mrs. S. H. Teeter and Kathleen in all of our services now. They will start keeping house this week in part of Mrs. Nannie Griffin's house.

We have a little more work done on our new church; each week we can see it getting a little nearer finished. We appreciate very much a rope for our bell given to us by one of our friends, Mr. Ritchie. He runs one of the hardware stores here. Also a real nice lock for our front door of the church, given by a Mr. Ritchie in Charlotte. We appreciate these things very much, and our ladies feel like we will have our carpet paid for when we get ready to use it. The ladies are also buying some silverware for the church to use when we have suppers.

On Thursday night of this week the Young People's class will hold a class meeting and social at the home of their teacher, Mr. D. A. McLaurin. The B. and S. class will hold their meeting on Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Esther Litaker.

We are sorry to know that Mrs. Clarence Newton has been real sick but is improving some at this time.

Last Sunday we were glad to have Miss Alma and Corrie Verble and Miss Helen Smith sing for us. Tonight we were glad to have the Mission Band girls and boys sing for us. Mrs. Esther Litaker works in the church with these boys and girls and they all seem to really enjoy their work. Mr. and Mrs. Peeler are really interested in our young people and we know it makes them feel proud each Sunday to see more of them tatking part in the church services.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Oak Grove, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor.—Our Fellowship Crusade meeting was held on Sunday, January 16. We did not have a very large crowd present since it was our third Sunday morning 10 o'clock service, and the report was not as favorable as we had expected. However, more cards were handed out at our service yesterday to members who were not present the Sunday before. We hope this report will put us much closer to our goal. We are enthused over the Fellowship Crusade, realizing that it is debts which we owe and which need to be paid. May God help us to reach a 100 per cent mark with our part of it.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Sallie Crowder, Sunday, January 16. A large part of the members were present, along with some visitors. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ezell Floyd. Come on, members, and bring a new one with you.

We are indeed grateful for our new bulletin board, which was presented by Mrs. J. C. Lauter and Miss Macie Pendleton. May God's richest blessing be bestowed upon them for this nice gift.

Our Christian Endeavor society held its regular meeting Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock with Miss Kate Palmer as leader. We are trying to increase our membership with a contest. So far it has been a great success. Miss Ruth White will have charge of the program Sunday, January 30.

We have an attendance banner and a collection banner which we are going to use in an attempt to enlarge our Sunday school. The class which has the largest attendance and collection will be presented the banners. This was the suggestion of our pastor, Rev. T. G. Madison, and he is planning to present a Bible to the class that wins the banners the most times during one month.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment at our church Sunday, January 24. We all look forward to the day he is to preach to us. Every sermon seems to get better.

A wedding of much interest to this community was performed at the parsonage by Rev. T. G. Madison, Saturday night at 6 o'clock, uniting Miss Pauline Whitnant and Mr. Summie White. Mrs. White is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Whitnant. Mr. White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. White. We are hoping for this nice couple a long and prosperous life.

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Welch Memorial Church, J. D. Williams, Pastor, Jan. 24.—Sunday, January 9, there was present at Sunday school 265, and 264 on roll. See what Sunday school can beat that record.

Brother Odell Brown has organized a junior church in the hut. Forty-five were present Sunday, January 23. Brother Howard Vuncannon has organized an intermediate Christian Endeavvor union. The writer attended the meeting last Monday night. Joseph Segraves is president, Miss Georgia Joiner is secretary. They are under the instruction of Bro. Howard Vuncannon, a leader of young people.

The following crusade committee has been appointed and the first objective has been stressed by our pastor, and I think the spiritual life of our people is deeper at this time. The congregations are bigger at every service.

Dr. Williams preached for us Sunday and brought a good sermon. Every department of our church is working fine. It will not be long until we will have our new church hymnals. Success to you, Brother Roscoe Briley.

EUGENE SEGRAVES, Reporter.

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Caroleen Church, L. S. Helms, Pastor.—In our report last week we made mention of 171 present in Sunday school. Our aim at that time was 200. On the next Sunday our number reached its goal, 236. Hurrah! Our new aim is 300! We just lack 64 of having reached this goal. We expected our Sunday school superintendent, Bro. L. H. Wall, to sing a solo, to crown the victory. He asked that everyone pray for him while he sang. His song was sung in an impressive, prayerfully way. Everyone enjoyed it, it was a divine utterance of praising God for his touch to our Sunday school. Brother Wall gave thanks and appreciation to each one for their help in building our church school. We praise God for His help. The church appreciates him, we ask that each one pray for him, and our church.

The Men's Baraca class has taken the lead in numbers for the past few Sundays. Mr. B. D. Calhoun, their teacher, was filled with joy over his class. We join him in his joy. God always blesses those who are faithful. Our prayer is that God will give him victory in his work.

The Senior C. E. class ask that we restate our last request: That the M. P. Herald publish the C. E. Helps and Comments as was formerly done. We are going to organize one or two quartettes on Sunday, January 23, under the capable leadership of Mr. Owens. He is a very good musician, having had 30 years or more experience in this work. We are also going to reorganize our choir

On Sunday, January 30, we are planning to fill an invitation to go to Pleasant Hill for the purpose of helping them organize their C. E. society. We are going to help enjoy the good dinner and hospitality. We extend everyone a cordial welcome to come and fellowship with us. We, with God's help, will try to give you something to enjoy.

We are planning to have Brother Helms come and live with us before long. Arrangements are being made to secure a suitable home for him; we hope to have this accomplished by Sunday.

We have some more shrubbery to set. We hope to have it set by the week-end. Our slogan is still the most beautiful church in our N. C. conference. Pray for our continued success.

LUCILLE SCRUGGS, Reporter.

Editor's Note: The Editor will be glad to publish C. E. Helps when they are sent to him.

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State Street Charge, O. C. Loy, Pastor.—The Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored a chicken stew Saturday night, January 22, which was served in the dining room of the church and was a pleasing success. Everything was sold and several were turned away disappointed, having the price of the ticketts returned to them. $30 was realized to be paid on the church debt. We sincerely thank everyone who helped to make this report possible.

The quarterly conference will be held at the church Wednesday night. We hope to have a large number present.

We wish to remind our readers of the Herald that the 11th district rally will be held at State Streeet at 2 o'clock p.m. Sunday, January 30. We hope that every charge will be well represented by a large delegation. The community singing will also be held the fifth Sunday night under the direction of the choir leader, B. H. Leonard. Everybody is cordially invited.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

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First M. P. Church, Lexington, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—On Wednesday morning, January 12 our community was deeply saddened by the sudden passing of one of our most loyal members, Mr. W. C. Gibson. Brother Gibson had been active in the First church for over a score of years, serving as a Sunday school superintendent at one time and being a steward and trustee and also church treasurer at another time. Brother Gibson took a great interest in the church choir. He was at his accustomed seat in the choir every Sunday and one time he served as choir leader. He was a devoted teacher of the ladies' class for many years.

The services were held at the First church on Thursday, January 13, at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by our pastor, Rev. Mr. Mabry and Rev. C. G. Isley, of Albemarle, our former pastor. Mr. Mabry stated at the service that the church would suffer a great loss but heaven would gain.

Brother Gibson attended the Sunday night service the Sunday before his death. At the close of the service he talked to the pastor and friends about the Bible and what it meant to him. What a wonderful testimony that was to leave behind to the pastor and his brethren.

Interment was at the city cemetery beside his wife and only child, who both died in the year of 1913.

The first quarterly conference was held at the First church last Friday night, despite the small number the general business was carried out in the usual manner.

We are happy to report that our attendance and interest in our church service and Sunday school is steadily increasing. We have been having a wonderful congregation for our candlelight services; it has created a great interest in our community. Last Sunday nearly every candle was burning for each family present.

Rev. Mabry has been preaching some thoughtful and inspiring sermons on the family circle.

JAMES L. MALLARD, Reporter.

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Mill Grove, Midland.—Our pastor, Rev. Earl A. Cook, filled his regular appointment Sunday afternoon with a very inspiring message. We were glad indeed to have Rev. C. E. Sullivan and his brother with us, also Rev. Mr. Joyner and a number of friends from Roberta. We welcome visitors.

Mrs. Ben Wright Garmon united with our church Sunday. People around the store are talking about prayer meeting held at Mill Grove church last night.

W. M. MISENHEIMER, Reporter.

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Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, Rev. T. H. Vickery, Pastor.—We are all sorry to hear about our pastor being in the hospital. He was operated on last week for appendicitis. We hope he will be able to be with us very soon.

Quarterly conference was held Saturday afternoon, with President Pritchard with us. He also brought us the message at the Sunday morning hour, which we all enjoyed very much. We were glad to have Dr. Pritchard with us and hope he may be able to come back and be with us again some time.

SARA SIMPSON, Reporter.

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Rankin Memorial, High Point, Jan. 24.—Our pastor, Rev. Edw. Suits, has recovered from illness, and has been back on the job for about three weeks. He has been delivering some splendid messages, which have been inspirational to those who have been in attendance.

We regret to report that our pastor's home was partially destroyed by fire on Sunday afternoon, January 16. They have not been able to put things back in order yet. We sympathize with them in this great loss; and hope that it will not be long before they can get arrangements completed, and begin to feel at home again.

A group of the members of Rankin Memorial paid a visit to Brother and Sister Suits on last Thursday night, and remembered them, in a material way, with an old-fashioned pounding.

Plans have been made for some more work to be done in the basement of our church to make some more rooms for Sunday school classes. In order to help raise some funds for this work, the Philathea class is sponsoring a baby contest in which eight babies have been entered. They are: Peggy Joyce Jackson, Loretta Jeffries, Rebecca Ann Dailey, James Aubrey Bowers, Jr., Donald Rae Bowers, Nancy Ann Rouse, Patricia Hoover, and George Edward Setzer.

Young People's day will be observed at Rankin Memorial next Sunday. The pastor will bring a message especially interesting to young folks.

One of our faithful members, Mrs. Minnie Embler, who has been unable to attend the church services for quite a long time, was back with us on last Sunday. We are glad to see her feeling better.

We welcomed a new member, Miss Millie Moore, of Archdale, into our church on January 9.

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Pinnacle, J. D. Morris, Pastor, Jan. 21.—We have entered into the new year with the determination to make it the most successful year our church has ever had. We are glad to have Rev. Mr. Morris and his family with us for another year. I am sure we will be successful, with them to help and encourage us.

Our Woman's Auxiliary met Friday night, January 14, at the home of Mrs. G. V. Wall. A large number was present at this meeting.

Our Sunday school has been improving recently. Miss Kathleen Wall has been elected our new secertary.

MISS MARTHA STONE, Reporter.

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Love Joy-Seagrove Charge.—Rev. E. G. Cowan has filled both of his regular appointments at Love Joy this month. The second Sunday morning he brought to the audience a very inspiring message from the 23rd Psalm. On January 23 his message was from II Timothy 1:12, using for his subject, "The Eternal Certainty." This was one of the best sermons of the new conference year. He also presented, for thought, the pledges of the Fellowship Crusade, which will be taken up with the members at the next regular appointment in February.

We are glad to report a good increase in our Sunday school attendance. We have an increase of more than one half the total of a year ago.

Our Sunday prayer meetings as a whole are very good, yet we feel a great need of more interest being shown as we realize that prayer is the key to heaven.

Plans are being made for a ladies' organization. We hope to be at work by the time we send in our next report.

We are glad to have Mr. C. T. Russell back with us after having been sick for quite a while. Mr. Coie Moore is improving and we hope to see him back at church soon.

Continue to pray that we as a body of members may cooperate together for the advancement of the Lord's Kingdom.

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Liberty Grove, J. W. Braxton, Pastor, Jan. 24.—Here we are again in the Herald after having been away such a long time, not sleeping but getting along the best ever. Our Sunday school is probably the best it's been since Dr. Johnson was pastor here. For the past few weeks we have been gaining in numbers, offering, and interest, also the Bible reading is much better. But we still aren't where we want to be. A good old-time revival is needed to stir the community. Perhaps some visiting is expected in order that the people may feel that they are welcome. The Sunday school members have done this many times but it is needed again. May everyone that has anything at all to do with this church do all we can to help build it up.

We were very well pleased with the year of 1937, but it has been hard to keep from being discouraged at times. We have a good, faithful Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Smith, and a splendid teacher, Mr. Elkins.

Mr. Braxton was with us Sunday for the first time in 1938, and the scripture he read was the entire third chapter of Philippians. He spoke about there being less visiting by the preachers and everyone than there used to be. He gave as the cause for this that people are too busy to talk to them. I am sure there isn't a single family that goes to Liberty Grove that wouldn't take time to talk to the pastor or any preacher that visited them. Some were disappointed Sunday because they haven't seen Mr. and Mrs. Braxton's daughter yet. We hope they will soon bring her out so we can see her.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bristow are very happy over a new son, Ronald Wilson. Aslo Mr. and Mrs. Jesse C. Overman are proud of a new daughter, Mary Lou. These are two new Cradle Roll babies.

We hope our much-beloved superintendent will soon be well and back with us.

We have a new stove flue which was recently built. It adds much comfort on cold days.

A MEMBER OF SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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Saxapahaw, E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—Our work here is moving along very nicely, and we have much to encourage us to move on.

Our pastor has filled all his appointments and each time brought a very interesting message.

The grass has come up very nicely on the church lawn. Saxapahaw won a $5 prize on having made the most improvements on the grounds. This money is going toward buying shrubbery for further improvements.

BRONNA MAE LINDLEY, Reporter.

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Asheville, E. L. Ballard, Pastor.—We have been greatly encouraged by the increased attendance at both Sunday school and church services recently. Those who attended the church services were enthusiastic in their praise of the splendid and inspiring messages heard.

On January 16 we had as our guests the Gospel Team from the Farm school at Swannanoa, who, under the direction of Mr. A. L. Roberts, gave a most helpful and inspiring pageant, "The Teacher's Candlestick." After the beautiful candlelight service the young men were entertained at a buffet supper at the parsonage.

On January 23, we were privileged to hear a splendid sermon by Mr. Luther Medlin, field secretary of the N. C. Christian Endeavor association.

Our new hymnals were dedicated last Sunday in a most impressive service. We deeply appreciate the devotion of these hymnals by interested church members and friends. Several Sunday school classes also gave one or more hymnals. All have been given, either in memory of, or in honor of, some relative, former pastor, teacher, or friend.

The Women's Auxiliary met on Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. H. L. Horner, 28 Soco street. There was a large attendance and an interesting program was enjoyed. The study book was capably reviewed by Mrs. L. S. Neville. Following the meeting delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Baraca-Philathea class held its regular business and social meeting on Friday evening at the home of Misses Nell and Bonnie Carter. Plans were made for raising the $50.00 pledged by the class to the local church budget.

We are glad to welcome back some of our members and friends who have not been with us for some time. Dr. and Mrs. Roeby Wilson, and little daughter, Mary Margaret, have returned from a three months' stay in New Orleans, La., where Dr. Wilson did post-graduate work at Tulane university medical school. Mr. and Mrs. Junius Hornaday, who have been ill for several weeks, were able to be out Sunday. We also welcome Mr. and Mrs. Leo Heller, and little daughter, Barbara, who have returned to Asheville from East Stroudsburg, Pa.

FRANCES CUNNINGHAM, Reporter.

Mebane Church, D. I. Garner, Pastor.—Since the pastor has sent no report to the Herald this conference year, the readers of the Herald might think that we are idle or asleep; but if you think that, my good friends, you are mistaken, for the work here is going along just fine and we are looking forward to greater achievements during the year.

Yesterday was a good day for us. We received two new members into church. Mr. Patrick Pope comes to us from the M. E. church, South, and Mr. Ervin Taylor from the Methodist Protestant church of Efland. The third Sunday in this month Mrs. Zainer Sykes united with our church, coming to us from the M. E. church, South, of Hillsboro; and as has already been reported by our reporter, Miss Margaret Bates transferred her membership to our church on Sunday, January 9. We were glad to have these splendid people unite with our church. At our evening church service yesterday, Circle No. 4 presented a tithing pageant, following which a number of our people signed tithing cards promising to give one-tenth of their income to the church for the months of February and March, and we are expecting many more to do this next Sunday.

The first quarterly conference for this charge was held on Wednesday evening, January 12, at 7:30 o'clock. The business of the conference was carried on in a harmonious manner. The pastor made several recommendations which were acepted, among which was the acceptance of the Fellowship Crusade.

The pastor and family have been the recipients of many good things since our annual conference. On Wednesday night following conference we received a nice pounding. We will not undertake to mention all the good things received, but just to give the readers of the Herald some idea of what was in the pounding, will say there were 47 pounds of sugar along with the many other articles. That pounding on Wednesday night following conference was just the beginning, for these good folks have just about kept us in fresh meats ever since then. The Ladies' Aid society has just purchased a linoleum rug for the kitchen. For all of these things we are truly grateful, and hope we may be of more service to the church in return. We also received the largest number of Christmas cards we have ever received, and we wish to take this means of thanking all who sent them.

Mr. C. L. Mixon has returned to his home from Duke hospital and seems to be much better. Mrs. L. R. Sink, who had an operation at Alamance General hospital on Friday, January 14, is getting along just fine and is expecting to return to her home the latter part of this week. James H. Maulden, 62, a member of our church, was found dead at his home around 11:30 o'clock Saturday, January 22, with a bullet hole in his head. Investigating officers termed the death a suicide. The funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at our church, with the pastor in charge, assisted by the Rev. J. Earl Adkins, pastor of the Piedmont Presbyterian church, of Burlington, N. C.

Next Sunday is Young People's Day and we are making plans to observe it in all of our services at that time. We are expecting this to be a great day for our church, and we are thankful to Mrs. Carl Sykes, the secretary of young people's work, and her helpers, Miss Mary Richardson and Miss Pauline Nicholson, for their work in training the young people for the services. At the night service we will have a candlelight Communion service.

PASTOR.

First Church, Danville, Va., R. L. Vickery, Pastor, Jan. 24.—We have so many things to be thankful for that we hardly know which end to begin at in listing them. One very important one is the fact that Mrs. R. J. Wells' cook has come back, thus permitting Mrs. Wells to be back with us at Sunday school; another is that Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Parker have a new daughter, Doris Elma, and the whole family will be with us next Sunday; most of our sick patients are "snapping out of it" and filling some of our neglected benches; we discovered a set of new songsters, Misses Nadie Spain and Catherine Forbes (discovery made at C. E. Sunday night); and last, but far from least, we had a reconsecration last week. We were certainly glad to see her take this stand for Christ again and hope she will enjoy working with us as much as we shall enjoy working with her.

Our pastor, Rev. R. L. Vickery, took several of the ladies of the Auxiliary to the missionary meeting at Greensboro. Mrs. A. E. Rice, Mrs. Ira Elliott, Miss Virginia Fowler, Mrs. J. W. Forbes, Jr., and Mrs. R. L. Vickery seemed to take advantage of his not being permitted to talk, and he's not been well since. They did bring back splendid reports from the meeting and we believe they will be well benefitted by the new ideas and information they received.

The young people are getting their noses to the grindstone and mapping out plans for Youth Day next Sunday. They are planning a special program for Sunday school and will occupy the choir. Sunday night the Christian Endeavorers will cancel their regular meeting and put on a candlelight service during the church hour. We are all looking forward to the chance of showing the older folks how things should be done; so, if you older fogies don't want to get preached about, you'd better come out and get preached to by the young fogies.

We are happy to see our Sunday school increasing in attendance by twos and threes each Sunday. Maybe we'll get a new church yet, if we just keep coming and pushing the sides of the old building out.

We offer our fervent prayers for our pastor and his son, that each may be restored to his health and strength. It saddened our hearts to learn that Mr. Thurman Vickery, student at High Point College, had an acute attack of appendicitis, and had to be rushed to an Albemarle hospital for operation. Rev. R. L. Vickery has had a severe cold, but we are looking forward to seeing them both on the top of the ladder of good health again. We know they can do it, because you can't keep a good man down even though you might get him down once or twice.

Friends and followers of Christ, lend us your prayers, and with your prayers and God's help, Brother Vickery and his son will be on the top rung of the ladder of health in no time at all.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Our church has not been heard from in some time, but we are a wide-awake rural church. What church would not be active with a pastor like ours? We are thankful to have Mr. and Mrs. Braxton and daughter back aonther year.

Have you seen the stickers on our cars? They are very attractive with a picture of our church, and the slogan, "Meet Me at Church." Rev. Mr. Braxton has a go-to-church campaign on and is letting people know about it by stickers and letters.

The Business Girls circle met with Mrs. Guy Alexander and Miss Edith Causey at Miss Causey's home, Saturday night, January 22. An interesting missionary play was presented by several of the members. Plans were made for a baby contest which will last through February. All babies under two years of age in our community taking part, 26 in all. The local stores are sponsoring them and a lot of interest is being shown. The first Saturday night in March we will have a party at the church for these babies, announcing the winner.

The regular monthyl meeting of the Auxiliary was held after Sunday school last Sunday, with a large number in attendance. Reports were made that the parsonage refrigerator was paid for and that we have $52 more yet to raise on our budget for the year.

Mrs. Ferry Shoffner and Mrs. Ira Kirkman were appointed to plan a program for birthday month to be held in February.

We have started making use of our basement as Sunday school rooms. This gives us more room which we needed very much.

Mrs. Braxton and Minnie Alice spent part of last week in Durham while Mr. Braxton attended a meeting in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Judge Euliss are spending some time with their daughter, Mrs. Luther Clapp. Mr. and Mrs. Euliss are two of the oldest members of our church.

Plans are under way to observe Young People's day here. We have some grand young people and know we will have a good program.

REPORTER.

First M. P. Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—Uncle Sam doesn't have all the gold in the United States. Of course he has a lot of it, but Charlotte has a big lump of "pure gold." It is not a raw product, either, but a refined, purified product. So consecrated, so deeply religious, and so loved is our pastor, that he is most valuable to us. As Rev. F. L. Gibbs says, he is just "pure gold."

Two weeks ago Rev. F. L. Gibbs preached for us in connection with the Fellowship Crusade. His urge was to the young people especially to leave strong drink alone. His preaching was earnest and enthusiastic. We hope he can come and give us some more of his special sermons for young people.

We continue to be busy day by day. It keeps a reporter busy to keep the people informed of the things that are happening.

The Christian Endeavor societies, three of them, are functioning, each in its own field. They are conducting prayer meetings each Wednesday night at the church during the months our pastor is in school. The other societies, Intermediate and Junior, are having contests to be concluded with a party.

The women's class has divided into two groups, each of which is undertaking some new work. One class pledges $50 on the church debt.

Last week the Auxiliary sent a delegation to Greensboro to attend the quarterly meeting of women's work. Two groups have been formed of this organization. They are making plans to carry out their programs and to raise money in the near future. They are paying our pastor's hotel bill each week, since it is more convenient for him to be located at a hotel over the week-ends.

The men's class is pledging on the church debt, in addition to individual pledges already made. They pledge not less than $15. This class has about eight members.

A candlelight service is to be held the last Sunday in January. The C. E. is sponsoring this, I believe.

The Intermediate Sunday school department is going along, gaining speed in its contest. New members each Sunday, larger attendance, more staying for church, are the noticeable results at the present time. Soon they hope to add their contribution to the church debt fund, with another contest.

Two new members were added to our church roll last Sunday, and already one of them is assuming the leadership of a Sunday school department. This is the spirit of the members of our new church—ready, willing to sevre, but sometimes so humble as to feel incapable. A good spirit prevails among the members.

We are sorry to know Mr. E. B. Stone and his family were absent Sunday because of the death of his brother.

Our church is looking forward to the coming to town of Mr. and Mrs. Talton Johnson about the 1st of Febrbuary. Both are fine young people and good church workers.

Since my family is moving to High Point this week, I suppose this automatically closes my year as reporter. Never shall we forget our church here. We still feel duty-bound here, for they need workers and are an appreciative people. Even though we are away, if we can help you, First church, Charlotte, just call on us. You have meant to much to us.

MRS. D. D. BROOME, Reporter.

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PROGRAM—14th DISTRICT RALLY

Lawndale Church, January 30, 11 A.M.

Hymn—Congregation.
Devotional—Rev. W. L. Harkey.
Hymn—Congregation.
Business Session.
The Fellowship Crusade—T. G. Madison.
The Aldersgate Celebration—Rev. R. L. Hethcox.
Benediction—Rev. L. S. Helms.
Adjournment at 12 o'clock.
Luncheon by the Lawndale Auxiliary.

There will be no afternoon session. Instead we will participate in the Aldersgate Celebration at the Central Methodist Episcopal church, South, in Shelby.

T. G. MADISON.

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HOW THE BOARD OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK WAS STARTED IN THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

(A letter from a friend of Young People, Rev. G. W. Haddaway, D.D., Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions, relates the following interesting story as to how the Board of Young People's Work, now the Department of Religious Education of the Board of Christian Education, came into being.—F. L. G.)

Dear Brother Gibbs:

I have read with a great deal of interest information concerning the 30th anniversary of the Young People's Work of the Methodist Protestant church. I hardly realize it has been that long since the organization was effected.

But there is another brief chapter that is worth while remembering in connection with this anniversary, that is not generally known by this generation. At the General Conference which met in 1908 at First church, Pittsburgh, there was an effort to organize a Board of Sunday School Work, and an effort by others to organize the Board of Christian Endeavor Work. A special committee was appointed by the General Conference, before whom these various groups were to appear and make their appeal.

After nearly all-day discussion, it seemed that the committee was not favorable to creating two Boards, one of Sunday School Work and one of Christian Endeavor Work. The undersigned finally suggested to the committee the organization of a Board of Young People's Work, including all young people's organizations of the Methodist Protestant Church. This the committee accepted and recommended to the General Conference, and the same was adopted, but no financial support was provided.

G. W. Haddaway was elected president, the late C. H. Hubbell was finally selected as Executive Secretary, and the late Mr. Swift as Treasurer. The first thing done with which to begin the work was placing a note in the bank for $800, over the personal signatures of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. For twelve years the undersigned was President of that Board, and during his incumbency in office was instrumental in having appointed four secretaries, including Hubbell, Feeman, Dixon, and Sexsmith. The beginning of this work was very humble, but great has been its accomplishment and progress during its history.

Sincerely yours,
G. W. HADDAWAY.

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Rev. Geo. W. Holmes

Early Saturday afternoon, December 11, 1937, the Rev. Geo. W. Holmes quietly slipped away to be with his Lord and loved ones who had gone on before, his last illness being of four days duration. He was born in Alamance, near Mt. Hermon M. P. church, on February 11, 1856, the youngest son of the late William and Jane Thompson Holmes. When just a young boy he was converted at the altar of M. Hermon church, and united with this church, retaining his membership here as long as he lived. After preparing himself for college in private academies in Orange county, he entered old Trinity College, now Duke University, graduating in the class of 1880.

For a number of years Brother Holmes had charge of the celebrated Bethel Academy, which was located within a stone's throw of Bethel church. In 1890 he was called to the presidency of Yadkin College. Here for nine years he did a great work, holding up high ideals before the students, and instilling into their minds and hearts right principles. He served as a member of the boards of education in Davidson, and his native county, Alamance.

Answering the call to preach—for it was a definite call—he was licensed by the quarterly conference of Mt. Hermon circuit and joined our North Carolina conference in 1901, remaining active in the pastorate until ill health caused his retirement in 1926. Among the charges served were those of Enfield and Halifax county, Vance and Granville counties, Mebane, and Alamance and Orange counties. A signal honor was conferred upon him in 1917, when he was elected president of the North Carolina M. P. conference, serving as the head of his conference with honor and dignity.

In 1887 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Foust, who, with the following children survive: Prof. James E. Holmes, of Leaksville; Prof. John Albert Holmes, of Edenton; Prof. Ralph W. Holmes, of Elizabeth City; Mr. Geo. W. Holmes, Jr., Graham; Misses Minnie Mae and Bessie Louise Holmes, who live at home, and Mr. Joseph W. Holmes, of Burlington. One daughter died in infancy. There are 10 grandchildren.

The funeral of Mr. Holmes was conducted at Bethel, where he worshipped and taught since retiring from the pastorate, on Sunday afternoon, December 12, 1937, being in charge of the writer, Revs. J. A. Burgess, S. W. Taylor, and W. F. Ashburn. Revs. H. F. Surratt, A. D. Shelton and F. W. Paschall had charge at the grave. Fifteen of his ministerial brethren were present for the service.

Rev. Geo. W. Holmes possessed a life of rare beauty. Not only was he a great preacher and teacher, but he was beloved by those who knew him because of his tenderness of heart, the magnanimity of his spirit, and the sensitivity of his soul to the deeper spiritual values of life. He loved, not only the world of nature and books, especially the Bible, but also his fellow men. His spirit was at home with devout Christians everywhere. Although he was one who could well have been proud of his attainments, he kept a very humble and lowly spirit. He and I having gone out from the same church, we often talked about the saving power of the Gospel. We thought of ourselves as being sinners saved by grace, having been converted at the altar of the same church, Mt. Hermon. Some of us will never be able to tell till the records are all in how much has been built into our characters and personalities by this good man who has left us a heritage out of the overflow of his great mind and warm heart. His life of 81 years was spent to a great purpose. Defender of the faith and noble Christian soul, we hope to meet you in the morning of a brighter day. HUBERT L. ISLEY.

Barnes

Death visited our Sunday school class January 5 and took an active member, Mrs. Ishmael Barnes.

Besides her husband, Ruby leaves an infant son, her mother, Mrs. Nellie Lowder; a brother; three sisters; a host of friends and a much loved Sunday school class. As a class we feel, her gain, a big loss to us. God must have had a special purpose in taking one as young as she.

If I was sent to a field of flowers to pick what I wanted, I would pick the largest, prettiest and sweetest flower I could find and we know that is what God did when He had to pick from our class. We will miss Ruby very much but hope to meet her and be one big class when our names are listed under the heading, In Honor of the Dead.

The Girls' Intermediate Class
of Friendship Church.

Joyner

"Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." So declared the wise men concerning a devoted wife and mother three thousand years ago; so read the preacher during the obsequies for Mrs. Lucy M. Joyner, a life-long Methodist Protestant, on December 28, 1937.

At Siloam, Surry county, N. C., Lucy Whitaker first saw the light of day on this earthly sphere April 5, 1863. Significantly applicable to her and her birthplace is the setting of ancient Siloam, which the hymnist elevates in these lines:

> "By cool Siloam's shady rill
> How sweet the lily grows!
> How sweet the breath, beneath the hill,
> Of Sharon's dewy rose!
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> "Lo! such the child whose early feet
> The paths of peace have trod;
> Whose secret heart, with influence sweet,
> Is upward drawn to God."

In 1888 she was united in wedlock to John Joyner, but her matrimonial bliss was destined to an early collapse, for six years later her beloved husband died, leaving her with three small children. She brought her little family to Asheville in 1901, and began her career as a nurse, which profession she followed until she reached the age of 60. Recognizing the struggle their mother had had, the children insisted upon her permitting them to take care of her the rest of her life, as she had cared for them in their earlier days.

"Ma" Joyner, as she was affectionately called by many of her younger friends, lived a life of unselfish service. She was not so much concerned about what was done for her, as she was about what she could do for others. And this applied to her pastors and the church of which she was a charter member. Nor did this spirit cease with the death of her frail body, for it is evidenced in the lives of her children. During her last confinement, with tearful, grateful voice she would express her lack of understanding of the goodness of folks toward her.

A fall on the street on April 13 last year brought to an end her days of physical usefulness, and after patient endurance for eight months, having lived to enjoy the blessings of Christmas day and the succeeding Sabbath, she quietly slipped into eternity at 1:15 Monday morning, December 27. Surviving are an older sister of Surry county, her children, Wenonah, Marvin and Charlie, and many friends within and without the membership of her church, to cherish her memory for years to come.

E. LESTER BALLARD, Pastor.

Barnes

Ruby Fay Lowder Barnes was born February 10, 1921, died January 5, 1938. She was the wife of Mr. I. L. Barnes, and the daughter of Mrs. Nellie Lowder, of the Friendship community.

Ruby was hardly 17 years old when she went. She was very popular among her friends and the Sunday school. She had become very interested in church and her Sunday school class. The many friends regret her passing.

Funeral services were held at Friendship Methodist Protestant church on January 6, by the pastor, Earl A. Cook. Many and beautiful was the floral offering.

She left to mourn their loss, an infant son, her husband, her mother, three sisters, Mrs. Nera Barrier, of Stanfield, N. C.; Mrs. Louise Hatley and Mrs. Wilma Hall, both of this community; one brother, John Everett Lowder, also of this community, a host of other relatives and friends.

She was laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the first resurrection morn.

EARL A. COOK, Pastor.

Phifer

Brother Phifer departed this life Monday, January 17, at the age of 77 years, 3 months and 19 days.

Fifty-two years ago, last November he was happily united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Reid. This union was blessed with nine children, seven of whom were by his side in his last moments here.

The surviving relatives are his beloved wife; four sons: Reece, Lawrence, Frank, Rollen; three daughters: Mrs. Lillie Freeman, Mrs. Grace Davis, and Miss Edna; 12 grandchildren; and one brother, J. H. Phifer, of Charlotte, N. C.

Brother Phifer professed religion and gave his life to Christ at a camp meeting on the Old Pleasant Grove campground, in Union county, when but a youth, budding into young manhood. His experience at that time must have been an unusual and remarkable one, the memory of which, seemed to be as fresh to his mind as if it had happened but yesterday. As he would talk of that memorable day, he would be transported back across the decades, to that undimmed past of 61 years ago. It was an unspeakable joy to hear him relate that story, that only those who have heard it can know. As he would tell it, his withered face would brighten, his dimmed eyes would beam and sparkle, down his faded cheeks would flow tears of joy, and my heart would be "Strangely warmed," and my soul braced up for the struggle for "The crown that fadeth not away."

After his conversion, he joined Antioch M. P. church, where he loved and labored, worthily and usefully, filling her office for over 60 long years. Like Jacob and Joseph of old, before he died he gave instructions that his bones be carried and layed in the shadow of the church in which he labored and loved to make a praise in the earth, to wait the resurrection of the just. An intimate associate of many years said, "I have never seen Uncle John angry and speaking unkindly, no mattter how wrong things were going." I crave to be worthy of such testimony.

ROBERT SHORT.

Herrin

Daniel Herrin was born February 22, 1851, died December 11, 1937, age 86 years, and 11 days. As those of old he died in the faith having transferred his family relationship to that city whose builder and maker is God. He has transferred his membership from the church militant to the church triumphant. We can covet this life of faith and can say in the last days when life's sun is sinking there is nothing between me and heaven.

He was a good man as has been spoken by neighbors, a devoted father. He leaves to mourn his departure: Mrs. Alice Furr, Mrs. Ida Helims, Mrs. Cephus Harry, 17 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

A. L. JOYNER.

Carter

On November 30, 1937, as the twilight shadows had fallen and darkness had enveloped the earth, the sweet gentle spirit of Virginia Alice Carter winged its way into the realms of her heavenly home. There to join her husband the late A. E. Carter and her sons: Clarence, Walter, Emmet, Robert and Bernice Carter. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. A. D. Pittman of Whitakers, and 18 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Grandmother was born April 1, 1847, and lived all her life at her country home near Littleton except for her last few years when she remained at the home of her daughter.

At an early age grandmother became a member of Bear Swamp Baptist church where she remained a faithful member until her death. She was the oldest living member of that church. After her marriage in 1872 her time was divided between Bear Swamp Baptist church and Corinth M. P., the church of her husband.

To know her was to love her. She was a sympathetic friend, tender and loving wife. Peace was her watchword, duty her guide. In home, in church, in all the walks of life, crowned with such virtues, with such memory blest, earth yields her honor, heaven gives her rest. She believed in ever being prepared for whatever might come, and was always ready to lend a helping hand.

Although, during her declining years she was confined to her room most of the time. In November one year before her death she had a fall which caused her to be bed-ridden until her death,

When God's unexpected call came, she was ready. Our loss is her gain, for we know that she is ever at rest with him. Grandmother was a lover of beautiful and immaculate things of life. Industry and quietness were among her crowning virtues. She seemed to produce the effect of exquisite music. She was trying to make things about her more beautiful. As was without her, so it was within her: her life was a thing of beauty. To her loved ones she is not dead, she is just away.

I cannot say, and I will not say,
That she is dead, she is just away;
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
She has wondered into that unknown land.

And she left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers there;
And you—oh you, who the wildest yearn
For the wee little step and the glad return.

Think of her faring on as dear
In the love of There, as the love of Here;
Think of her still as the same, I say,
She is not dead, she is just away.

GRANDDAUGHTER MARGIE.

Garmon

William Alexander Garmon was born January 2, 1856, and departed this life January 4, 1938, being 82 years and 2 days of age at death. Mrs. Garmon preceded him to his reward about two months.

Mr. Garmon has been a faithful member of Roberta church, a devoted father and a friend to all who knew him. He leaves to mourn his departure, four daughters, one son, Mr. W. F. Garmon; Mrs. W. C. Plumer, Mrs. G. C. McCardy, Mrs. J. S. Stough, Mrs. D. W. Deese; 12 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

We say to him goodnight to be with him in the morning.

A. L. JOYNER,
EARL COOK,
ROBERT SHORT.

Barnes

Ruby Faye Lowder, wife of Ishmael L. Barnes, was born February 10, 1921, died January 5, 1938. She was the youngest child of the late John A. and Mrs. Nellie Lowder. A little less than a year ago she was married to Ishmael L. Barnes, who, with an infant son, Bobby Neil, survive; also her mother, brother, J. Everette Lowder, and three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Barrier, Mrs. Louise Hatley, and Mrs. Wilma Hall.

Ruby was a lovable character and made friends wherever she went. She was so thoughtful of her widowed mother, leaving school ere she finished so that she might be self-supporting, taking that responsibility off her mother.

Funeral service was held at Friendship church, with the pastor, Rev. Earl Cook, in charge. Her class of which she was a devoted member of the Millingport school, together with the teacher, attended the funeral in a body.

Lovely flowers were borne by her Sunday school class, assisted by special friends while Oscar Hatley, William Harkey, Alvin Shoe, Vernal Harwood, Everett Mason and Leroy Burleyson were pallbearers.

"There's a place in a home that can never be filled
Made by a heart that's suddenly stilled;
She's left this life, and gone her way,
But the memories of her life are here to stay.
What a blessing to have known her a little while,
For the years will be brighter because of her smile."

MRS. D. W. SIDES.

SECOND DISTRICT RALLY

The regular fifth Sunday rally of the Second Distrtict will be held at First church, Henderson, on Sunday, January 30. In the morning there will be the regular church service with a Young People's Day sermon by Rev. J. W. Braxton, superintendent of the Youth Division of the Confeernce Council. There will be a picnic lunch at the church. The afternoon will be given over to a varied program of addresses and music. We invite the people of the Second District to join with us in these services.

T. J. WHITEHEAD,
Chairman of the District.
C. B. BASKET,
Chairman of Fifth Sunday Rallies.

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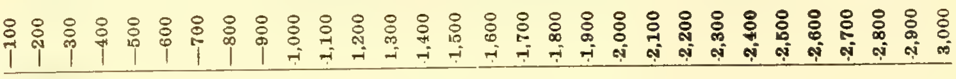

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REV. N. G. BETHEA
Subscription Booster

Any one who thinks that size is in the way let them take a look at what Morgan did last week. Not only the largest amount sent in, but a great big amount over any other charge. Some times a fellow gets ahead by the skin of his teeth, but here is a come over that goes yonder. Thank you very much old fellow. Such a catch as that for a few weeks would put you over on your subscription quota easily. Those of you who have subscribed help your pastor to do it by speaking a good word for the Herald.

There were several good lists that I am sure helps, and whether your pastor has led in this or not you can help wonderfully brother layman by asking your neighbor to join with your agent to get your church over. If every subscriber who reads this will just ask somebody tomorrow, or today, you will be doing them a favor and they will tell you so after they read the paper for awhile. Get in line and let us see what charge will be the next one out.

Glad to have subsidy payments from Orange, Alamance, Yarborough and First Church, Lexington, this week. Keep working at this brethren as we need that extra money to keep going. Might remind you that subscriptions do not amount to enough to take care of the printing bill. Eleven charges have made payments on this, five of them in full. That line begins to take on some "complexion," and we would be glad to see it turn black over night. That would not be like turning gray over night because of trouble. It would give the Editor such joy even his gray hairs would begin to thicken, I expect. Wouldn't that be a fine experiment to try on him. Wish we could see it tried.

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ALDERSGATE CELEBRATION
First Methodist Protestant Church
February 2, 1938
7th and Liberty Sts., Winston-Salem, N. C.

There will be a joint gathering of ministers and laymen of the Methodist Protestant church, Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal church, south, at the First M. P. church, Seventh street and Liberty in Winston-Salem, February 2. Sessions will be held at 10:30 a. m., 2:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m., wtih a Ministers' Fellowship luncheon at 12:30. The Eva Sapp circle will serve the luncheon at 35c per plate. During this time we hope to become better acquainted with the ministers and their wives who will be in attendance upon the meeting.

Speakers for the day will include, Dr. G. I. Humphreys, Dr. E. K. McLarty, Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, Rev. Mr. Parsons, Mrs. R. M. Andrews, and Dr. W. W. Peele. Two speeches at each service interspersed with much singing of the old hymns of Methodism. Each denomination participating will furnish a presiding officer for the day.

All ministers and their wives, together with members of their congregations, who live within driving distance of this meeting are urged to attend. Come early, ministers and wives take part in the Fellowship luncheon, and every one stay for all the services.

The Aldersgate Committee,
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Tomorrow's Bridge

Tomorrow's bridge, as I look ahead,
Is a rickety thing to view;
Its piers are crumbled, its rails are down,
Its floors would let me through.

The chasm it spans is dark and deep,
And the waters foam and fret—
I have crossed that bridge a thousand times
Though I never have reached it yet.

It has crashed beneath me to let me through,
Although it is miles away;
But strange, the bridges that I have crossed
Have all been safe today.

Perhaps I shall find when I reach that one
That lies in the distant blue,
Some hand may have mended its rickety floor,
And its piers may be strong and new.

And I can pass over, light hearted, free,
As a bird on the buoyant air.
Forgive me, God, for my fearful heart,
My anxious and foolish care.

—Grace Noll Crowell, in Christian Herald.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

The Quarterly Assembly

On Monday, February 14, beginning at 10:30 a. m. and closing at about 3:00 p. m. we are to have a meeting in Lebanon Church, High Point, which we are calling the Quarterly Assembly. In this meeting we want to discuss various phases of the Annual Conference activities such as, "The Fellowship Crusade up to date," "Raising the Annual Conference budget," "An all-year program of evangelism," "Better pastoral support," "More money for Church Extension," "Putting the Church papers in the homes of the people," "Making more charges for a growing list of ministers" and "Translating words into deeds." Speakers will be announced next week. This meeting can be made very helpful. Those invited are the ministers, their wives and as many of the laymen as can come. The women of Lebanon Church will serve lunch for 35 cents and it is expected that there will be an abundance of fellowship. Plan now to come; sit right down and write Rev. O. L. Easter, 209 West Lexington Avenue, the pastor, that you will be there and how many you will bring. Remember that the food must be planned before the day of the meeting. Lebanon Church is near the extreme end of North Main Street and there is plenty of parking space. Not many meetings of this kind have been held at Lebanon and I believe the people will really enjoy coming to this splendid Church.

A Day on Orange Charge

Last Sunday was spent at Chestnut Ridge on the Orange Charge in a rally. The pastor, Rev. C. P. Morris, had asked me to come and to preach at 11:00 o'clock and to hold the quarterly conference in the afternoon. At the time for the beginning of the morning service it seemed that the attendance was going to be somewhat small, however, when the people had time to arrive from the various Sunday Schools on the Charge the house was well filled. It was a pleasure to preach to this congregation and they seemed to appreciate the message. At the noon hour dinner was served from a long table in the Church yard, all the families putting the dinner together which is far better, I think, than having the individual tables. Just as the dinner was about over, Dr. R. M. Andrews who preached in Graham at the morning hour arrived and in the first part of the afternoon service ably presented the Fellowship Crusade. After this the first quarterly conference was held. While not all the congregation were official members of the quarterly conference, the house was filled at that hour and those who were not members seemed to have a good deal of interest in the business being transacted. Bro. Cicero Jones was reelected secretary. Brother Morris had a very comprehensive report with a number of important recommendations. These included goals of one hundred souls to be saved, fifty new members to be received, the Annual Conference budget to be raised in full, HERALD quota to be raised, $200.00 to be accepted on World Service and the Fellowship Crusade to be put over a hundred per cent. All of the recommendations were accepted and I think the people mean to work to carry them out. This is Brother Morris' first year on the Charge but he seems to be getting hold of the situation splendidly.

This Charge consists of four Churches, namely, Chestnut Ridge, Efland, Union Grove and Hebron. Chestnut Ridge, where the meeting was held, is a large building and is some five miles or more south of Efland. It is the home Church of Rev. D. R. Williams and the late Rev. T. A. Williams and of Rev. J. F. Minnis who is our missionary in India. A good many prominent laymen have gone out from this Church also. Union Grove Church only a few miles away has the distinction of being the home Church of Dr. J. D. Williams, Rev. O. B. Williams and Rev. R. C. Stubbins. Not many Charges in the Conference can boast of having so many men in the pastorate. I am not certain whether Hebron has sent out any ministers or not but two of our finest men, Rev. W. D. Fogleman and Rev. W. F. Kennett rest in the cemetery there. It is an honor to have such men sleep in such sacred soil. Sometime during the year I hope to go there, hold a brief service and place some flowers on their graves.

Quarterly Reports

This week I expect to mail out blanks for the quarterly report for the first quarter which ends February 6. The information asked for can be furnished without much difficulty. In fact I have tried to make the questionnaire as simple as possible and yet I wanted it to mean something. I trust each pastor will return it as soon after the quarter as is possible.

Herald Subscriptions

I trust every pastor and every HERALD agent will be busy these days getting subscriptions for the Church papers. The people need the papers and the papers need the money for subscriptions. Do your best, brethren.

Appointments

Sunday, February 6—Enfield, 11 a. m. and Whitakers at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday, February 13—North Davidson, Bethesda, at 11; Mt. Pleasant in afternoon.

Sunday, March 6—Charlotte Church, Richland Charge, 11 a. m.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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Nothing, however severe, merciless and cruel, kept Paul from going on with his work. Though the enemies were multitudes, he had a friend with him and that friend meant glory.

If we could realize this as Paul did, we also would stand up to the right in Jesus and be brave. Rather we would greatly fear not to do so for we are bidden by him to be "steadfast, unavoidable" and to hear the good news of salvation to the world. One of our greatest sins is silence in his cause.—*The Christian Sun.*

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A Message in Verse

THE PATTERN

"Every worker in the quarry
Has his part in life's great plan;
Fits his blocks in the mosaic
When he plays his part as man.
Cleaving sod or drawing water,
All are working toward a goal;
Putting all the best that's in them
To the making of a soul.

"Weaving hope and praise and service
With the labor of their hands;
If they're faithful to the pattern,
That is all that God demands.
Not just work with costly fabrics.
Crushing stone, or cutting sod,
Man can glorify what's lowly
When he does it as to God."

—*Rawley Lemley.*

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Taking a Far Look at Life

The telescope was built to enable the eye to see objects at great distances. Its value to the human race is incalculable. For by it the heavens were charted, the eclipses observed, the planets discovered, besides the service it rendered in other fields. And what the telescope enables the human eye to do, faith enables us to do with life. As the telescopic lense brings distant objects near, so faith brings events far in the future to us for our appraisal. Faith makes one far-sighted; it is by faith that men make wise choices in life, or by it they evaluate the results of deeds and words even before they are done or spoken. It is the power that sees the end from the beginning, as it were. And having this power there have been those who have mastered problems which others tried and failed to master.

Moses was such a person. He had been very fortunate in his adopted home. He found wealth, education, opportunity and political power there. Being the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter he received many favors and had great opportunities for achievement; and he evidently appreciated these. But all through those years he remembered from whom he sprang. He daily saw the pitiable plight of his people and greatly sympathized with them in their abject slavery. So in his affluence and power he lifts the telescope of faith and sees what the future might hold for him and them. And then we read that "he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin with the Egyptians. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater richer than the treasures of Egypt, for he had respect unto the recompense of reward."

This look into the future will challenge every one who will give the time to take it. There is something the future holds for life which comes only to those who are prepared to receive it. Moses could never deliver Israel as the son of Pharaoh's daughter; he must cast his lot among his people. The wrong choice makes the wrong life. As the poet has said,

"One deed may mar a life,
And one can make it."

Usage has accumulated many words which express the short-sighted person. He who like Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage, the sensualist, the wastrel, the improvident, the extravagant one. And those who counted the cost like Joseph in Potiphar's house and Moses in the palace of the king. The lust of the flesh and the look of faith make a bid for everyone; what a bold contrast they make, the very antipodes of human motivation—the zero and zenith of choice. The pull of the present, the immediate, upon us is like pull of the undertow of the sea upon the swimmer—the way of destruction unless rescue comes. If one has only the microscopic eye, if he can only see what is at hand he may never know until it is too late what the future held out for him that would enrich and ennoble his life. One must be linked up with something greater than himself, something that reaches over the bounds of time into the eternal years to live and to do his best. So he who takes a far look at life has a decided advantage over those who live only for today.

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A Comparative Statement

The income of the Herald from the meeting of the Annual Conference to the first of February last year was $848.73; $50.00 was received on subsidy from the Churches; this year for same period the total income is $885.11, $87.00 from subsidy paid by the Churches. Cleveland led all Charges in subscriptions then, having sent in twenty-nine annual subscriptions; Greensville Charge was second, having sent in twenty-four; Denton was third, having sent in twenty, and Why Not was fourth, having sent in fourteen and one-half subscriptions. This year Cleveland still leads, having sent in thirty-five annual subscriptions; First Church, High Point is second, having sent in sixteen subscriptions; Mt. Hermon is third with fifteen, and Alamance is fourth with thirteen and one-half. Greensville has nine, Denton six and one-half, and Why Not has not registered yet. Last year Whitakers' Church was the first to secure its full quota of subscriptions, the last week in February; this year Danville leads in this honor, having gone over the top the first week in January. Last year West End Church, Greensboro, was the second to secure the full quota of subscriptions—that place is open now to any one who will hustle for it. Last year eight Charges had paid subsidy in full by last week in January; they were, Whitakers', Siler City, Midway, Liberty, Henderson, West End, Greensboro, Calvary, and Concord; this year there are seven, they are, Cleveland, Calvary, West End, Henderson, Mebane, Pleasant Grove, and Shiloh.

Sentence Sermons

The gospel is not all like velvet; it is sometimes like sandpaper.—*Rev. Paul C. Warren.*

The great spiritual experience is not possible without fellowship.—*Harry M. Fosdick.*

What Christ's spirit does to love is to change its possessiveness to charitableness, and thereby helps to hold our family ties together.—*Ralph W. Sockman.*

The man who goes about saying to himself, "What a wonderful fellow I am," will have no more light in his face than one would find on the surface of a Hubbard squash. — *Charles R. Brown.*

The Church asks no favors. In the name of Jesus Christ it merely offers a view about oneself, a renunciation of oneself, a loyalty to something beyond oneself which is wholesome and conducive to living the highest life.—*Arthur Lee Kinsloving.*

Look at Japan

They sink an American gunboat, kill our soldiers and beat up our Ambassador and still we continue to send to them crude oil, gasoline, lubricating oil, wood pulp, iron and steel scrap, wire rods, tinplate, steel sheets, copper, etc., with which she can make war on China. And to help them along further we buy of Japan eighty-five per cent of the silk she sells, her toys and and electric light bulbs, etc., to keep the trade balanced, in other words to enable Japan to pay for these war materials. What a strange people we seem to be. A nation may sink our gunboats, kill our soldiers and slap the face of our Ambassador so long as it buys our materials. It makes one wonder if the value of the dollar is really so great; is it really greater than human life and national honor?

There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.
And we must take the current when it serves
Or lose our ventures. —*Shakespeare.*

Do not forget "Prayer to Share" contributions help to support Minnis' family in India!

RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT

It is the function of religion to uphold righteousness and condemn unrighteousness in every area of life. If a nation is unrighteous in her government, it is the function of religion to make a declaration upon that unrighteousness. The greatest service of the prophets of old was their denunciation of dishonesty and immoral entanglements which seriously affected the government of the people, bringing upon them a form of despotism that took away their liberties as citizens and as worshipers of the one, true God.

Democracy is in a shambles in the world today. We are threatened with its destruction in America, in spite of the chorus of those who cry, "It cannot happen here." These forget that the dictatorships of Italy and Germany could not have happened in those countries twenty-five years ago.

While our Constitution is a flexible document, subject to alterations by the people, we as citizens must arouse ourselves from a smug complacency to prevent its distortion and destruction. If the American people desire other than a democratic form of government, it is for them to decide. But, if the majority of Americans are democracy-loving people, then we must demand of public officials the keeping of their oaths of office to uphold the Constitution.

While separation of Church and State is an accepted American institution, provided for in the Constitution of the United States, there is no reason why Church and State should not work together in harmony. What affects the one affects the other. If our nation is to live, our Constitution must be upheld. If the Nation falls, the freedom of worship in America will be destroyed, and the Church will fall. If Nation and Church fall, the family as a sacred institution will be destroyed. Church and State are not sinless. Each needs to repent and to be reconsecrated to the God Who instituted both State and Church.—*Rev. Horace Craig Casey, in Supreme Council Bulletin.*

JOHN WESLEY AND MODERN RELIGION

By Umphrey Lee, Ph.D., D.D., Dean of School of Religion, Vanderbilt University. Cokesbury Press, 1936: 354 pages, price $2.50.

"The book *John Wesley and Modern Religion* is an interesting study of the religion and theology of John Wesley and his relation to the dominant currents in present-day religion and contemporary thought."

Dr. Lee has gone to the original sources for the information for this volume. He freely quotes John Wesley's Works, Letters, Sermons and Journal.

Since Methodist Union seems almost evident and since we are this year celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Warming of John Wesley's heart at Aldersgate Street, it makes this volume particularly interesting and valuable.

The author discusses topics such as: "The Interpretation of Wesley," "Wesley's Religious Experience," "The Basis of Wesley's Theology," "The Doctrine of Salvation," "Christian Perfection," "John Wesley and Modern Religion," and many others which should make this book interesting reading to any Methodist.

Rev. J. W. Braxton.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Favorite Chapters of the Old Testament

Sometime ago I presented to my class what I termed the favorite chapters of the Old Testament. This list is my own selection, and would not, of course, be the same as the choice of outstanding passages chosen by anyone else. I offer the list as "my favorites" and describe each chapter briefly.

Genesis 49. This is written in poetry, the first long poetic passage in the Bible. It is the blessing of Jacob upon his twelve sons. Each son is blessed in the usual patriarchal manner with certain predictions being made of his role in the future of the chosen nation.

Exodus 15. This chapter is also poetry. It is the song of Moses and Miriam sung to commemorate the crossing of the Red Sea. Chapter 14 gives the historic account in prose then this chapter sets the same event to music.

Exodus 20. I select this chapter because it contains the immortal Ten Commandments.

Leviticus 19. Here we have what is known as the Covenant of Holiness—at least this is a part of it. This chapter is the high-water mark of the law. Jesus quoted from it when he said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Deuteronomy 33. The last words of Moses are given here. You will find this an eloquent and spiritual passage. It contains the farewell of Moses to his people. The first part of the chapter resembles Genesis 49 since it is a blessing upon the tribes, but the closing verses are the final words of the great law-giver.

Judges 5. A song commemorating the victory of Deborah over the Canaanites. It is a descriptive folk-song showing the mobilization of fighters, the battle, and the rout.

Isaiah 53. There are many glorious passages in the book of Isaiah, but I select this chapter because of its beauty and the portrayal of the coming Christ. This 53rd chapter exalts the Suffering Servant of Jehovah, and it is in the form of a chorus of the nations, all ascribing honor to the Messiah.

Psalm 1. Here we have an artistic and true description of the happy man. The righteous are contrasted with the wicked in a most vivid pattern.

Psalm 19. The glory of the heavens. The law of the Lord in the universe and in the soul of man.

Psalm 23. The shepherd psalm—the most familiar passage, I suspect, in the entire Old Testament.

Psalm 90. In some ways this is the most majestic of all the psalms. "The Lord our dwelling place," is the theme. Doubtless the text for this great psalm came from the last words of Moses spoken in the 33rd chapter of Deuteronomy mentioned above: "The eternal God is thy dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Perhaps the last words of this quotation served to inspire the 91st Psalm with its assurance of God as our protector. But I consider Psalm 90 superior to the 91st. It is a profound statement of the eternity and the adequacy of Jehovah our Lord. Isaac Watts made it the basis of his matchless hymn, "O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come."

Ecclesiastes 12. The classic description of old age. The chapter opens with those wise and familiar words, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Then it goes on to picture the nature and qualities of advancing years. "Keepers of the house shall tremble," are the feeble hands. "They that look out of the windows be darkened," refers to the dim and failing eyes. "Grinders cease because they are few," means the decaying teeth, and "rise up at the voice of a bird," suggests the light sleeping of one who is weak and nervous. All of these characteristics are given to intensify the first admonition to remember the Creator in the days of youth.

Proverbs 31. This, the last chapter of the book of Proverbs, is quite unique. It is written by King Lemuel, and he is telling, he says, what his mother taught him. First, he warns against strong drink. Then beginning with the tenth verse he gives a description of the ideal woman. So it is a tribute to the ideal woman—wife and mother. This woman "of his dreams" is wise, industrious, kind, beautiful, thrifty, charitable, resourceful, and religious. In fact the writer hardly leaves anything out when drawing this picture of the virtuous woman. "Her husband delighteth in her, and her children rise up and call her blessed."

Job 14. Job is my favorite book of the Old Testament. Many passages could be taken, but I select this chapter, perhaps, because it contains the lines: "Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble, He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down, he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not." The chapter also carries the perennial question, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

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CHALLENGING THE SOCIAL ORDER

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, February 6, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 2:13-22.

Golden Text—"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." Mark 2:17.

In our lesson again today we find the Master doing that which the crowd did not expect. After healing the paralytic He goes down along the sea shore. Great crowds followed Him either anxious to hear His message or else anxious to see some miracle performed. While down by the sea Christ came upon Levi, better known to us as Matthew, collecting customs or taxes. The Jews greatly hated Levi and all of his kind; but as to whether it was because of their dishonesty, because they represented the despised Roman government or because they demanded taxes which the people in general did not want to pay I cannot say. It is evident, however, that the crowd did not expect Christ Who preached a way of personal purity to invite this tax collector to be one of His followers; and least of all did they expect Christ to go eat with him and others of his kind. The religious custom forbidding such was in essence the law of the land. Again religious tradition demanded that certain fasts should be kept. These fasts were observed by the disciples of John and of the Pharisees but not by the disciples of Jesus. In other words what the crowd guided by custom expects Christ not to do that He did, and what they expected Him to do that He did not. No wonder the Scribes and Pharisees rose in derision because of His apparent effrontery.

From our modern point of view we might offer several good reasons why Christ was so careless with the customs of His day. One especially was suggested by Dr. P. E. Lindley in his article last week. Social institutions and customs often live beyond their usefulness. To tear these down and build new is a difficult task. Growth is always a painful process. But if growth is to take place individual habits must be discarded and social customs must be laid aside as they become useless. It was impossible for the religious life of the Jewish people to move forward until their binding traditions were broken. Thanks to the Master for having courage enough to see that this was done.

But as we read the reasons which Jesus gave we find another emphasis. He did not say anything about growth or about social reform, neither did He apparently take any note of prevailing custom. Instead He was so obsessed with the desire to help those who needed help, to bring all men into a saving relationship with the Father, that customs and institutions seemed to escape His attention. Human life, even though found in the gutter, was dear to Him. In Levi He saw not simply a heart of sinfulness but an inspiring story which should carry His gospel message to millions of people. As to fasting for the time being there was something more important to do; besides His way of life was a way of joy rather than one of sorrow and gloom. He did not ask for the dictates of law and custom but ask how He might best serve men. Righteousness and not tradition was His guide. And every custom or law which made more difficult the condition of human and Divine fellowship was lightly brushed aside. His was a new emphasis. He sought to save and preserve human personality rather than human institutions and customs. And in the last two verses of our lesson He plainly indicates that He expects this new emphasis to bring into being new customs, laws and traditions more in keeping with the Gospel message.

Just here we are faced with the problem of determining by what method the Master challenged the social order of His day. A few years ago there was right much division of opinion about what were known as the individual and the social gospels. One group of thinkers contended that it was the task of the Church to save souls and forget the social order while others were contending that our social order must be made more Christian before we may hope to develop more Christian personality. Happily I believe these extremes are being forgot. We are coming to see that society and the individual are interdependent, and that the gospel of Christ though making its direct appeal to the individual certainly has social implications. John had preached a message similar to the message of Christ, but he had not dared to make such a definite break with the customs of his people. In my mind Christian people individually and collectively must bring pressure to bear to overthrow all or any part of a social order that tends to bind and destroy human personality. But there is no need to talk about the Kingdom of God on earth until men and women are fit for citizenship therein. And no one can afford to wait until the world is transformed to enter into a saving relationship with God. It is significant that Jesus preached a personal gospel, but it is equally significant that most every custom, law and tradition of the day was challenged thereby. We are glad, however, that Christ did not wait for His prayer, "Thy Kingdom come," to be answered before He dared to break with tradition and face the cross. The spirit and example of Christ calls us into personal salvation but more than that it makes us responsible for the sins of our world and demands that we give our lives in an effort to overcome the same.

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AGAIN WE THANK YOU

In the report on Christian Education adopted on Friday evening of the last Annual Conference is the following paragraph:

"Dr. Forlines is to be commended on the improvement made at the Seminary. We covet a warm place in the hearts of our membership for this School of the Prophets. We recommend that a special time be designated for the preachers to stress Christian Education and that one Sunday's offering during the month of December go to the Seminary."

In harmony with this recommendation the following Charges and persons have sent contributions:

Alumni	$33.75
Center Church, Alamance Charge	4.00
W. M. Howard, for Library Fund	5.00
Whitakers, for Library Fund	10.00
North Davidson	1.00
Graham	5.00
Henderson	3.14
Concord	3.00
Lebanon	5.00
Union Grove	3.00
First Church, High Point	10.50
Friendship C. E. Society, Haw River Charge	5.00
Haw River Charge	16.00
Welch Memorial	7.08
Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge	11.00
Spring Church Charge	5.50
Creswell Charge	1.60
First Church, Burlington	27.00
Cleveland Charge	12.40
Halifax Charge	12.00

These contributions are greatly appreciated. The good will and loyalty support of these friends greatly encourage us. We sincerely trust that many others who are interested in the special training of young men for the Christian ministry will heartily respond to the above recommendation of the Committee on Christian Education.

C. E. Forlines.

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Have you contributed to 'Prayer to Share' Plan for India?

THE ROAD TO ALDERSGATE

By C. W. Bates, D.D.

Continued from Last Issue

So, as he tarries at Oxford, we think of the "Holy Club," of the rigorous rules and regulations he set for himself and others, in the hope, vain hope, that he and they would find their soul's satisfaction. Quoting from Gambold, a member of the Holy Club: "He, (John Wesley), laid much stress upon self-examination. He taught them to take account of their actions in a very exact manner, by writing a constant diary. In this they noted down in cipher, once if not oftener in the day, what chiefly their employments had been in the several parts of it, and how they had performed each.

"He earnestly recommended to them a method and order in all their actions. After their morning devotions, which were fixed at an early hour, five or six being the time, he advised them to determine with themselves what they were to do all the parts of the day . . . The next thing was to put them upon keeping the fasts, visiting poor people, and coming to weekly Sacrament; not only to subdue the body, increase charity, and obtain Divine grace, but to cut off their retreat to the world." After the strictest sect of the Jews he lived Pharisee. But he found no more comfort in it than did Paul. He did not yet know that what the law could not do, God sending His Spirit, would do.

And so the years go by, each one so far as spiritual exercise in the keeping of rules and regulations is concerned more exacting than the last. He had become a Methodist in form, a cold, lifeless form. It had no warmth, no vitality. He had to take to the road again to find what his heart longed for, a satisfying experience of religion.

And the road to it, if we will use our imaginations a bit, led across the sea. From the cloisters of an English university, then almost a thousand years old, to the huts of a new settlement in the New World. Just before he sailed for Savannah he wrote in his diary: "My chief motive is the hope of saving my own soul. I hope to learn the true sense of the gospel of Christ, by preaching it to the heathen. If I be once converted myself, God will then employ me, both to strengthen my brethren and to preach His name to the Gentiles." "I cannot hope to attain the same degree of holiness here as there."

In the ship with him there is a company of Moravians seeking asylum in the New World. Wesley cannot at first speak their language; but he cannot fail to read their Christian conduct. His and theirs is tested in a storm. His religion did not dispel his fears. His fellow passengers sang their hymns and repeated their prayers with unruffled calmness, even when green seas were boiling over the rail and the mainmast split with a noise like thunder.

But at last the sight of land, Savannah. The Indians. A saved and satisfied soul. Well, there was Savannah, and there were the Indians. But for John Wesley there was no such thing as the peace of a saved soul. Instead a divine discontent. A discontent that drove him back presently to England. On his way home he writes in his diary: "The faith I want is a sure trust and confidence in God that through the merits of Christ my sins are forgiven, and I am reconciled to the favor of Christ . . . I want that faith which none can have without knowing that he hath it." "It was not the least result of John Wesley's two trying years in the New World that he was at last convinced that what he needed was to become a New Creature."—Joy.

John Wesley landed in London on February 3, 1738. Soon after he fell in with one Peter Bohler, a young German university graduate, who had joined the Moravians. Most of their conversation had to be in Latin for Wesley knew little German, and Bohler less English. But the lack of language is no serious bar to spirits which have much in common. Bohler had found, Wesley was seeking, spiritual satisfaction. It was Bohler, more than any other, who brought Wesley to a saving knowledge of Christ. "I can say of him," says Bohler in a letter to Count Zinzendorf, "that he knows he does not properly believe in the Savior, but is willing to be taught. He is truly a poor sinner, and has a contrite heart, hungering after a better righteousness than he has till now possessed."

So the weeks go by. Preaching on Sundays in such pulpits as were open to him; going on week nights to the meetings of little groups of the more spiritually-minded, Moravians and others, he comes at last to May 24, 1738; comes to Aldersgate, to the end of the road. Let him tell how he came to Aldersgate:

"I think it was about five this morning that I opened my Testament upon those words: 'There are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, even that ye should be partakers of the divine nature.' (2 Pet. 1:4). Just as I went out I opened it again upon these words, 'Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.' In the afternoon I was asked to go to St. Paul's. The anthem was: 'Out of the deep have I called upon thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint. If thou Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it? For there is mercy with thee; therefore thou shalt be feared. O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all its sins.

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

With a troup of exultant friends, John Wesley leaves the little room in Aldersgate Street to find his brother, Charles, who is sick in a home around the corner. His two words, "I believe," told the good news. Prayers of thanksgiving were offered and the happy company separates to seek their several homes. Surely, not one of them at that moment realized what this night was to mean to millions of souls, through centuries to come, all around the world, and into eternity itself. John Wesley had come to Aldersgate, to the end of the road.

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"PRAYER TO SHARE" FOR INDIA NEEDS SUPPORT

February Is Thank-Offering Month

There are probably several churches and individuals who have not contributed to "Prayer to Share for India Plan." Remember this money goes to support of Minnis' family in India. Auxiliaries do not get credit for it, but it is a credit on local church World Service budget. This is last call for this now, but a very urgent one.

February is Thank-Offering month. For the first time in many years the North Carolina Branch went over the apportionment of $700 for fall Thank-Offering and it is fully expected that we will have a larger offering for February, as this is the month when the observance first began, commemorating as it does the beginning of the Women's Work in our church. The slogan, "Giving for Gratitude" will be used again and may we really and truly adopt it personally, as well as for Auxiliaries and churches. Thank-Offering boxes and envelopes may be had upon application to me, as can the following materials for programs: "If I Be His Disciple," "Possessions," "The Highway," "Not Exempt," and "Worship Services."

The February Thank-Offering accentuates the note of missions and the offering goes into World Service Budget with Auxiliary and local church credits. Let us do our best.

MRS. Wm. C. HAMMER,
Sec. Thank Offering.

Asheboro, N. C., Feb. 1, 1938.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 4, 1938

Theme: The Church. A World Fellowship

At the Jerusalem conference in 1928 when 250 world Christians from 52 countries gathered on the Mount of Olives for a three weeks' conference, many new satndards were set. Toward these we have been working for 10 years. Some have been attained, some have not, but in that time great changes have taken place in the world.

Last summer at Oxford and Edinburgh 800 world Christians from 45 nations and 120 denominations faced unitedly the contemporary facts in the life of the church, the state, and the community. Among the outstanding figures of these conferences were Chinese, Indian, and other Christian leaders from the younger churches. A new and deeply moving sense of Christian unity amid diversity was felt by all; and it led to the proposal for the formation of a World Council of Churches more inclusive than any organization now in existence.

The work of the conferences in the realm of Christian thought and action was consciously related to the plans being made for October, 1938, when 400 Christian leaders from the whole world, but particularly from the Orient, will gather in the Far East.

The International Missionary Council which has called this meeting in the Far East is asking the Christians everywhere to continue in prayer for that meeting throughout the year 1938. It is fitting therefore that the World Day of Prayer program be built around the center of the World Christian community.

We know you are eager to learn more about the plans for the World Day of Prayer. These are the supplies:

Programs

Adult: "The Church, a World Fellowship." Two cents each; $2 a hundred. Ready now for distribution.

Young People: "And Who Is My Neighbor?" Two cents each; $2 a hundred.

Children: "God's Children Live in Many Lands." One cent each; $1 a hundred.

Call to Prayer: Free. Ready now for distributtion.

Posters, 11x17: Like the picture on the Call, with spaces for time and place of meeting tot be filled in locally. Five cents each. Ready now.

Story of 1937 Observance: To Boards, $7 per thousand, or $1 per hundred.

Card: Small card with revolving disc showing standard time around the world. A most interesting way to keep track of the observance of the World Day of Prayer. Price, with envelopes, five cents each. Ready now.—The Missionary Record.

LOOKING BACKWARD FROM 1980

"Oh, Grandmother, see what I've found!"

"Bring it here, my child, let me see. Where did you find this?"

"In a box, Grandmother, in my mother's trunk. What is it?"

"There is a story here, darling."

"Please tell me, Grandmother. Once upon a time, please!"

"Well, once upon a time, years ago, some people started a little church and called it Methodist Protestant. It grew and grew until there were thousands of members scattered all over the United States. They did much good, sent missionaries into the foreign fields and had home mission works of different kinds, but for 82 years there was nothing done for the little boys and girls who were left without homes. Then one day a few women decided they would start a home for such children, through the Woman's Home Missionary society in North Carolina."

"Go on, Grandmother, tell me all about it, wont you?"

"No, not all about it, for I want you to read the book, but let's look at the pictures."

"Grandmother, look at this old building on the front page, it looks like it's about to fall down."

"That, my dear, was an old school building, made into a dwelling. This property belonged to the church and was in charge of this man whose picture we see on this page. Mr. G. L. Reynolds. He offered it to the women, free of rent, for the Home, and there the Children's Home spent its first three years. And this picture is Mrs. W. C. Hammer, who was president of the N. C. Branch of the Woman's Home Missionary society at that time."

"Who are these two women?"

"Those are later pictures of Mabel Williams and Etta Auman, who had charge of the Home at the beginning. They were great friends of my mother."

"Oh! Did your mother know them? Did she ever visit the Home and see the children? I wish I could have.'

"Yes, dear, she went to the Home and took me with her when I was much smaller than you. These pictures are Mr. and Mrs. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Lowdermilk and Dr. and Mrs. Dixon who were superintendents at different times after the Home was moved to High Point, N. C., and these are the buildings at that location. This large picture gives the children who were at the Home at the end of the first 25 years."

"Gee, Grandmother, doesn't this one look funny?"

"That is the group the Home was begun with and those were the styles back in 1910. Now, you sit there and read all about it and let me read my church paper. Since we have just one big Methodist church, the paper is so large it takes me a long time, but I like to read every line of it, it makes me feel like I know the people who write and are written about."

"Please, Grandmother, just one more question, Where did the people get these books?"

"From Mrs. Mabel W. Russell, 1011 Lindsay street, High Point, N. C., my child. Be sure you don't soil or tear the book for I prize it very highly." ANONYMOUS.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Caroleen S. S.	$ 6.35
China Grove S. S.	2.28
Liberty S. S., Davidson	1.00
Baraca class, Gibsonville, clothing child	5.00
Friendly class, Calvary, clothing child	5.00
Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	4.35
Wide-Awake Band, Hickory Grove, Guil.	2.05
Spring Church S. S., Spring Ch., birthday offering	11.37
New Salem S. S., Randleman	1.75
Moriah S. S.	4.50
Ladies' Aid Soc., Fair View, Anderson	5.00
Union Chapel, Granville	14.51
Maple Springs S. S., Forsyth	5.00
West Thomasville S. S., State St.	4.42
Roy Bible Class, Graham, for repairs.	15.00
Bellmont S. S., Mt. Hermon	6.41
Oak Grove S. S., Cleveland	1.73
Hebron S. S., Orange	3.22
Mt. Pleasant S. S., North Davidson	1.45
Kistler's Union S. S., Cleveland	3.70
New Hope, Vance, Dec. and Jan.	5.00
Greer's Chapel S. S., Shiloh	1.33
Central S. S., Asheboro	40.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

Mrs. B. L. Heavner, Bess Chapel, 19 handkerchiefs.

Mrs. T. J. Wilson, Washington, D. C., a box of books for our library.

Union Grove, Orange, two beautiful quilts.

Spring Hill, N. Davidson, 12 cakes and 8 boxes of cookies for school lunches.

We thank all who contributed in any way to help make the above report. Two dear, aged souls have recently said in almost the same language, "The only way we can help the Home now is to pray for the work." We greatly appreciate the prayers of these two devout Christians, one living in North Carolina and the other in Washington, D. C.

Please join them in praying for the work here. We need your prayers and your sympathetic help.

And we beg of you S. S. superintendents and other church workers to boost the regular offering for the Home. We thank you for your help. A. G. DIXON, Supt.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Hebron Church, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, Jan. 25.—Our church work is moving along nicely. The attendance is good and there is much interest shown. This is very encouraging and we hope it continues throughout the year. The church as a whole seems to be working with a very cooperative spirit.

We are glad to see our Sunday school and Christian Endeavor society making progress. Both are doing good work under the leadership of Mr. Charles McAdams as superintendent of the Sunday school and Mr. Grady Kinley as president of the Christian Endeavor society.

The quarterly report of our financial standing at the end of the first quarter shows that we are coming along nicely with our finances. Sunday morning, January 23, we observed Young People's Day. In the service the working leaflets were used, "Youth for Christ for the Conquest." In connection with our Young People's program, Mr. Junichi Nakamura, a Japanese student of Duke University, spoke. We feel that we were fortunate in having him, and I am sure everyone enjoyed his talk very much. He spoke again at the Christian Endeavor society which met Sunday evening. The members were glad to have Rev. and Mrs. Morris and other visitors worship with them at this time.

Following the Christian Endeavor program, a candlelight Communion service was held. This service was beautiful and very impressive. We were glad to have members from other churches worship with us on Sunday. We hope they will come again.

MRS. ELMER LLOYD, Reporter.

Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, T. M. Johnson, Pastor, Jan. 31.—We were indeed glad to have our pastor with us this fifth Sunday, bringing a very inspiring message. His text was taken from the 31st and 32nd chapters of Exodus.

We have started our new year by encouraging the people to be present at Sunday school and bring a visitor, so that we can reach 100 in attendance. When our new superintendent was elected he set the goal of 100 and was in hopes we could grow higher in attendance. We had 106 present the fourth Sunday, January 23, and the fifth Sunday, January 30, we had 95 in attendance. We are proud to see the interest being shown and we hope and pray that it will continue to grow higher throughout the year.

Of much interest to many friends of the Liberty Hill community came as a pleasant surprise the announcement of the marriage of Miss Hazel Marie Massengale and Mr. Harold Eugene Burnette, both of Greer, R. 1. Mrs. Burnette is a member of Liberty Hill M. P. church. The marriage was performed at the office of Probate Judge in Spartanburg, October 15, 1937, witnessed by a few close relatives. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Massengale and is a young woman of personal charm and a lovely personality. She would have graduated from the Duncan High School this spring. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry M. Burnette. The young couple are now making their home with the bridegroom's parents. Their many friends wish them a long, prosperous and happy life together.

Rev. T. M. Johnson was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Compton.

As the program for Young People's Day was observed Sunday night, we didn't have preaching. It was a splendid program and may God's richest blessings go with all of these young people that they may still carry on good work for our Master.

We were indeed fortunate to have Dr. R. M. Andrews, from High Point, with us on the fourth Sunday morning. He has the spiritual life of the church at heart and Dr. Andrews brought a very deepening and spiritual message of the Fellowship Crusade. Space will not permit full accounts of his message, but I do want to write and say he gave each one there a talk to carry home. There were membership covenant cards as a means of extending the Kingdom of God upon earth and for each one to check the ones we promise to support. These were: Bible reading, study and frequent prayer; each member striving to be loyal to our church attendance and contribute to its support; that we will rededicate our lives to fuller service for Jesus Christ, and subscribe for the M. P. Herald or M. P. Recorder if not already a subscriber. Others were mentioned, but these were the most important ones. We are hoping that Dr. Andrews will soon visit our church again. May God be with him at his daily work.

Miss Esther Compton spent several days last week in Pelzer, S. C., with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Compton.

The Willing Workers class regret to give up two of our most faithful members, Misses Ruby and Nelle Wood. They have moved out of the Liberty Hill community. Their love for our Sunday school, Christian Endeavor, and prayer meetings has won a large place in our hearts. We appreciate the efforts they put forth in our class, striving to live a Christian life, and we do appreciate the spirit of cooperation they gave to our church. Ruby was the beloved, devoted and efficient assistant teacher for the Willing Workers class, and since her resignation the class elected Miss Romaine Poole to succeed her. Nelle was a wonderful leader and helper of the contest in this class, and since her resignation the class elected Mrs. R. T. Bennette to succeed her. Words and space couldn't write how we miss both of their kindly smiles and words of encouragement, but sweet memories of their spiritual life in our church will linger with us.

We are very sorry to add to our sick list of this community, Mr. Nick Smith and Miss Lucile Davis. We greatly missed both of these, as Miss Davis is our pianist and Mr. Smith our song leader. We hope they can be with us next Sunday morning.

Members of our church are planning to meet this week to help improve our church grounds. We do hope that there will be lots of improvement made. They are planning to set out trees and shrubbery.

Our song leader, Mr. Nick Smith, is making plans to get new hymnals for our church. There has already been made up $16 for this purpose. We hope we can get them real soon as we need some more for our church.

May we ask that all reading this continue to pray for our church that the workers may help to keep it growing and not do anything to pull it down.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

Pensacola, W. C. Clark, Pastor, Jan. 31.—Our Sunday school and church work is getting along very nicely. All the members of the Sunday school were given a Christmas treat on December 26.

We were real glad to have the Baptist pastor from Weaverville, N. C., preach for us recently. I was not fortunate enough to be present, and so I did not learn his name.

Mrs. Emma Hensley is renewing her subscription to the Herald.

MRS. W. G. BLANKENSHIP.

Pleasant Grove, F. R. Love, Pastor. — Young People's day was observed Sunday. Dr. P. E. Lindley delivered the 11 o'clock message, using as his subject, "Dedicating Youth to God," and taking his scripture lesson from the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes.

The Christian Endeavor society with the help of the Junior choir gave a very impressive candlelight service Sunday evening.

The Brotherhood met Saturday evening with Mr. Clyde Payne. A large number of the members were present at this meeting and new officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. Z. B. Morris; secretary, Clyde Payne; treasurer, J. E. Veach.

The Sunshine Auxiliary will meet Monday evening with Mrs. Fred Leonard. Sunshine Pals will be revealed at this time.

Mrs. B. E. Kennedy and Miss Hazel Hedrick have been confined to their beds for several days. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

We are glad that Mr. Fred Leonard is able to be back at Sunday school after several weeks' illness.

The increased attendance in the Sunday school and church services are very encouraging. The various church organizations seems filled with renewed interest and enthusiasm. We are hoping and praying that this may be the best year yet in the Master's vineyard.

ALICE KENNEDY, Reporter.

Pleasant Hill Church, G. B. Ferree, Pastor.—Our church services January 16 were well attended. Mr. Ferree delivered a message that was inspiring to all, using as his subject, "Forgetting the Things Which Are Behind." He said: "Each of us is leaving a sign post and directions for those who follow. If we could visualize our opportunities and pluck a thorn and leave a rose, it would make easier the paths of our followers. What one is today is an indication of what he was yesterday and a prophecy of what he will be tomorrow."

The Ladies' Auxiliary met recently at the home of Mrs. Edgar Waller. At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Waller entertained and the members of the Auxiliary surprised Mrs. Monroe Davis, a recent bride, with a miscellaneous shower. Mrs. Davis was Miss Jewell Long.

We were very happy indeed to have a former pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Way and family, of Kernersville, with us January 30. Talented Junior and Louise Way, children of Mr. and Mrs. Way, rendered two very beautiful selection of music, with Miss Mildred Way at the piano. We are always glad to have them with us and we welcome them back.

Two of our members, Miss Virginia Sprinkle of High Point College, and Miss Juanita Hunter of Charlotte, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sprinkle and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hunter.

We miss the presence of Mrs. R. J. Whitman and Mrs. C. E. Sprinkle, who have been unable to attend church for quite a while because of sickness. We hope they may soon be back with us.

MILNA LONG, Reporter.

Draper, J. L. Love, Pastor. — Our Sunday school has doubled what it was last year. We are striving hard to double again during 1938. We are highly pleased with the work being done under the direction of the pastor. We feel that we have one of the best Sunday schools in Draper.

We are sorry to know of Mrs. Love's illness and miss her good work in Sunday school. She has our prayers for her speedy recovery.

Rev. J. L. Love conducted a wonderful revival at the Mission church at Spray a few weeks past.

Friendship Church, E. A. Cook, Pastor.— Our pastor delivered a beautiful sermon on the text found in John 13:23 a few Sundays ago. The congregation was not so large because of an epidemic of measles in our community. A very serious accident occurred to two young ladies of the community, Misses Sarah Frances and Mary Brown, when the car in which they were riding left the highway and turned over, causing most painful injuries to both. At most recent reports they are getting on nicely.

The whole community was grieved at the passing of Mrs. Ruby Barnes, January 4. A young woman in our community, she had been married only about one year and leaves a son of three days of age at the time of her death.

Last Thursday Pastor Cook entertained the official members of the church with an oyster stew. It was a most delightful occasion and was the beginning of the Fellowship Crusade in our church. All present enjoyed the meeting. REPORTER.

Graham, H. F. Surratt, Pastor.—You have not heard from us for some time but that doesn't mean that we haven't been doing things in our church.

Our Christmas programs were fine and were well attended. Our evening services have been moved up to the hour of 5 o'clock and the Young People's meeting at 7. This has created fresh interest in our church. The young people plan and present their program every Sunday evening and are really enjoying this more than anything they have done in our church for a long time.

The Wednesday night prayer services have been changed to Thursday night and we have had an increase in the number attending since the day was changed.

Choir rehearsals are now held at the homes of the members of the choir, which is much warmer, and the church hut does not have to be heated just for an hour and a half.

We were glad to have Mr. Junius Neese, one of our young men of the Seminary, home with us during the holidays, and he gave several interesting talks while here. Our church is proud of this young man and the work he is doing.

Our Married Couples' Sunday school class is certainly a success. Mrs. S. S. Holt is due the credit for this class. The married people now come to Sunday school and in most cases stay for church, instead of coming to church and not Sunday school.

HAZEL AMICK, Reporter.

Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—The work at this church is moving on very nicely. We are glad to report that we are gaining some new members in Sunday school.

Young People's Day was observed at this church Sunday, beginning with the Sunday school hour, and a program was given at 11 o'clock following Sunday school. We appreciate very much the interest of those that took part in this program, and we were glad to have some special music by Miss Mable Massey, Audrey Guthrie, and Mrs. Grey Hargrove and Mrs. Roy Roberson.

Mr. Bingham was also able to be with us and gave a very splendid message on "The Work of the Church Moves On." His message was very fitting for the occasion.

We are glad to report that Mrs. R. S. Woody is improving, and hope she will soon be able to be at church, for she is much missed in the congregation.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet the second Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bingham. BESSIE COBLE, Reporter.

Spring Church Circuit Auxiliary Meets.— The January meeting was entertained at the parsonage by Mrs. B. M. Williams in her very attractive way. All present enjoyed the meeting. There were 14 present and many things of interest were discussed. The Auxiliary has just finished paying for the new roof on the parsonage. There are several members sick. Mrs. J. W. Crew was reported as being in the St. Luke's Hospital in Richmond, and Mrs. Jim Mitchell is also on the sick list. Plans were made for the February thank-offering program.

The mission classes at each church gave good reports. Mrs. Williams was appointed Young People's Secretary.

Mrs. Williams served for refreshments a sandwich and hot coffee which all enjoyed.

All of us went home feeling that it was good to be there. Sincere sympathy is extended to all the sick, and we hope they may soon be well. The February meeting will be at Mrs. W. W. Grant's on the 10th. A full attendance is desired. We are enjoying playing the Pollyanna game with our members.

MRS. W. W. GRANT, Cor. Sec.

Elbaville, Mocksville Charge, K. G. Holt, Pastor, Feb. 1—We now have 82 members in our Sunday school. We make new rolls each quarter. There are many people in our community that should be in church and Sunday school. The teachers and the students too, I hope, are trying to get new members in our school. Our boys and girls class and the young married people's class are trying to see which class can get the most people in church and get them to come each Sunday. The boys and girls class are going to have a class meeting February 12.

We reelected all officers, except the secretary for the new year. Alvin Carter took Gladys Bailey's place as secretary. Our Sunday school has new and more interesting and helpful literature for the new year.

Our preacher, Rev. Holt, has been filling his regular appointments. He is a faithful worker in God's Kingdom. Our church books have been revised recently. Our stewards want all members to pay their assessment.

It seems that fewer people attend church each year. We are too negligent. We must do our part or else nothing is accomplished. Leaders alone cannot do the things that we should do. We must remember from whom all blessings come. Prayer—earnest prayer is needed in this day. Pray that we may be more careful to give Him the praise, and for the sick ones 'round about us.

ALVIN CARTER, Reporter.

Connelly Springs Charge, Herman Yokeley, Pastor.—It has been a long time since there was a report from our church, but that is no sign it is dead. We are glad to say the church work is moving along fine. We have a good Sunday school for a little country church. There are 100 or more on roll. An average attendance of 75, consisting mostly of young people. There seems to be so much interest manifested in this school's six classes. The fifth class is largest of all. There were 25 present in it last Sunday. It is the Senior class of young people from the age of 15 to 25 years. Miss Ila Townsend, is teacher, and they all like her so well. We hope our Sunday school will continue to grow. We are paying our pastor's salary and other debts through the Sunday school. Our offering is from $6 to $8 each Sunday.

Rev. Yokeley preaches for us twice each month, and gives us some very inspiring messages. We wish he could be with us all the time.

The Ladies' Aid society is doing very well, and are expecting with the Lord's help, to do more this year than ever before.

I hope we can send a better report the next time. A MEMBER.

Yarborough Charge, Yarborough and Harmony Churches, Thurman H. Vickery, Pastor.—Although we are not so close to the center of the conference, we are nevertheless, wide-awake and going ahead. We have a grand group of people here who want to serve the Lord and strive toward the advancement of God's cause and kingdom. We are striving to do His will and put our charge forward by leaps and bounds.

Because of the long distance to the churches from the college I preach only once a month at each church. The people, realizing this, have come forward and cooperated nicely. Truly they are a grand group of people and we feel that we will be able to do much this year. At my last appointment I was in the hospital for an appendicitis operation and could not fill it. Dr. Pritchard, however, went down and filled the appointment and held our first quarterly conference. We had good reports. Our Sunday school and preaching services are increasing greatly in atttendance. The spiritual condition is better. The people all work together for the best interests of all. The pastor's salary is paid up-to-date. As the churches are both situated in the country I feel that this is indeed a grand report. At the last appointment Dr. Pritchard and the good people down there raised $59.01 to aid me in my expenses while in the hospital. May I say that I deeply appreciate this. Thank you, thank you. Because I have been sick I have been unable to report all the nice gifts that I received. Handkerchiefs, ties, etc. One lady came up to me and slipped me an envelope, saying "Merry Christmas Pastor." It contained two $1 bills. Thank all you good people for all the nice things I have received, and letters and cards since I have been sick.

We ask the prayers of all you brethren that we may go forward and do much during this conference year toward the advancement of God's cause and kingdom.

T. H. VICKERY.

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First Church, Danville, R. L. Vickery, Pastor, Feb. 1.—Since we have such an active reporter here there is not any need that I report, yet I feel that there are some things we want to mention.

I think our church is going forward and we are greatly encouraged. We have had four professions and have received five new members and we are expecting several more in the near future, so we feel that the work here is going well, and we hope that we can soon get started on our building, although there is much to do yet. I think our people are the kind who will never be satisfied or stop until our goal have been reached.

We observed Young People's day last Sunday. Our C. E. put on the Candlelight Communion service, which was very impressive and enjoyed by a large congregation.

Our Sunday school is going nicely under the leadership of our faithful and consecrated superintendent, Mr. L. W. Tanner.

Our community prayer service, which we organized soon after we arrived here continues to grow in numbers and interest. We feel that it has been a great help to our church, also our mid-week prayer services are well attended. R. L. VICKERY, Pastor.

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Anderson Charge, Fairview Church, T. M. Johnson, Pastor, Jan. 31.—Although the work of our church has not been reported very often, it is no sign that we are not active, for we are very much so. If we accomplish all that we have set out to during the year, we will have much to look back upon with happy hearts.

Our Christmas program was very good and everyone from the oldest to the youngest seemed to enjoy it. A treat was given to all present and several packages were sent out to deserving ones in the community. We were very glad to have Dr. Johnson with us for our program, however; he left the next day to visit his children during the holiday season.

At the present we are making plans for Young People's day which will be observed the first Sunday in February. A program will be given in the morning and then at the evening hour we plan for a candle-light communion service.

We were very glad to have Dr. Andrews with us the fourth Sunday night of January. He explained to us very clearly the Fellowship Crusade. Dr. Johnson prior to this time had discussed to some extent the Crusade, so we were better prepared for Dr. Andrews' message.

Our Christian Endeavor societies have elected new officers and are making much progress towards a better year of service. The society was delighted recently by a social, given by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Nalley, at their home. It was enjoyed by all present. The senior society set as one of their goals for the year, the buying of trees for the church ground, and we are happy to say that this goal has already been attained.

Through the interest of our pastor and many of our members we are improving our church grounds. We are competing in a contest on "Church Improvement," that is being sponsored by the "Progressive Farmer." All of the old trees on the church ground have been taken up, drives and walks have been laid off, and the ground has been top-soiled. The workers are now preparing to sow the yard in grass and plant new trees. A committee has been appointed to purchase shrubbery for the church and this is to be put out next week. We were very fortunate to have "Mother" Walker, of Winthrop college, and Professors Bauknight and Shoak, of the vocational department of our local high school plan the grounds for us. The idea of the contest we have entered is to see how much improvement in beautification can be made by the church in one year.

The January meeting of the Ladies' aid was held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Henderson. Miss Mary Hendricks is the newly elected president of this organization and will take charge at the February meeting.

The Fellowship club also deserves a bit of space for they are doing a fine work. Friday night, February 4 they plan to go 100 per cent strong to Arial Mill to organize a club there. Dr. Johnson is certainly interested in this group of young people and they are gaining much from his courses and drills.

At the beginning of this year, a very interested member of the church offered a prize of $10 to the class making the most improvements during the year. This fund has been added to until the prize now offered is $25 and the race is very close between all classes, so it is going to be a difficult task for the judges, we know.

The Primary class is glad to report that they have a new table and benches for their room. This was a gift from the Ladies' Aid.

We were glad to see Catherine Watson who is a member of the freshman class at Anderson college, home for the week-end.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. W. T. Watson and Mrs. Lee Balentine are very sick. We hope they will soon be well again.

BERTHA CONNELLY, Reporter.

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Belmont Church, Mt. Hermon Charge, J. B. Anderson, Pastor.—On the fourth Sunday at 11 o'clock our pastor delivered one of his most interesting sermons. The subject was "Temperance," and the congregation showed their interest by being very attentive. We had one of the largest congregations of the year. Mr. Anderson requested the ushers to take an attendance count at every service and compare with the church roll, to determine the percentage of our church membership attending church services. We like this plan and think it will be a good attendance booster.

As we are entering the new year much interest is being shown among the members. We hope to accomplish much good this year.

Our Sunday school with Mr. E. Paul Lowder as superintendent, is increasing in interest and number. May it continue to grow until we have a Sunday school that is second to none.

The Ladies' Auxiliary meets on Wednesday before the second Sunday of each month. Owing to the inclement weather the January meeting was not very well attended. We are looking for a larger number at the next meeting.

Mrs. Julia Sharpe, one of our oldest members, has been confined to her home with an attack of influenza. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Mary Shoffner had the misfortune to fall and hurt her hip. She suffers very much but we trust there are no bones broken. She is missed in Sunday school and church services as she was always present unless providentially hindered. May she have the strength to endure her suffering and soon be well again.

REPORTER.

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Draper, J. L. Love, Pastor.—As I haven't seen anything from our little church for some time, will try to send in some of the latest news.

Our church is showing some improvements, having good attendance, and mighty good services—had our fifth Sunday night union service at the Draper Christian church last Sunday night with a good attendance and good service.

We are very sorry we have had several on the sick list. Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Love, has been sick some time, but we hope she will soon be well and back with us at church, for we all miss her very much.

Mrs. Sigmon also has been very sick with double pneumonia, but is much better; also hope she will soon be able to be out again for we all miss Granny so much for she means so much to this community.

We desire the prayers of all the Christian people that our church may continue to grow in the Lord's work, and all our members be restored back to good health that we may all meet back at our little church and worship together. W. O. FERRIS.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—On Sunday morning, January 23, we were glad indeed to have our Editor and former conference president, Dr. R. M. Andrews, with us. Dr. Andrews came to us representing the Fellowship Crusade, and in a most gracious manner presented it to the people. We feel much can be accomplished if the majority of the Methodist Protestants would join in the Crusade. We not only would pay those debts we owe, but if we could get the members to carry out those other pledges of consecration and attending church regularly, we ourselves would grow in love and grace. Although Dr. Andrews is not our president and probably not be returning to visit us as such. We do sincerely extend him, as our friend, an invitation which reads, "Always Welcome."

The Willing Workers' class recently elected a new assistant teacher, Miss Romaine Poole, to take the place of Miss Ruby Wood, who with her family have moved from our community. We regretted indeed to give up these faithful Christian workers and miss them greatly.

We are sorry Mrs. J. K. Poole is unable to be with us lately. There is a vacant spot that we hope she'll fill again soon.

Misses Eilene Johnson and Emma Nan Nalley, of Fair View community, were recent week-end guests of Misses Hortense and Elaine Foster. We were glad to have them worship with us while here and extend them and all visitors a hearty welcome any time they can worship with us.

A marriage announcement which has been received with much interest is that of Miss Hazel Massengale and Harold Burnette. The bride is a faithful member of the Willing Workers' class and they have many friends who wish them a long and happy voyage on the sea of matrimony.

This week is to be a busy one at Liberty Hill if the weather permits. The old shrubbery is to be taken up and moved and new set. Also a good bit of top-soiling and setting of trees is to be done. We are anticipating a much better looking church at the end of this work.

Money is being raised for new song books but has not been completed yet.

Although the writer could not attend and hasn't heard a report, I'm sure the Young People's day program went over fine Sunday night. The program was planned by the Sunday school.

MRS. EDDIE WADDELL, Reporter.

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Orange Charge, Chestnut Ridge Church, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—The Circuit Rally, the first of this kind to be held here, was well attended. Each church on the charge was well represented. Dr. J. E. Pritchard filled his appointment Sunday morning with a very inspiring message. His text was taken from Psalm 84—first part of verse 4—"Blessed are they that dwell in thy house." I am sure everyone that heard this sermon sees a greater need of attending church.

A fellowship lunch followed by a song service was enjoyed by all.

Dr. R. M. Andrews presented the Fellowship Crusade. He, also emphasized church attendance as one of the objectives of the Crusade. We feel sure that this great undertaking will mean a great deal to the advancement of His Kingdom. We are looking forward to see Orange Charge on the Fellowship Crusade Honor Roll.

The first quarterly conference, with Dr. Pritchard presiding, convened at this time also. The usual business was acted upon and recommendations for the circuit were made by the pastor. The goals he has set will give us a definite point to work for; and with the cooperation of people and pastor I feel sure they can be reached.

REPORTER.

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West End, N. G. Bethea, Pastor. — The Workers' Council of the church held a meeting January 18. There was a good representation on the part of the teachers and officers. All department heads gave very optimistic reports about the work they are doing.

We are happy to welcome three new members into our church. They are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Draper and Mr. Charles Swarengin. Mrs. Draper comes to us from the Baptist church at Gibsonville and Mr. Swarengin from the M. E. church at Norwood. Although they have just joined with us, they are already making themselves useful in the work of the church and Sunday school, and we feel sure they will become a great asset to West End.

For the past two months our Christian Endeavor society has participated in the "Miss North Carolina Endeavorer" contest. This contest is being put on in order to secure funds for our field secretary, Mr. Luther B. Medlin. The Greensboro C. E. City Union decided to have all societies of the Union work separately on the contest until January 25. Then the candidate of the society that had the highest number of votes would become "Miss Greensboro Endeavorer" and all the votes of the other societies would go for her support. Our candidate, Miss Nellie Routh, is "Miss Greensboro Endeavorer." She is the president of our society, and we are very proud of her. Best of luck to you, Miss Routh, and may you be crowned "Miss North Carolina Endeavorer." REPORTER.

MARRIED

Lockamy-Sharpe

Miss Addie Mae Sharpe and Maurice Lockamy were united in marriage by the writer on Saturday evening, January 22, at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Lockamy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eusibius Sharpe and is a member of Rock Creek church, Alamance charge. Mr. Lockamy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lockamy.

Immediately after the marriage they left for a brief wedding trip.

A large circle of friends will wish this popular young couple much happiness as they journey through life together.

H. L. ISLEY.

Whisnant-White

On Saturday evening, January 22, at 6 o'clock in the parsonage of Cleveland Charge Miss Pauline Whisnant and Mr. Summie White were united in marriage. The pastor heard the vows in the presence of a select group of friends. The ring ceremony of the Methodist Protestant church was used.

Mrs. White is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry M. Whisnant, of near Casar. For some time she has held a position in Valdese. Mr. White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. White, of the Oak Grove community. He is a graduate of Rutherford college and is one of the promising young man of Oak Grove church. We wish for them a most happy and successful life. T. G. MADISON.

A HAPPY AND PROFITABLE STAY AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME

By Mrs. Leon Thompson

Happiness is being glad or satisfied in whatever you are doing. It is indeed a good thing when one can be happy and also gain profit, as I have by my stay in the Home. All of you who have been to the Children's Home will agree with me that it is indeed a happy place. There, you see smiling faces and an air of contentment which comes to all those who are around good people and have given their hearts to God. Let us first think of some of the things that make us happy: (1) Living in happy and peaceful surroundings; (2) Close Fellowship with Jesus. At the Children's Home we hear the Bible read and are taught to pray. In the Christian Endeavor there is very often a call for sentence prayers. Not only the older children take part; but even the very smallest offer a prayer for our foreign missionaries thanks for all the many things sent from God through such people as you and through our different churches. At night it's a real inspiration to make the rounds with Mother Dixon to the little girls' rooms and see them each kneel before their beds and say their prayers and it would indeed surprise you to hear some of the things for which they pray. Then Daddy and Mother Dixon tell us interesting stories of Christian people and of God and His wondrous works, along with this comes fellowship with other people. The children are carried to Sunday school and church here at our own church and enjoy going to school with other children just like themselves. They are not made to feel as outsiders but as one of them. In this way they develop as normal and happy individuals. (3) Is being happy through service. No person is truly happy unless he is busy. Each child has certain duties to perform and is always happy when the end of the year comes and they are promoted to higher and worthier tasks. The smallest girls have steps to sweep and make their own beds. For the rest of the day they are free to play and eat and sleep. Coming on up, there are halls and individual rooms to sweep, coal to be brought in, tables to set and served, and, as always, dishes to be washed. During the summer months there is sewing and canning to be done.

Girls feel that they are getting to be really grown when they hear their names read out as a cook for breakfast, dinner, or supper. This, with supervising younger children, is among the last jobs before leaving the Home, and I've saved one of the best tasks to tell you about last. It is that of "big sister." Nearly every large girl is assigned to some smaller girl as a little sister. If they have real sisters there they care for them and if not, they are assigned one. The big sister always sees that her sister's clothes are clean and that she herself is clean and neat, on Sundays you'll always see them dressing and fixing them for Sunday school and church. A smaller sister always goes to her big sister for protection, advice, and care. In this way each child really is happy in having a special family. You always want your little girl to look the best and act the nicest so you take special care in training her as to table manners, Scripture verses, and the like. We are indeed one big, happy family.

(4) Is good food and clothing and shelter. This is provided because of such good people as you. None of us go hungry and though they wear cotton prints to school instead of silk they have often been spoken of as the cleanest and nicest looking children of Jamestown school. You know it's been said, "No matter how poor a person is there's always plenty of water with which to keep clean," and that certainly is used freely.

(5) Is love—Love is a great advantage to happiness. Not only is there love through association with special pals and chums and big and little sisters, but a great deal is showered upon us through our Mother and Daddy Dixon. They love each and everyone from the most lovable to the meanest and they're always ready and willing to listen to all troubles and problems. Wherever you see

them there's always a crowd of their children and it's to watch little jealous streaks in some of the girls.

Next I shall briefly tell you of some of the special traits and happy occasions I enjoyed while there. 1. Swimming—there is a large swimming pool back of the Girls' dormitory and during the summer every child who is well is permitted to go in swimming every day except Sundays. 2. Trips on programs—programs are prepared for delivery in the churches, and happy are the children who are selected to take parts in these programs. 3. Shows and special treats of ice cream, candy, etc. These are given as awards for good conduct both in home and school, and for work well done. 4. Christmas packages and holidays—Christmas is a great day at the Home. Packages come from all parts of the Methodist Protestant church, and the children are exceedingly happy as they receive these gifts. 5. Trips during summer for good behavior, work at school and Home.

You have seen the profit of all these as I've mentioned them—living among good influences, and learning to live as God would have us live, learning to cook and sew (and that comes in mighty handy in marriage) and preparation for work in life. I was very fortunate and received a college education by staying and helping with the work. In college I enjoyed all the college activities and was the first of the seniors last spring to secure a job as school teacher. I consider my stay at the home a big advantage because when the superintendent of schools found that I had had experience in supervising and handling children he was very favorably impressed. Now, I'm very happily married and may I say that I wouldn't change places with anybody and that every day I'm more thankful for my stay at the Children's Home and for knowing great people like Mother and Daddy Dixon and all of you. I'd like to thank you each and everyone for all you've done and only hope you'll be inspired to do more and more. If there were one big wish I could have for the Home it would be that Mother and Daddy Dixon were only years younger so they could continue the good work they're now doing, with your help.

And last, I want to say that to the people responsible for placing them there, we from the Children's Home wish to thank you very, very much—and I really mean it.

The above is a brief address which was written and delivered on our annual Home-Coming day, in July, 1937, by Mrs. Leon Thompson, of High Point, N. C. She is just "Christine" to everyone in the Home. She graduated from Jamestown high school in 1932 with honors, and also from High Point College in 1936 with "Cum Laude," and is now filling a large place in her community and church life. A. G. DIXON.

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Do not forget "Prayer to Share" contributions help to support Minnis' family in India!

REV. GEORGE W. HOLMES

We are glad to present to our readers this likeness of Rev. G. W. Holmes, a noble soul, a lover of youth and of age; a teacher and a preacher whose life message will last throughout the years. The preachers who followed him know that he left none to whom he had ministered with a single doubt of his sincerity. What he said was better because it was his message, shaped in the heat of his convictions. He did an outstanding piece of work at Yadkin College, as pastor of many of our churches and as president of the North Carolina conference. Surely he made the world better where he lived and many of us who minister in the Methodist Protestant church are better because we knew him.

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A Tribute of Love

We the members of the Woman's Missionary society of Bethel M. P. church desire to offer a tribute of love and sincere sympathy to our dear sister members, Mrs. G. W. and Miss Bessie Holmes, wife and daughter of Rev. G. W. Holmes, who departed this life on Saturday, December 11, 1937. Funeral services were very impressively conducted by Rev. J. A. Burgess, assisted by Revs. Isley, Ashburn, Taylor, Paschall, Shelton and others. Interment in Bethel cemetery. The floral offering was profuse and beautiful, showing the high esteem in which he was held. He was converted in early life and lived a consistent Christian. For many years he taught school. Was at one time president of Yadkin college. It has been our happy privilege to attend some of his schools. We remember him as a model teacher and a noble Christian man. All our lives we will remember kind advice given us in school. He was always our ideal. To know how Brother Holmes decided any question was to know the right. He made few, if any mistakes. We have known him all our lives and for years he very conscientiously walked with God. He was pastor of our church for eight years and was loved and respected for his many kind deeds. He rejoiced with us when we were happy and wept with us in our sorrow. He talked with our dear ones when at deaths' door, encouraged them and eased their dying hour. We can truthfully say, we never knew a better man.

Since he retired from the ministry, he has been teacher of the Men's class, was loved by them and will be sadly missed. He was nearly 82 years of age. He fought a good fight. He kept the faith. He finished his work here and did it well. Henceforth is laid up for him a crown of rejoicing. We would not call him back. We expect to go to him.

His ancestry can be traced to the year 1765 when Pioneer Thomas Thompson and wife came over here from England, being his great grandparents. He descended from John, son of Pioneer Thomas, who was father of his mother.

Resolved, That we extend to all his family our deepest sympathy and commend them to a loving Father's care. That we bow humbly to His will and try to live a better life by having known Brother Holmes. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, one to M. P. Herald and one placed in the minutes of our society.

MRS. J. M. FOUST,
MRS. A. L. FOUST,
MRS. R. S. THOMPSON,
Committee.

BUILDING A COMPETENCE

It is deplorable that so many men, after a life of hard labor, die and leave their wives and families heavily in debt or in dire poverty. They have lived well, spent all they made, with no thought or provision for future needs. They died—and left nothing.

The sound basis for building a competence for old age is a bank account. Whether your present wage is large or small, save part of it regularly. Make a little sacrifice now for the larger gain later in life.

It is advisable to have a fixed time each week or month for depositing a definite sum in the bank. Keep your money there until you have sufficient to buy a good bond or to make some other conservative investment.

The habit of saving will give you mental discipline as valuable as money itself. Whatever motive compels you to put forth increased energy and perseverance, contributes in an important way to your personal development and ultimate success. The knowledge of having a personal bank account will directly affect your moral character by inculcating habits of thrift and self-control.

The first thousand dollars is the hardest to accumulate, but once you have this sum in the bank and bearing interest, you will be inclined to adjust your expenditures more carefully to your income. The saving habit grows rapidly and brings with it a deep sense of satisfaction.

There is a dignity in the habit of saving money. It develops not only a spirit of independence and self-reliance, but gives a distinct pleasure in the knowledge of provision made for future comfort and security. Every victory over extravagance will give you a distinct moral uplift and raise you in your own estimation.

Keep an accurate account of your personal expenses. This will develop in you a habit of thrift. Carry a small note-book in your pocket for this purpose. Examine it at the end of the week, in order to determine for a certainty whether you are spending your money wisely. This will tend to check needless expenditures. Encourage yourself with the knowledge that large fortunes have been founded on the habit of economy and saving in matters of money.—Grenville Kleiser.

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Have you contributed to "Prayer to Share" Plan for India?

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Pickard

On the 27th of December, 1937, Mr. Holt Pickard passed the 81st anniversary of his birth. In the early morning of the 28th of December his soul departed this life. He was born in Orange county in the year 1856. He had been in declining health for several years. In the early part of December he fell and fractured his hip. He was taken to Dr. Miller's hospital in Charlotte and for a few days did splendidly, but he developed pneumonia and passed away within a few hours.

The physical death of the Christian is not defeat. It is a glorious triumph. The physical death of the Chirstian is not the end. It is just the beginning. The physical death of the Christian is the shaking off of those imperfections and limitations which shackle and bind a human life. The physical death of the Christian simply brings him into the presence of Him "Whom having not seen, he loves." We think of Mr. Pickard as a good Christian man. We do not, therefore, think of him as being dead; we think rather of his promotion. We think of him as having entered into that life which is free from human imperfections and limitations. His physical death was his coronation time.

There must be leaders. Leaders are very important. But what can a leader do if there are no followers? Good followers are as essential, perhaps more so, than good leaders. This man was quiet and unassuming in his manner. He never desired the spotlight. He chose rather to be a follower.

May the God of all comfort richly bless and comfort the hearts of those who are bereaved.

FRED W. PASCHALL, Pastor.

Stallings

Brother Stallings passed from labor to reward Tuesday, January 18, at the age of 68 years, 9 months, and 27 days. He had been in ill health for a year, but had a more severe attack a week past from which he never recovered. Heart leakage, kidney disorder and a blood clot on the brain.

More than 50 years ago he answered the claims of God in his life and devotions. He then joined the M. E. church. Later, when our church was organized at Stallings, he joined as a charter member, remained faithful in its activities, loyal in its support with his money, his presence and labors of love till God said, "It is enough, come home." He loved the church, unstintingly providing for its advancements; he loved the gospel, and tried to shape his life by its teachings; he loved his pastor, helping him to do what God had called him to do. His absence from the church was so seldom his pastor might well investigate it when it happened. He was a sterling citizen, a gentle father, a good neighbor, and a devout Christian. Of the nearly five years I have been his pastor, not one time I have reached for his shoulder and not find it. Death was no surprise to him. He had anticipated it, arranged for his funeral, and named his pallbearers.

The near relatives surviving are his beloved wife and companion for nearly 40 years; five stalwart sons: Lee, Luther, Carl, Paul and Shelly; one daughter, Mrs. Paul Curlee; five grandchildren; one brother and four sisters.

Among the many worthy things he cherished for his children, there was one that was outstanding and towered above them all, namely, that Lee, Luther, Carl, Paul, Shelly and his one precious daughter, Etta Bell, ever be found in the front ranks, marching under the blood-stained banner, taking them up where his tired form dropped them, and carrying them further out on the field of battle, winning victory after victory, for their Lord and Master. That they take up where his trembling hand left off, and each of them earnestly try to make this old world a little more like heaven with the way easier for others to follow, a better place to live in. You will not disappoint dear old daddy, will you children?

Tender hands carried his body to the altar he had weathered with his tears so many times, where love banked his casket with a large offering of flowers. And in spite of the bad weather, an over-flowing congregation of sorrowing friends witnessed the last rights.

ROBERT SHORT.

Troxler

After an illness which did not seem serious until shortly before her passing, Mary Alva Troxler entered into rest on Friday, January 7, and was buried on the following Sunday afternoon in the Fair Grove cemetery, the funeral being conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. W. Bates, assisted by Rev. Paul Hamilton, pastor of Brown Summit Methodist Protestant church.

Miss Alva lacked just nine days of being 63 years old. She was the daughter of Isaac R. and Mary Katherine Troxler, who with one sister, preceded her in death. She is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Emma Murphy, of Starks, Fla.; Mrs. Albert Troxler, of Brown Summit; Miss Belle; and two brothers, Hugh and John, who, with Miss Belle, live at the home place near Brown Summit.

The register of Fair Grove church does not carry the date of her conversion and acceptance into membership, but they go back to her childhood. And through all the years since, she was faithful to the vows she took as a little girl. We shall miss her in the home, the church, and the community. But our loss is her eternal gain. She rests from her labors, and her works, the outgrowth and fruitage of a good life, do follow her. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all members of the family, who feel her absence so keenly.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

Loy

Mrs. Henry Loy was born in Cumberland county on the 9th of July, 1879. Her soul departed this life on the 23rd of December, 1937. She was in ill health for about two years. She bore her illness with great patience and gladly submitted to her Father's will.

For a number of years she was a member of the First Methodist Protestant church in Burlington. She was very faithful in her attendance upon the services of the church so long as her health permitted. She believed in the program and mission of the church. She tried to get others to do the same. Frequently she talked about the church and she gave evidence that the church was dear to her heart.

Mrs. Loy believed in the right as she saw the right. She had strong convictions and she was ever true to those convictions. Customs and styles might change, but this did not matter with her. She cared not about conventionalities, it made no difference what the crowd did, she ever remained true and loyal to the right as she saw the right.

She had great faith in prayer. When the minister called she did not want him to leave unless he had a word of prayer with her. She loved har family and prayed often for them. She loved her church and prayed often for the success of her program.

May the bereaved be comforted with the peace and blessing of our compassionate and loving heavenly Father.

FRED W. PASCHALL, Pastor.

Robert A. Davis

Mr. Robert A. Davis died at his home in Chapel Hill township, Orange county, the morning of January 11, at 9 o'clock, having been in declining health for some time. He was 70 years of age. His death came as a great shock to his family and friends. For years he has been a loyal member of Union Grove church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Caroline Davis, and six children: Luther, June, Mrs. Nora Thompson, and Mrs. Pearl Cates, all of Orange county, and Charlie and Robert Davis, of Roanoke Rapids; and one brother, Walter Davis, of Greensboro.

The funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon, January 12, at 1 o'clock, at Union Grove M. P. church, with the pastor of the church, Rev. C. P. Morris, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pall-bearers were: Liter Riley, Herbert Riley, Curry Roberts, Ira Ray, John Cates, and Mitchell Lloyd.

C. P. MORRIS.

George W. Hayworth

George W. Hayworth, a well known and prosperous farmer of the Mt. Pleasant community, of Davidson county, was born on September 8, 1865, and departed this life January 28, 1938; aged 72 years, 4 months and 20 days. He was the son of the late Andrew and Cynthia Pitts Hayworth.

He was married to Miss Susan Murphy, daughter of the late J. M. and Barbara Murphy, on December 24, 1885. To this union was born one daughter, Erma Hayworth Leonard, of Lexington; two sons, Clay I. Hayworth, who departed this life May 1, 1930, and J. Cletus Hayworth, of High Point, Route 2. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and one son, named above; one brother, Martine Hayworth, of High Point, Route 2; one sister, Mrs. S. J. Frazier, of Kernersville, Route 1; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild, together with a host of relatives and friends, to mourn his passing.

More than 55 years ago he professed faith in Christ and joined Mount Pleasant church. He was not only a faithful member, but one of the most active members in all things pertaining to the upbuilding of the church and community in which he lived; having served on the Board of Stewards for many years and at the time of his death was chairman of the Board of Trustees. He was so regular in his attendance that when he was absent the question would be asked, "Is there sickness at George Hayworth's?"

He was not only a faithful servant of Christ, a man devoted to his family, but he was likewise so loyal to his neighbors that in times of distress and need he was always found present to lend a helping hand.

The family wish to thank their friends for their many kindnesses, expressed in words, deeds, flowers, and otherwise. And especially do they want to thank the neighbors who have been so faithful in their help during the illness and death of their husband and father.

Funeral service for Mr. Hayworth was held from Mt. Pleasant church, Sunday, January 30, at 2 p.m. The attendance was exceedingly large. The profuse and lovely floral offerings were typical of the love and esteem of his many friends for him. The service was in charge of the writer, assisted by Rev. O. C. Loy, of Lexington, and Rev. J. L. Leavens, of Greensboro.

The Junior O. U. A. M. had charge at the grave. WM. H. NEESE.

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Lee Roy Tap

Mr. Lee Roy Tap was born near Efland, April 3, 1889, died January 28, 1938, aged 46 years, nine months and 15 days. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. L. J. Hogan, Graham, route 1; two brothers, T. R. Tap and P. F. Tap, of Efland, route 2, and 12 nieces and nephews. He was in service during the World War, 1917-1918. He was a member of Eagle Lodge No. 19, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, for about 25 years.

The funeral service was conducted by C. P. Morris at Chestnut Ridge church, and the Masonic Lodge had charge of the service at the grave. May God's blessings sustain his relatives and friends who mourn his departure from this life.

C. P. MORRIS.

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Bobbie Culberson

Bobbie, the seven-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Culberson, passed away on Wednesday, January 19, a victim of pneumonia. This child budded on earth to blossom in heaven. We are sorry for Mr. and Mrs. Culberson in the loss of their only child. May our Heavenly Father comfort them. Mrs. Culberson is a member of Rock Creek church, Alamance charge.

Rev. Ben Millikan and the writer conducted the funeral at Cane Creek Friends church on the afternoon of January 20. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Resolution of Respect—Mrs. Robert Jenkins

The Philathea class of which Mrs. Jenkins was a member, authorized the following resolution:

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has taken from us our beloved member and friend, Mrs. Robert Jenkins;

Resolved, That we, the members of the Philathea class of State Street Methodist Protestant church, of Lexington, deeply regret the loss of our beloved sister and co-worker, whose loyalty and devotion to her class was always faithful, and unswerving, whose sweet character was an inspiration to all members and whose kind disposition was ever a source of joy to us all. Her kind face, her honest wholesome advice, her staunch loyalty and her simple, unassuming Christian spirit will long be remembered and treasured by her friends, and especially by the members of this class;

Resolved further, that we extend to the bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy and earnestly pray the Comforter of all to look down in tender mercy and heal the broken hearts of those who mourn;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions besent to the bereaved family, to the Dispatch, the Herald, and that a copy be placed in the minutes of this class.

We submit these beautiful lines to her as a mother:

In Heaven above
The angels whispering to one another
Can find among their terms of love,
None so beautiful as that of mother.
As days and years go on, we'll miss your love,
That ever shared our joys and sorrows
through,
But tho' we've lost you for a while,
Dear one, when life is through
In that dear land where you have gone,
We will find you.

THE PHILATHEA CLASS.

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Riley W. Green

On January 19, 1938, the death angel again visited Love Joy community carrying away another of her older citizens, Mr. Riley W. Green, age 74 years.

On March 12, 1889, Mr. Green was married to Mary J. Simmons, who survives him. To this union were born seven children, two having preceded him in death, five of whom survive; three sons, Carl, Clyde, and Marvin Green; two daughters, Mrs. Lola Strider and Miss Stella Green, all of Troy. Seven grandchildren and one great-grandson, also a host of relatives and friends mourn his going.

In early boyhood Mr. Green professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and united with the Forks of Little River Baptist church, of which he remained a faithful member until his death.

He was a loving husband and a devoted father. To know Mr. Green was to love him. He had a very winning personality and quickly gained the friendship of those with whom he came in contact.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon, January 20, at 2:30 o'clock, from Love Joy M. P. church by the pastor, Rev. E. G. Cowan, assisted by Rev. Trammel, pastor of Forks of Little River Baptist church. Interment was made in Love Joy cemetery beneath a beautiful blanket of flowers. Pallbearers were Barna Russell, Wade Cox, J. E. Ledbetter, Deward Vuncannon, Auley Morris and Paul Reynolds.

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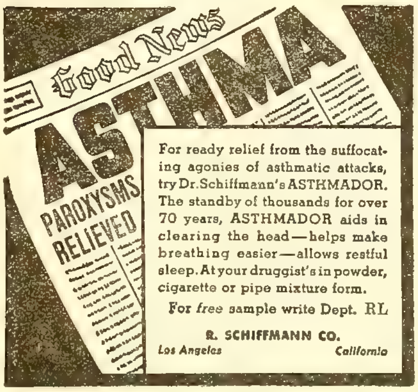

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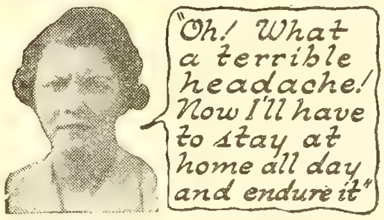
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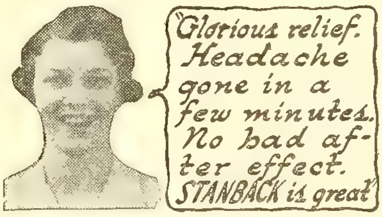
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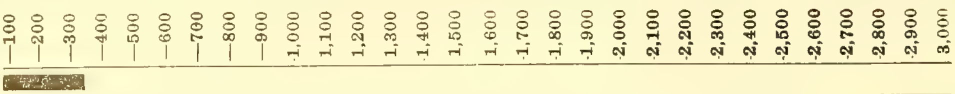

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REV. N. G. BETHEA
Subscription Booster

We are told that big bodies move slowly. That is not always the case, certainly not in the case of large charges. Some of them move along rapidly. This is especially true when there is a moving little fellow at the head of the line. Meals are gotten some times by cooks that are not so large, and then by large ones. There is no rule along this line but what there is some deviation. Anyway Cook is not a very large fellow, but he put Love's Grove ahead last week in the matter of money. Fine list for you Earl. Hope you keep that up till you be standing on top of the world with your quota. There is a steady growth of subscribers coming in which looks good. That line at the top is growing slowly. My, but it would be fine to see that reach out to the 3,000 line. Come on fellows, let us do our best to put it there one time. That would be a fine thing to take into the Union—a reading membership as well as a consecrated people. Of course when the latter comes to pass they will want to know what is going on in the Kingdom.

We are glad to welcome Cleveland to the heavy line in subsidy this week. You watch that other line from up there and see what happens soon. When a fellow passes the middle he finds it much easier to finish up. Try getting to the middle and keep rolling and see if it is not easier. That Cook came in with a good payment from Love's Grove this week, too. Four other charges have made payments on this. Fine business! Keep it coming.

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Prayer—Almighty Father, let not the experiences of our past days be lost upon us! Fix in our minds every lesson of faith and duty which thou hast been teaching us! Grant us a fresh consecration, a very honest and deep desire to live according to thy will! Amen.

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For What Is Your Life?

St. James asks this question which searches our understanding. And here are some answers given by preacher, poet and the Word of God. They should help us to a fuller understanding of what it means to be alive in this world of opportunity.

Your lives will be measured by the things you are alive to; and by the things you make alive. As we have live wires and dead wires, you will be one or the other; transforming power, or with broken connections.—*Rev. Harry L. Reed, D.D.*

When God is with man there is life, and life never stands still. We may be sure if God dwells in us, and if His grace is in our lives, we grow.—*Rev. Wm. R. Siegart, D.D.*

There is no halo without vision. The gravest danger to life is that it may become absorbed in the immediate.—*Dean Thomas W. Graham.*

Life here is an unfinished symphony.—*Rev. J. H. Baird, D.D.*

Life is real, life is earnest
And the grave is not the goal.
—*Longfellow.*

The life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.—*St. Paul.*

Life is too short to waste
In critic peep or cynic bark,
Quarrel or reprimand,
'Twill soon be dark;
Up, mind thine own aim, and
God speed the mark.
—*Emerson.*

One deed may mar a life
And one can make it;
Hold firm thy will for stripe
Lest a quick blow break it.
—*Richard W. Gilder.*

There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.
—*Shakespeare.*

Life is not an idle ore,
But iron dugged from central gloom,
And heated hot with burning fears,
And dipt in baths of hissing tears,
And battered with the shocks of doom.
—*Tennyson.*

Take heed and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he possesseth.—*Jesus.*

This is life eternal that they might know Thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.—*Jesus.*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

The Quarterly Assembly

I am giving here the program of our quarterly assembly which is to be held at Lebanon Church, High Point, on Monday, February 14, beginning at 10:30 a. m. All ministers, their wives and as many laymen (this includes women also) as can come. Sit right down and write Rev. O. L. Easter, the pastor, telling him that you will come and how many people will be with you.

10:30 A. M.—Devotional, Rev. J. D. Williams, D.D.

10:45 A. M.—Introductory remarks by the chairman.

10:50 A. M.—The Fellowship Crusade up to date, Rev. R. M. Andrews, D.D.

11:10 A. M.—General discussion.

11:20 A. M.—Raising the Annual Conference Budget, Rev. C. W. Bates, D.D.

11:40 A. M.—An All-year Program of Evangelism, Rev. E. O. Peeler.

12:00 M.—Lunch, to be served by the Lebanon women at 35 cents per plate.

1:25 P. M.—Hymn.

1:30 P. M.—Better financial support for pastors, Rev. W. H. Neese.

1:50 P. M.—More Money for Church Extension, W. L. Ward, Treasurer.

2:10 P. M.—Hymn.

2:15 P. M.—Raising the quota for HERALD subscriptions, Rev. T. G. Madison.

2:35 P. M.—Making new charges for a growing list of ministers, Rev. N. G. Bethea, D.D.

2:55 P. M.—Translating Words into Deeds, the chairman.

3:00 P. M.—Adjournment.

A Sunday Morning at Enfield

I was at Enfield for the 11 o'clock service last Sunday. The original plan was for Rev. D. R. Williams, the pastor, to preach at Whitaker's Chapel while I was preaching at Enfield, however, when I arrived at Enfield I found that Brother Williams had been ill for a couple of weeks and that he would not be able to attend any of the services during the day. The appointment at Whitaker's Chapel had been called in and several of the people from there came into Enfield. When I entered the building the Sunday School lesson was being taught. The adult class was meeting in the auditorium and was being taught by a Mr. Baker, I believe. Any way, he seemed to have unusual abilities for teaching and I sat there and marveled at the great store of information which he possessed and the apt illustrations which came to his mind. When the school reassembled an even dozen young women of approximately uniform age and size came into the choir loft to furnish special music. The attendance at Sunday School was slightly smaller than it was a year ago but the offering was considerably larger. It was a great privilege to preach to these people. They are cultured and refined and know how to express their appreciation. A vested choir furnished the leadership for the music at the Church hour with special music by a visiting singer. While I regretted that the pastor could not be in the service yet things ran smoothly any way.

A Sunday Evening at Whitakers

At the evening hour my appointment was at Whitakers church. Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, who is heading up the Fellowship Crusade in this Church, had asked for some one to render assistance and it fell to my lot to go. Special invitations had been mailed out to all the members and a goodly number had responded to the invitations. After the cause had been presented the cards were passed and some of them were signed and returned. Pledges amounting to $41 were received. The roll of the membership of the Church was called and the absentees were checked so they can be interviewed later. It is the hope of Mrs. Cutchin to reach the quota at this Church. What I have said about the Enfield Church in the way of culture and refinement might be said also of Whitakers. This Church is one of the most loyal which we have in the Conference. Both Churches have nice brick buildings and while the membership is not large they usually get on the Conference honor roll. Miss Mollie Wheeles, the HERALD agent told me Sunday night she expected to send in the remainder of the HERALD quota of subscriptions this week. So, Dr. Bethea, the the booster for the HERALD, might just as well tune up his biggest horn and get ready to give forth one mighty blast next week that will resound throughout the entire country side.

Brother Williams is one of the few pastors in our Conference who really serves three Charges. One Charge consists of Enfield and Whitakers Chapel, one consists of Whitakers Church and the other is Roseneath. Enfield and Whitakers used to be served by two different pastors but for the past few years one pastor has served both. While Roseneath has not been listed in the *Journal* for the past two years as a separate Charge yet my understanding is that it is separate and that Brother Williams gives them certain appointments during the month. It has never been my privilege to visit this Church. The Churches in this section are located near the place where the N. C. Annual Conference was organized, this being at Whitaker's Chapel only six miles from Enfield. While we have some loyal people in this part of the state yet our Churches have not grown as much there as in some other places. Rev. D. R. Williams is serving his second pastorate in these communities and is held in high esteem. I trust his health may soon be restored so he may be able to go on with the work.

Quarterly Reports

Quarterly reports are coming in rather rapidly now and I am hoping to give a resume of them next week.

Appointments

Sunday, February 13—North Davidson Charge: Bethesda at 11 o'clock and Mt. Pleasant at 3 o'clock.

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A Message in Verse

THY STRENGTH AND MY DAY

Give me Thy strength for my day,
That wheresoe'er I go,
There shall no danger daunt me
And I shall fear no foe;
So shall no task o'ercome me,
So shall no trial fret,
So shall I walk unwearied
The path where my feet are set;
So shall I find no burden
Greater than I can bear,
So shall I have a courage
Equal to all my care;
So shall no grief o'erwhelm me,
So shall no wave o'erflow—
Give me Thy strength for my day, Lord,
Cover my weakness so.

—*Annie Johnson Flint.*

The Seat of Authority

Every life is impelled by two forces, one from within, another from without. These often clash, then pandemonium reigns in that life. While the force from within drives us out into activities which we like and desire to perform, the force outside us may drive us into circumstances and activities which though displeasing to us become just as real to us. The one is choice, the other is necessity. The great problem of life is the coordination of these forces.

Jesus said the "Kingdom of God is within you." As we understand it, he was saying the kingdom when it is come to earth will be set up in the lives of human beings. The rulership of the Holy Spirit will be the domain of the soul. It was this consummation the sacred writer had in mind when he said, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God"; and when Jesus called his followers to this highest of all spiritual altitudes, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," he had in mind the state of spiritual growth when all evil shall be cast out of the life.

It is in such a state of mind and heart that the seat of authority is set up. It is in such a state that man shall live above the law and thereby be free from the limitations of the law; it is in such a state that man shall dispose of all ordinances and rituals and ceremonies as means of grace because he no longer needs them. Like the cripple who has used the crutch until the wounded member is well when he discards it. The daily problem of the Christian is to enthrone Christ in the life so that Christ's will becomes his will, and Christ's work, his work, and Christ's technique, his method of service.

Sentence Sermons

Anger is like rain; it breaks itself on what it falls.—*Seneca.*

Love at the cross is lifted up gleaming with divine radiance, and Golgotha, the place of the skulls, is a garden of souls.—*Hugh Black, D.D.*

There are two aspects to every strong life—fruitage and and rootage, activity and receptivity, tension and relaxation, working hard and resting back.—*Harry M. Fosdick.*

I am most foolish if I do not listen while my worst enemy abuses me to see if out of his abuse I may not catch some intimation of where my weakness lies and what my faults are.—*Phillips Brooks.*

As the potters puts the vase in the oven so that out of frailty it may become strong, that mere clay may be changed to opal, that evanescent colors may become vitrified and indellible, and the whole fabric be glorified and made worthy of the palaces of kings; so the divine Potter subjects us to one furnace after another until the work of his hands becomes the image of his thought, divinely perfect and beautiful, worthy of his palace and presence.—*W. L. Watkinson, D.D.*

Thought Seeks its Level

Watch an audience when a reactionary speaks to it; he divides the house very quickly. Those who will have no part in advancing the work of the Kingdom by their efforts and means begin at once to nod their heads and say amen with loud and strident tones. They seem to glory in failure and are mightily moved by those who can prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the condition is so bad nothing can be done about it. Then let a speaker with faith in his heart and hope in his words arise and declare his belief and program and a different group begins to nod their heads and to say amen as a declaration of their purpose that the time has come when something should be done and change and improve the present bad conditions. Yes, thought, like water, seeks its level.

Shiloh Church, Shiloh Charge

The Director of the Crusade visited this Church last Sunday. At 10:30 o'clock there were between fifty and seventy-five cars parked in an orderly manner in front of the Church, and not one person in them or on the grounds outside the Church—how unusual. The grounds are well kept, the Church buildings are in good repair and a splendid audience inside. The Fellowship Crusade was presented, cards distributed and the pastor expects them to be returned by next Sunday, and he believes Shiloh congregation will do their part in a splendid manner.

The Objective Case

It appears that some people were born in the objective case. Their main contribution to the affairs of men is the opposition they can stir up against them. Not having the gift of initiation nor the grace of cooperation, they being eager to take a part in what goes on, can throw stones, and can find fault, for there is usually much that is imperfectly done by those who labor.

HOW TO INCREASE CHURCH ATTENDANCE

By Roger W. Babson and members of the Commission on Church Attendance, of the Congregational and Christian Churches. Published by Fleming H. Revell Company, 1936; 160 pages, price $2.00.

Mr. Babson's book is an outgrowth of more than six years of study by a special commission, appointed by the General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches in 1929 to study Church attendance. The conclusions reached and the statistics given are applicable only to the Congregational and Christian Churches. But it is fair to assume that the facts are relative to all large Protestant denominations, and the suggestions and recommendations offered will be most helpful to any minister or laymen.

Mr. Babson has not reviewed the whole problem of Church attendance himself, but has discussed only the subject assigned to him, which is the first chapter of the book and the subject is "Outworn Customs." Under one heading he says, "a dozen laymen combining could fill any Church and keep it filled every Sunday, *minister or no minister.*"

There are nineteen others, specialists in their fields, who have contributed to this volume.

Rev. J. W. Braxton.

THE FELLOWSHIP CRUSADE

I think the Fellowship Crusade is a wonderful move of the Methodist Protestant Church, for the Church people to see the need of being united by the Spirit of God. As we face Church Union, we as individual Churches must go into it with our hearts filled with the Spirit of God. I think the Crusade has led us to feel the need of closer fellowship with God and is leading those who are willing to be led into greater paths of service. I think if we will adopt the objectives and truly apply it to ourselves by living a life every day that shines out for Christ, the Aims of the Fellowship Crusade will be accomplished.

Miss Artie Bowers.

PLEASE

Brother Reiner closes his books the last day of February. He has written me to ask that I try to pay the *Journal* bill before that date. But how can I except the pastors send in the money they have received for *Journals?* I am therefore saying, PLEASE bring your money to the meeting at High Point next Tuesday, or, if you do not plan to attend, PLEASE send it to me by that date. Thank you.

C. W. Bates, *Secretary,*

Brown Summit, N. C.

PAYING THE PASTOR

We do not believe there is a community in the state boasting more conscientious ministers than will be found occupying the pulpits of Reidsville and surrounding territory, and we feel sure Church-goers who are expected to support these pastors too often overlook the fact that they are among the poorest paid men in America.

This statement is made after having read that in a recent survey shows that 60 per cent of the ministers of the gospel are receiving less than is earned by the average day-laborer or farm hand. Of the other 40 per cent it would probably be safe to presume that one-half of them break even with common laborers as to wages. That would leave about 20 per cent of them earning more than we pay men who do not have to spend years in study and preparation for their lifework.

Every resident of this community is invited to give this subject some serious study. Isn't something wrong with a country that pays more for having its ditches dug than for having the souls of its people saved? Or that rewards a man who knows only enough to guide a plow as liberally as it rewards those who guide the nation in the straight and narrow path, and who point the way to higher, better and nobler living? Think it over and then ask yourself this question: "Am I doing all that I might do and should do to put the preachers of this community on a little better financial footing?"

The foregoing article is taken from the editorial pages of the Reidsville (N. C.) *Review.* It was not written by a preacher; but by a very busy man who is a leader in business and civic affairs. For this reason it ought to carry tremendous weight with all churchmen who read it. If more such articles were written by laymen and published in the so-called secular press, the Churches as well as the preachers would be materially helped.

Geo. R. Brown.

"YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY ORDERS BY CONFERENCES"

The 1938 orders have exceeded all previous records, reaching 457, distributed as follows: Maryland, 88; North Carolina, 69; Ohio, 49; Indiana, 37; Pittsburgh, 31; West Virginia, 28; Eastern, 17; Ft. Smith-Oklahoma, 16; Illinois, 14; Michigan, 12; Louisiana, 11; Texas, 10; Onondago, 10; Kansas, 9; Mississippi, 9; Arkansas, 8; Iowa-Missouri, 8; Missouri, 7; Georgia, 5; Alabama, 4; Florida Mission, 4; North Mississippi, 3; South Carolina, Colored, 3; Colorado-Texas, Colored, 3; South Carolina, 1; and Washington Mission, 1.

F. L. Gibbs,
Executive Secretary,
Department of Religious Education.

Pittsburgh, (16), Pa.

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"I would not seek to live
Without thy heritage divine,
O fill me with thy Spirit, Lord,
'Till all I am and have are thine."

—*Ralph W. Keeler.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Favorite Chapters of the New Testament

A the suggestion of a certain student I have prepared what I call the favorite chapters of the New Testament. As I said of the list of outstanding chapters of the Old Testament published last week, there is no certainty that my selection will tally with the selection made by anyone else. But here is the group I rank as favorite chapters of the New Testament.

MATTHEW 5. The Beatitudes. This is a part of the Sermon on the Mount. It gives what might be called a sort of "platform" for citizenship in the Kingdom.

MATTHEW 6. This also is part of the Sermon on the Mount. I select it because it contains the Lord's Prayer—a very popular and profound teaching which lies at the heart of our Christian faith and ritual.

LUKE 2. The Christmas Story. The account of the birth of the Savior is also told in the gospel by Matthew, but I believe this record in Luke is more popular and beautiful than that found anywhere else. It is too important and sublime to leave out.

LUKE 15. Favorite Parables. The entire chapter is made up of parables—some of the most significant spoken by our Lord. And since parables constituted such a large range of His teachings, I deem it altogether proper to include this particular chapter. The parable of the Prodigal Son is a masterpiece, seldom if ever surpassed, while other remarkable lessons are to be found in the same selection.

MARK 15. The Resurrection Story. This might be called the Easter chapter. Other gospels give the same story, but it seems to me that Mark has a special gift at rendering the account dramatic and full.

JOHN 3. The Spiritual Kingdom. This chapter carries the immortal "three-sixteen" passage. It also tells of the new birth—being born of the Spirit.

JOHN 14. "Let not your heart be troubled." The Gospel according to St. John is considered the most consoling, and here we have the finest expression of this comfort and consolation. It has been a favorite of the saints in all ages.

JOHN 17. The Prayer of Jesus. In some sense this is really the "Lord's Prayer" instead of that we ordinarily use as such, for here Jesus is really praying, not telling others how so to do. If you will read it carefully you will be moved by the intensity, the love, and the mystic meaning of the prayer. It relates Christ to God and man to Christ, the mystic union of the body of believers.

ACTS 9. Paul's Conversion. This is tremendous in its own right, and even more so, perhaps, as it marks the turning point in the history of Christianity.

ACTS 15. The Council of Jerusalem. The traditional and the liberal met in conference. Love and understanding won. It was decided that the new Christians should not be required to enter the communion by way of the Jewish rites. A victory for liberalism.

ROMANS 12. The Christian Endeavor Chapter, this is called. It presents the practical side of the new faith.

I CORINTHIANS 13. The Supremacy of Love. First Corinthians shows Paul the patient teacher, helping solve the numerous problems of the young Church. After answering many perplexing issues Paul breaks forth in the "more excellent way," the way of love or charity. The result is the most superb tribute to Christian love we have on record.

I CORINTHIANS 15. Assurance of Immortality. The longest sustained treatise on immortality anywhere to be found in the scriptures.

GALATIANS 6. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness." Here is spiritual living in application. It may be called applied Christianity.

II TIMOTHY 4. Paul's Last Words. I selected the account of Paul's conversion—the beginning of his Christian career, and I also wanted to give the account of its termination.

PHILEMON I. A Personal Letter. This little book of only one chapter is Paul's letter of recommendation to his old friend, Philemon, in the interest of Onesimus, the run-away servant. It is the only purely personal letter we have from the hand of Paul.

HEBREWS 11. The Heroes of Faith. Here are listed those who "through faith" have accomplished what appeared impossible to earthly minds. These heroes lived by faith—" of whom the world was not worthy."

JAMES 3. Virtues of the Tongue. The book of James is often classified as the "wisdom literature" of the New Testament, and this third chapter, one of the best sections, magnifies the wisdom of correct speech. The whole book is intensely practical; nothing theological or speculative about James.

REVELATION 21. The New Heaven and the New Earth. A grand climax to the whole Bible. Of course the 22nd chapter also extends the picture, but this particular section abounds in the glories of the triumphant Church, the goal and the victory of the Kingdom.

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APPRECIATING THE FELLOWSHIP CRUSADE

My understanding of the Fellowship Crusade is to extend God's Kingdom here on earth, and if we are to keep the Spirit of Christ I feel that Union is necessary.

We, as Methodist Protestants should enter into this wholeheartedly with a willingness to do our part in every way. If the objectives of the Fellowship Crusade are met, we will not be ashamed to enter into fellowship with the other branches of Methodism.

I am thankful to God for this opportunity that I have to sign my pledge card to rededicate my life to His service and for the privilege of supporting it in a financial way. I have never had anything to come before me in my Christian experience that has impressed me like this has. I pray God's richest blessings upon this divine work.

MRS. BESSIE WRIGHTENBURY.

Pleasant Grove Church.

CONSERVING THE SABBATH FOR MAN

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, February 13, 1938

By REV. J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—Mark 2:23—3:6.

Golden Text—"And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man." Mark 2:27.

Since our last lesson was called "Challenging the Social Order" this one might well be called "Challenging the Religious Order." For certainly a very strict observance of the Sabbath was characteristic of the religious life of the Jewish people in Christ's day. Apparently many restrictions concerning the Sabbath had been laid down which represented "heavy burdens and grievous to be borne." So when the disciples of Jesus gathered a little wheat to eat that was unlawful work, and when Christ healed a withered hand that was a desecration of the day. It is no wonder, then, that the Master Who was forever concerned for the happiness and welfare of men was constantly challenging this system of burdensome customs and laws concerning the Sabbath day. In regard to this He makes a statement which was characteristic of the spirit of His life: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." In other words this day as all institutions is meant to be a blessing rather than a burden to be borne. To keep it is not an objectionable duty but an opportunity for rest and spiritual renewal.

To undertake to trace the history of the Sabbath day idea to its origin would be very difficult. It is evident however that it existed long before the decalogue was written. According to the Genesis story even God in creation set a precedent for resting on the seventh day. In the fourth commandment that is given as the reason why every seventh day should be set aside as a day of rest. Incidentally the command to work on the other six is just as binding as the command to rest on the seventh. Since this was to be a day of rest and joy it is quite natural that a great many religious celebrations should be observed then. However, by the time Christ came the Sabbath had become so bound by the clamy hands of tradition that it was more a day of burdens than it was a day of rest.

In the Christian movement Sunday or the Lord's Day resembles in many ways the Jewish Sabbath. It is beyond a doubt an outgrowth of the old law but it is adapted to a new usage. By Christ the purpose of the day was redefined. The disciples followed His example in making it a day of joy, rest, worship and doing good deeds. It came to be a day not upon which to observe petty restrictions, but a day upon which to cultivate the spiritual life both by worship and by doing good as well as a day of rest for the body. Later on the event of the resurrection came to be celebrated on the first day of the week and eventually that came to be the Christian Sabbath. In 321 A.D. this day was given legal recognition for the first time by the Roman authorities and all work except agricultural was forbidden. Down through the centuries to our present time this day has been observed in some form or other. Only a few times have governments seen fit to outlaw it and then but for a brief period. Experimentation has proved that it is not only a bulwark of Christian morality and human decency but of healthy minds and good manhood as well.

As we turn to study the public attitude toward the Christian Sabbath today we find a difficult situation. On the one hand we find the majority looking upon Sunday as a national holiday, a day upon which no work is to be done or anything else that is respectable, a day upon which recreation centers are to make their greatest hauls. Then we find a minority who are driven to the opposite extremes. They would easily qualify for membership in the fraternity of Scribes and Pharisees they would legislate morality; through law they would impose their own narrow views upon the whole world. To be able to follow the leadings of Christ through a maze of conflicting opinions like this is one of the most difficult things that a Christian has to do. In my own town, High Point, this subject is undergoing a very heated discussion. As I face our situation I blush with shame to recognize that our city has been so careless with an institution which experience has proved to be of such importance to the physical, moral and spiritual welfare of humanity. I am sorry that so many of our people are so greedy and so degenerate as to work and to drive others to work seven days a week. And then I am even more sorry that an even larger per cent of our people have helped to make this Sunday business profitable. On the other hand I realize that a return to the binding traditions of the Jews long ago would be no wise solution of the problem. Though I myself am willing to live according to the strictest laws I could not if I would nor would I if I could force my morality upon the world.

It seems to me that there are two things we must keep in mind: first, as Christians we have certain moral obligations to live up to regardless of law or custom. The Sabbath found Christ at prayer, at worship, resting or doing deeds of kindness. It was a glorious opportunity for spiritual culture. Unless Christian people prove themselves loyal to that ideal there is no law in the world that can preserve the Christian Sabbath. On the other hand as citizens we must be content with that law which the majority are willing to approve. That does not mean that the majority are always right but it does mean that law should represent the wishes of the majority. Through law we may seek to protect individual rights and to restrict this commercialization which for so many is making Sunday a day of burdensome work rather than a day of joy, rest and spiritual opportunity. The Sabbath was made for the good and well being of man. May God forbid, however, that Christian people depend upon the law to give them courage to stand for what they think to be right. If we ever learn to be Christians we will do it despite the world, and maybe despite the law rather than because of it.

The President's Letter

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Sunday, February 20 — Greensville Charge: 11 a. m., Mathew's Chapel; 2:30 p. m., Wesley's Chapel; 7:30, Philadelphia.

Sunday, February 27—11 a. m., Fountain Place.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

OUR STORY PAGE

CAP AND CANDLES

Oh, Lavrans, yours will be the most beautiful cap in all Jokkmokk!'' cried Karen, clapping her leather mittens together happily. Her brother leaned far over the icy surface of the stream and surveyed his reflection with much satisfaction.

''I can hardly wait to wear it to the festival,'' he replied proudly. ''But it should be fine! Didn't we spend all winter making it?''

''Still it was nice to have such bright, pretty colors to work with during the long months when it was always dark,'' Karen reminded him. She glanced toward the south where the sun, like a big, sleepy eye, barely peeped over the rim of the mountains. Lavrans looked, too, and both sighed with happy anticipation.

For in Lapland, above the Arctic Circle where Karen and her brother lived, summer is the happiest time of the year. Then for two whole months the sun never sets, day or night. Then, too, Lapps from miles around leave their lonely huts and make their annual visit to Jokkmokk, the tiny village on a newly-completed spur of the Swedish Railroad.

Surely Karen and Lavrans would never forget their first visit to Jokkmokk at festival time the summer before! They had ridden on their father's reindeer sleigh, high above the load of hides and bags of eiderdown which he was taking to market. Never had they even dreamed there were so many people in all the world—nor so many brilliant colors. For the Lapps love red and blue and green and yellow. At festival time they put aside their drab suits and caps of reindeer skin and vie with one another to see who can wear the brightest, fanciest clothes.

''I have yet to help mother plait the red wool into cords to wear around our wrists and ankles,'' Karen said importantly. ''We are making the tassels extra long this year.''

''Come, then, let's hurry back to the kata. There's so much to be done,'' her brother replied.

The two children stooped and entered the low doorway of the kata, the cone-shaped tent of reindeer skins in which they lived. A fire burned brightly in the center of the floor, its smoke going out through a hole in the roof.

''Well, well,'' their father greeted them, his eyes twinkling, ''somebody's already dressed for the festival. I wouldn't be surprised if that tasseled cap gets more attention than the new steam train!'' The children were all ears.

''Then will the train really come to Jokkmokk in time for us to see it?'' cried Lavrans.

''Indeed,'' his father replied. ''Already I hear the track is completed.''

Karen and Lavrans slept very little in their beds of soft fir twigs during the nights that followed. When at last the great day came, they donned their bright-colored clothes and climbed under the warm furs in their father's sleigh long before he was ready to start. The long whip cracked merrily and they were off, straight to the railway station in Jokkmokk to watch the wonderful steam train come in.

The wide-eyed children climbed off the sleigh. Lavrans proudly strutted up and down the platform. His soft deerskin cap, embroidered in bright wool and trimmed with beads and tassels, attracted many envious glances from his countrymen.

''The train—it's coming!'' shrieked Karen, drawing closer to her brother. The noisy iron monster thundered in, and the children gaped open-mouthed at the travelers who climbed right out of the panting beast's sides.

''What strange clothes they wear!'' Lavrans remarked, not realizing that his own elaborate suit and cap might also seem strange to them. While he and his sister stood staring at the foreigners, a boy and girl of their own age paused to look at Lavrans' cap.

Lavrans enjoyed their envious glances, even though he could not understand the foreign words they spoke to the lady who was with them.

At last the lady nodded, and opened the little black bag she carried. She counted out five round, shining pieces of metal and held them out in her palm. With the other hand, she pointed to Lavran's cap, then to her own boy's head.

''I think they want to buy your cap!'' Karen exclaimed.

Lavrans was aghast. He shook his head most emphatically in refusal. Even when the lady counted out five additional pieces of metal, he stoutly refused.

''The round pieces of metal are very pretty,'' he admitted to his sister, ''but of what use are they compared to my beautiful cap?''

Karen could not explain. Neither she nor her brother had ever seen a silver coin before. The lady, meanwhile, had said something to her two children and they trooped off to the hotel.

Lavrans and his sister looked around for their father. They saw him across the narrow street, bargaining with a storekeeper. When they joined him, he said, ''Help me load the things on the sleigh, Lavrans. I have traded our hides and eiderdown for the supplies we'll need this coming year.''

''What a lot of bundles!'' Karen exclaimed. Her father tried to smile.

''Not as many as I should like,'' he told her. ''I had hoped for just a few kroner extra this year. I thought I might surprise your mother with a box of those big tallow candles yonder. The train brought them today from Arvidsjaur. They would have added light to our dark winter.''

Karen gazed in awe at the picture on the box. It showed a tall, white stick with circles of light of many colors radiating from the top.

''These things you call candles must be wonderful to see!'' she whispered reverently. But her brother's thoughts had wandered elsewhere.

''What do the kroner you mention look like, Father?'' he asked curiously. His father pointed to some silver coins the storekeeper was dropping into a drawer. Both children gasped.

"Will those round things get us the beautiful candles?" Karen gasped incredously. But Lavrans had already grabbed her hand.

"Wait for us here, father," he shouted, dragging his sister toward the hotel. On the veranda they found the lady with her two children. Lavrans pulled off his cap and laid it at her feet. Then he held out his hand for the coins.

The lady looked surprised, then vigorously shook her head. She pointed to her son, who was now wearing a Laplander's cap. True, it was not nearly so elaborate as Lavrans' beautiful cap, but it seemed to suit the boy anyway.

Lavrans gulped hard and bravely picked up his cap. But Karen, when she thought of the wonderful candles her mother now would never own, burst into tears.

The lady seemed very sorry, and called the hotel clerk to find out for her why the children were so disappointed. Karen told her story in broken sentences, which the clerk translated into the foreign language.

The lady grew thoughtful. Then she told the clerk to explain that she still wished to buy a remembrance for her little girl. Would Karen be willing to make her a dress of fringed reindeer skin in exchange for a box of candles?

The children were overjoyed. Karen at once stood beside the strange girl to make sure of her size, while Lavrans ran to explain things to his father. Before they left for home they promised the lady to return with the dress in a very few days.

Once back in their kata, the children lost no time. Their father gave them a soft, pliant reindeer skin. Karen unraveled the bright woolen cords she and Lavrans had worn to the festival. Together they pierced the skin with sharpened bits of horn and worked the yarn into a lovely pattern. Narrow throngs of leather held the seams firm. Around the neck and sleeves Karen fastened fat little tassels that bobbed merrily at the slightest motion.

With pricked fingers and tired eyes, but with hearts very happy, the children told their father the dress was ready. He hitched up the reindeer and once more drove them to Jokkmokk.

The little girl put on the dress at once. She was delighted with it. And well she and her mother might admire it. For into the design Karen and Lavrans had tried to fashion the lighted candle as it was pictured on the box. Beautifully colored circles spread out from a brilliant center of orange beads.

While their father smiled proudly on, Karen and Lavrans led the kind lady to the store where the box of candles was for sale. Here she not only gave the storekeeper enough kroner to pay for the candles, she purchased a bright plaid scarf and a length of red hair ribbon for the children as well.

When the lady's daughter tied the big bow in Karen's dark hair, the Lapp girl nearly burst with pride. Lavrans shyly looked on while the strange boy showed him how to arrange the scarf around his neck. Then the happy family hurried away for the long drive home.

Many, many times during the long winter months which followed, Karen and Lavrans gazed in rapt admiration at the tall candle which lighted their crude home. As they watched its rays make shimmering circles of light in the smoky darkness, they nodded to each other. The beautiful picture of the lighted candle which now hung above the door and the colored wool they had embroidered in the girl's dress were never half so bright and pretty!—*Seth Harmon, in The Sentinel.*

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PLANNING MUSICAL EVENING? NEED PICTURES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Perhaps you did not read the announcement made in the columns of this paper about two months ago concerning the sample books of anthem music and religious art at your disposal for the asking.

Nearly fifty anthems have been selected and bound together for use of those who have problems with the kind of music to select for their Church choirs. Most of these are of a moderate degree of difficulty, and some are easy. They arrange in price from 5 cents to 12 cents. Some are suitable for special days, such as Palm Sunday, Easter, Commemoration, etc., while others are of a general character, such as praise, worship, consecration, morning and evening.

Likewise a book of reproductions of religious art pictures has been prepared. These include about as many pictures (as anthems), and are grouped under Children, Young People, Adult. The walls of your department or class room should have on them prints of the best pictures of Bible characters and times. These can be bought at various prices, from 4 cents to $2. Cheaper copies are obtainable for individual use.

If you desire to examine either or both of these books for two weeks, send 15 cents to cover wrapping and postage, to the writer, and he will be glad to send it or them immediately.

E. Lester Ballard.

165 Hillside St., Asheville, N. C.

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WILLIAM JAMES' CURE FOR WORRY

The cave man, if he is unduly repressed, may create trouble, and constantly be showing through the veneer of civilization. The opposite conception is also true. If a man represses his ideals, and assumes a veneer of blase unbelief, he may precipitate a serious conflict which will only be resolved by discovering a worthy ideal, and giving himself to do it. . . . As Professor James—the greatest figure in psychological medicine that America has produced — says: "The sovereign cure for worry is religious faith. The turbulent billows of the fretful surface leave the deep parts of the ocean undisturbed, and to him who has a hold of vaster and more permanently realities the hourly vicissitudes of his personal destiny seem relatively insignificant things."—*Henry Houston Aitchison.*

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"Dear Master in whose life I see
All that I long, but fail to be;
Let thy clear light forever shine
To lift and guide this life of mine."
—*John Hunter.*

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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LETTER FROM INDIA

Dear Friends:

At last the church paper has come and I have just read the report of the stationing committee, also the notes from the reporter, Joe. But after reading every word Joe had to say, I thought that it surely takes a few words to tell all the workings of a great conference working for six or eight days. There is so much I want to know and unless some of you good brethren happen to find an extra number of the minutes unsold and send it along I shall never know what you did. Yet from the few lines in the paper I take it for granted that you had a good time. I, too, went to conference for a couple of days last month. I was invited to address the Bombay conference of the M. E. church, which met about 100 miles away. They have quite a large conference in Western India. They were given an invitation to meet Dhulia the first session after union becomes a fact!

For a few days I have been at home keeping the children while Mrs. Minnis went with Dr. Lacy to Bombay for the Christmas shopping. The children were coming to visit me in camp but it is so cold in that place that I thought it unwise to take them out. So I have stayed here with them, doing a lot of work in preparation for work on our new church. We plan to put up the fence during Christmas week. Then, if the Lord approves, we shall begin clearing the ground for a home for the pastor.

This is the second camp since I last wrote. We are now having the finest hearing we have ever received. While no one has become Christian, yet lots of people have become very friendly and come to know much about the better way. In the last camp we were camping under a great tree just outside the village gate. The people came often to sit and talk with us. While these people as a whole are unable to read and write, yet they can ask more profound questions than a whole college of professors could answer! It keeps one on the toes all the while, but it is interesting. We have wonderful times. God has wonderfully blessed our efforts and the preachers are all happy in the work. As a whole it is the happiest group I have ever met. We have greatly benefited by Paul's advice—"Rejoice in the Lord." These are hard days on the preachers as our camp is very cold and we are up before day to go to our work. No fire nor hot water and the garment used for trousers is by no means a warm one. So out comes the call, time and again, "Be Happy."

In our last camp we made many friends among all caste. One day a high caste man came to me saying that his teacher had come to visit him. He was eating at his house. So he wanted to make a special meal for me also. He stated that he would get special merit if I would eat his dinner. I was tempted to say "No," as they eat lots of hot peppers. But I finally told him to bring it along and I would see what I could do for him. He came at noon and insisted that I eat it while he was there. But fearing that he would expect too much from me if I ate it in his presence, I put him off and took a look at it while he was away. To my great joy it was not hot but was a most tasty meal. While he could not eat with me yet we became warm friends. There was another who became very friendly. He was the gold-smith. He is a white leper but otherwise a very fine man. He was at our camp almost daily, sometimes two or three times a day. On the day before we were to break camp he came to us and asked to be allowed to give us our last meal. We knew that he would not eat with us but we consented to eat his meal. For all the preachers he sent the foods to be prepared. For me he had his wife prepare a very fine meal. We made many good friends in this village and in the towns around. In our present camp one of the head men from our last camp visited us and when we came for our evening service he came to see us and sat during the whole meeting. Many of these people are warming up and becoming interested. Only caste keeps them from becoming Christian. Many of them recognize the truth but cannot break from the whole family. Friends, it takes courage to be a Christian in India. But with us, will you please pray that courage will be supplied and many will make the step.

We were moving camp at Thanksgiving time so we came into Dhulia for Thanksgiving. We had a fine service at the farm in the afternoon, and a great crowd at night here at Dhulia. The houses were full, both here and at the farm. There were many Hindu friends at the service at the farm. Both places were beautifully decorated with the produce of the field and forest. It was a good Thanksgiving and we greatly enjoyed the day. Yes, we had pumpkin pie, no turkey but a big chicken or two and friends from a neighboring mission came, too.

When I read of the recent conference, how I did want to be there! And I was there in spirit and interest. Daily I followed you in your business. As the conference closed I followed you to your homes and new appointments. I pray that God will wonderfully bless you during the coming year. Mr. President, I congratulate you and wish you the best gifts in your new field.

While I would like to see you for a spell, yet I would be happier if you could visit us on our new charge. Much of our work is new all the time. You, too, would enjoy some parts of it. Mrs. Minnis has just asked me if I had looked at the corn in the garden. I went through the corn two days ago so I fear that it is hardly filled yet. But we have been enjoying corn for weeks. Tomatoes are also ripe. The early beets did not do well but by New Year we ought to be eating new beets. Celery does not do well but we have excellent lettuce now. Th garden is still blooming with summer flowers. The hollyhocks are just in their prime. The petunias are also blooming well. The sunflowers do best after the rains.

Just as soon as the bread is ready I am off to camp. The preachers are wondering why I have not returned. But I shall take the car and keep it there until we break camp for Christmas.

Don't forget that we are counting on you to continue praying with us for the new church. We need it.

J. F. MINNIS.

Dhulia, West Kandesh, India.
December 10, 1937.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Dear Friends:

Because I am sick and too weak and nervous to work at it, I am not sending in any report to the Herald this week. It is following the fifth Sunday anyway, and there are only just 12 small items to hold over to next week.

We are headed well into February, and because of the drop in offerings since Christmas we are getting badly behind again. This is rather disconcerting to a fellow who isn't well anyway. What shall we do about it?

A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"MAKING MY COUNTRY MORE CHRISTIAN"

Christian Endeavor Topic for Feb. 20, 1938

By REV. J. W. BRAXTON

Scripture text—Ps. 33:12; Isa. 11:1-5.

Hymn suggestions: "America," "America the Beautiful," "God of Our Fathers," "The Star Spangled Banner," "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life."

Suggestive points for prayer: "Thank God (1) for His blessings; (2) for the peace we enjoy as a people; (3) for every vestige of Christian influence in our social, political and economic life. Ask God (1) for minds that are alert to sin and peril; (2) for courage to work and pray and sacrifice for great causes; (3) for determined perseverance when the way seems hardest."—Standard C. E. Quarterly.

Suggestions for Leader

The topic for this week is a follow-up of the last week's topic. Like a doctor who first looks at his patient and examines him to determine the trouble. Then after finding the trouble he undertakes to do something about it in order that his patient may be cured, or relieved. Last week we undertook to look at our country to diagnose its strong and week points, or to determine its good and bad qualities. In doing this we found many good qualities which we hope may be preserved, but we also found a number of qualities, or trends, which are not good. We found the broken American home, crime, gambling, cheap literature, corruption in politics, and that within 20 years after we were told that we were fighting a war "to end war" we are spending more money than ever before in preparation for future wars. And now that we have found some of the troubles in our country it is time for us to see what we may do to make our country more Christian.

Questions Which May Be Discussed

1. What constitutes a Christian nation?
2. Dare we safely assume that somehow our national problems will be solved and the future will be bright, regardless of what effort is put forth?
3. Are both young and adult people of America acquainted with the world and national situations as we should be?
4. How can we better acquaint our citizenship with world and national issues?
5. What may youth do by way of education to make our country more Christian?

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Eden Church, Halifax Charge, W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor.—We are happy to have the return of our pastor, Mr. Howard, with us again this year. Our church has started the new year off with great prospects for a bright future working together for our Lord. Our congregations are very good at regular services and our Sunday school, although small, is doing a great work.

We decided, with our pastor's advice, to divide our auxiliary into circles. Mrs. Asa Whitley was appointed leader of Circle No. 1 and Mrs. Henry Willey as leader of Circle No. 2. Circle No. 1 met Wednesday afternoon, January 26, in the home of Mrs. F. M. Parker. We had a large number present. Means of making money were discussed and the decision was to sell chicken salad to customers in the town of Enfield. Circle No. 2 also held its meeting Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 26 at Mrs. Henry Willey's. They planned, as a means of making money, a fried chicken supper Thursday night Feb. 10 at the church hut.

We are happy to say we have no serious illness in our communitty at the present time. May the Lord bless us and help us to give our very best to his work. May our sincere prayers help our pastor in his great field of service and our loyal support help him to make this a great year for our Lord.

MRS. ASA WHITLEY, Reporter

Mt. Pleasant, North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, Jan. 23.—We have suffered a very great loss at Mt. Pleasant. An unselfish and strong Christian worker has been taken from us. Certainly Mt. Pleasant was fortunate to have Brother G. W. Hayworth as a member. He was always giving, always working to put over any constructive plan of the church. If it was money that was needed he was ready with more than his part, or if it was work or enthusiam he always gave heartily.

Brother Hayworth had been ill for several months, it made our hearts glad to see him back at church a few weeks ago, for we have missed him ever since he became sick, but there was always hope for his recovery. Now we face the realization that one of the most loyal and unselfish members our church ever had is gone from us, and we are greatly grieved. But there remains an inspiring memory and a powerful Christian influence.

On the fourth Sunday morning we observed Young People's Day. The entire morning activities, with the exception of the sermon, were in the hands of the young people of the church. Even the Sunday school was conducted entirely under the direction of the young people. Our superintendent, Mr. Hilton, believed that this idea was in keeping with the theme of the day, so he appointed the superintendent, secretary, teachers, and all other officers of the Sunday school from the younger set.

For the worship program Brother Neese selected David as the champion of the strength of Christian youth. He declared that David's strength was in his faith and his purity. What an inspiration to those of us who are entering the period of leadership and activity, not only in the church, but in social and economic affairs!

We might say the progressive element (and it begins to look like everybody is progressive) is actively pressing a campaign that was conceived long ago. That campaign is a drive to raise money to buy new benches for our church.

At present the benches from the old church building are in use, and they are not in harmony with the new building. They are both uncomfortable and unattractive, to say the least. We've known for a long time that they needed to be replaced, and now we're going to DO IT. Subscriptions are encouraging, and the benches are in sight.

J. R. PAYNE, Reporter.

Corinth Church, Littleton Charge, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Our pastor brought us yesterday at the 11 o'clock service one of the best sermons he has delivered since being on this work. It seems that each one is better than the one before. Mr. Trolinger is doing good work here. Just before the service the junior girls sang "Footsteps of Jesus."

We were very glad to see several new faces at church service Sunday and we give them a hearty welcome and hope they will come again.

We were very glad to see Mrs. W. I. Porter and Mrs. M. J. Morris back at church. They have been on the sick list. Our pastor has been sick, but we are glad to say he is able to be out again. Mrs. Sollie Walker and Mrs. Robert Morris are on the sick list now. Mrs. Morris was taken to Duke Hospital in Durham last week for treatment. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

A drive was put on Sunday to raise the annual conference claims. It is a race between a Ford V8 and a Chevrolet. Miss Tempie Carter is driving the Ford and Claude Insco is driving the Chevrolet.

A stewards' meeetings was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Morris on Friday night, January 28. After the business was disposed of the hostess served delicious refreshments.

"Listen for the wedding bells." We think they will soon be ringing for some of our church folks.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

Union Ridge, Forsyth Charge, R. A. Hunter, Pastor, Feb. 7.—We have started our new year by encouraging the people to be present at Sunday school and bring visitors, to reach 200 in attendance. When our superintendent, Mr. C. A. Cranford, was elected, he set the goal of 200 and hopes we can grow greater in attendance. We had 176 present the fourth Sunday in January. We are glad to see the interest shown, and we hope and pray that it will continue to grow higher during the year.

Rev. R. A. Hunter filled his regular appointment the fourth Sunday morning in January at 11 o'clock. There was a large crowd present to hear his inspiring message. Communion service was observed in commemoration of the Last Supper.

The Women's Auxiliary held its regular annual meeting Thursday evening, February 3, at the home of Mrs. W. E. Mabry, with an attendance of 18 members and two visitors. Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. C. A. Willard, president; Mrs. H. L. Miller, vice-president; Mrs. R. P. Hege, secretary; Mrs. R. M. Long, assistant secretary; Mrs. W. L. Hudson, treasurer; Mrs. J. F. Snider, pastor's aid. Mrs. R. A. Hunter led the devotions. Letters were read by Mrs. W. E. Mabry and Mrs. J. F. Snider. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. C. Z. Rothrock.

The young people of our church held a program Sunday night, February 6, using as a topic the challenge of youth. Miss Lea Joyner, of High Point College, was the speaker.

The members of our church are planning to build four Sunday school rooms in the near future.

We are glad to report that Mrs. J. L. Yountz is improving, and hope she will soon be able to be at church.

The Willing Workers class and Christian Endeavor society held their monthly meeting at the home of Clifford Drum. The meeting opened with a song. The devotional was led by Misses Anna Tesh and Elsie Mock. The Christian Endeavor business was presided over by Miss Mock. The leaders for the month are Misses Veola Evans, Anna Tesh, Clifford Drum, and Ray Wolfe.

Several of our young people attended the state-wide banquet at Burlington, Saturday, February 5.

H. L. MILLER, Reporter.

Friendship-Love's Grove, Earl A. Cook, Pastor, Feb. 7.—Our reporters have been very faithful, but since I have not written since coming to this work I will try to say a few things that are on the surface. Perhaps I am a little late in saying these things, but they are none the less true. We have been wonderfully received here in the community and at the churches, everything possible to make us comfortable has been looked after, and we have started to make this a good year for the Kingdom here.

Love's Grove.—There is much to be done and we are trying to find a way to do it. The Fellowship Crusade is now under way in all the churches here, and it has been accepted very favorably, and I am sure we will go over the top. The church has been painted inside, and is now very beautiful inside as well as on the outside. Plans are under way to build an altar, while the Ladies' Auxiliary is planning to put down new carpets. The new Methodist Hymnal is now under consideration, and in a few weeks we hope to have a good supply for this church. These folks at Love's Grove are very ambitious, and wish to do things well. They have already paid their part of the budgets which were accepted in the first quarterly conference, also their part of Herald Subsidy, and are now working hard on the subscription quota.

Friendship.—Here at Friendship we are doing things too. We are now in the act of finishing Sunday school rooms. Six rooms have been built, and the Sunday school and church are very proud of this project. The people here have long desired Sunday school rooms and have greatly needed them; now their desires have been realized. The Ladies' Auxiliary has several projects in mind. They have bought new chairs and window shades for the parsonage, and in their last meeting they authorized the parsonage trustees to buy paint to paint the parsonage inside, which will be a very worthy project. Yesterday a committee of five was appointed to investigate a project to brick veneer the church. It has been decided that it will be done within a very short while. This committee will bring in a report next Sunday for the church to act upon. The money is already in hand for this project. The ladies are now planning to make a payment on the budget soon.

Reports are that our attendance at both churches is increasing fast. The Sunday school attendance at Friendshsip has gone far over a hundred the last two Sundays, and we are still expecting a greater increase in the future.

Mrs. Harris Harwood is very sick at this time, also Mrs. Royal Hatley. Mrs. R. H. Shoe and Mr. Jonah Herlocker, shut-ins of the community, remain about the same. There are a few with measles yet in the community.

EARL A. COOK, Pastor.

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Alamance Circuit.—Plans are being made to hold our Young People's services at Sapling Ridge and Bethel this month—next Sunday afternoon at Sapling Ridge, and the fourth Sunday evening at Bethel. We are expecting Professor Archie Braxton, who coaches athletics at Eli Whitney High School, to made an address at Sapling Ridge. A special campaign is on during this month and next to increase the circulation of the Herald and to get more of our people to attend the preaching services. Committees have been appointed at each church to arrange for special music at each morning preaching service.

The following have remembered us with gifts recently: Mr. John Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Duley Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Gad Campbell, and Mrs. Lizzie Johnson. They have our thanks.

Among the sick are the following: Mrs. John M. Coble, Brother Will Pugh, and the one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Braxton. We hope and pray for them a speedy recovery.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Calvary, Greensboro, R. C. Stubbins, Pastor, Feb. 7.—Both our church and Sunday school attendance is unusually good at the present time. Quite an increase in the Sunday school attendance has been noticed lately.

Young People's Day was observed throughout the day January 30 at Calvary. Mrs. H. W. Highfill directed the services at the Sunday school hour. John Frank Williams acted as Sunday school superintendent. Burron Fleming assisted the pastor in conducting the devotions for the morning church service. At the evening hour Robert Fleming spoke on "Relationship Between the Church and the Christian Endeavor," and the Senior Christian Endeavor society, under the direction of Mrs. Mary D. Gerringer and Mrs. Floyd G. Reynolds, presented an impressive candlelight service.

Two of our church members were honored by the Greensboro Christian Endeavor Union at their recent quarterly C. E. Rally when Floyd G. Reynolds was elected president of the Christian Endeavor City Union, and Miss Viola Peeler was elected superintendent of publicity.

A delegation from our Senior Christian Endeavor society, accompanied by our pastor, attended the state fellowship banquet which was held at the First M. P. church, Burlington, Saturday evening, February 5.

Our Senior Christian Endeavor took part in the city union broadcast our radio station WBIG that was given last Thursday night, February 3, in observance of Christian Endeavor Week. Floyd G. Reynolds presided over the 30-minute broadcast.

After the presentation by Mrs. Mary D. Gerringer of the needs of the Minnis Fund, our church raised the $25 asked for.

John Plummer, Jr., who has been confined to the hospital and his home for about two months with a broken neck, has returned to school.

Three of our young church members were among the recent Greensboro high school graduates. They were: Miss Viola Peeler, and Burron and Robert Fleming, twins.

Among the indisposed church members at the present are: Mrs. J. W. Dixon, Mrs. Mary Coe, and Mrs. J. G. Sullivan.

Funeral services for Mrs. J. C. Andrews, "Aunt Tempy," 85 years old, were conducted by our pastor at the church, Saturday, January 29. "Aunt Tempy" was one of Calvary's charter members.

MRS. HOWARD R. NEECE, Reporter.

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North Davidson Charge, Wm. H. Neese, Pastor, Feb. 7.—The Canaan Ladies' Aid society met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hines, February 2, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was opened by singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Scripture lesson was read by the president, Mrs. Rose Smith. Mrs. John Robins led the prayer. The readings used centered around the Valentine idea. These were read by Mrs. Willie Tuttle, Mrs. Essie Craver, and the writer. The closing prayer was led by Mrs. Minnie Berrier.

During the business session it was decided to pay $50 toward buying a new roof for the church. There were 19 members present and three children. During the month 100 sick calls had been made and trays or fruit had been sent to nine people. The society voted to hold the spring thank-offering service February 20 at 7 p.m. Mrs. H. C. Nicholson will be the invited speaker.

During the social hour two contests were enjoyed. Mrs. Ethel Miller and Mrs. Paul Hines were the winners. At the close of the meeting we were all invited to the dining room, where a generous meal was enjoyed.

The other three churches on the work are planning to hold thank-offering services, as follows: Spring Hill, first Sunday night in March; Bethesda, second Sunday in March at 1 o'clock, and Mt. Pleasant, the date not fixed. We are hoping and praying that these four programs may be the best we have had yet.

The people on the work continue to remember us with good things to eat. Since our last report the following have remembered us: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Payne, Miss Annie Payne, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. George Berrier, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Swaim, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Byerly, and Miss Bessie Swaim. Then a few Sundays ago at Bethesda, when we started to leave the church, we found that our car had been broken into, but instead of the folks taking something from the car they had put things in the car that helped to cut down the parsonage grocery bill. The only names we could find on the packages were the following: Mrs. C. M. Yokely, Mrs. J. O. Everhart, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Leonard. There were quite a number of packages without names; we presume the donors were afraid they would be caught up with. We wish to assure not only the Bethesda people but all who have in any way added to our happiness, that they have our thanks.

MRS. WM. H. NEESE.

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Matthews' Chapel, Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor.—Our work here is still being carried on. It seems we are kept quite busy with our building project, and other church work.

Our pastor was with us yesterday, bringing us a message on the Fellowship Crusade, and we hope our people will fall in line, and do our part in this work. Following the message the Lord's Supper was administered.

Our Sunday school has about the usual enrollment and attendance. The Senior class having the largest enrollment of 32 fine young people from the age of 15 to 25; this being taught by the writer, and it is indeed a pleasure to meet with them from time to time.

On the third Sunday in this month at 11 o'clock we are looking forward to having our president, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, with us.

The young people of our church are planning to meet next Sunday evening, February 13, to organize a Young People's society.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met Saturday with 13 members present, we will meet again March 5. At that time new officers will be elected.

Our new church is beginning to look good, the painters have been busy and by spring we hope to have our carpet down and everything completed. We are planning to beautify the yard and plant shrubbery in the spring. We trust that we as a body of members, may cooperate for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Mrs. J. C. Whitley is able to be out again after having her tonsils removed.

LOTTIE EDWARDS, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, J. W. Braxton, Pastor. — Sunday school was opened February 3 by the superintendent, W. A. Stafford, with an attendance of 208 and 13 visitors. Through Sunday school and preaching service, Young People's Day was observed, with one of our young men, Earl Kirkman, in charge.

Our pastor then delivered a most inspiring message to the youth, using as his text Matt. 20:28. He told us so many young people were educating themselves without a purpose in life. The best thing we can do is to share some great ideal with the world in which we live and give the best there is in us to make that ideal a realization. Say as Jesus did. "I came not into the world to be ministered unto but to minister." A large crowd filled the church for this service.

The regular P. T. A. meeting was held Wednesday night at Nathanael Greene School with Mt. Pleasant community as hostess.

The Willing Workers class will hold its regular monthly meeting Saturday night, February 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Causey, with Lillian Arrington, Elaine and Eloise Causey as hostesses. The party will be a Lincoln's day party, and invitations are written on a facsimile of Lincoln's birthplace.

Arrangements are being made for a party to be given for the Willing Workers and Class in the Corner. This will be held in the church basement Saturday night, February 19.

Mutt Bowman returned home from Durham hospital Sunday much improved. He had the misfortune to have his nose and cheek bone broken and an eye injured, caused by being hit with a rim from a tractor wheel.

Dan Bowman and J. T. Shoffner, who have been ill, are better. Mr. Shoffner has been confined to his home since last August, and we have missed him and Mrs. Shoffner very much, for they are two of our loyal members. Mr. Eck Hudson is not so well at this writing.

REPORTER.

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Porter Church, Rev. C. G. Isley, Pastor.—It has been a long time since there was a report from our church, but that is no sign that it is dead. We are glad to say the church work is moving along fine. We have a good Sunday school for a little country church.

We are glad to report that we are gaining some new members in Sunday school; also on the first Sunday in January we had three to unite with the church.

Our pastor brought us a very helpful and inspiring message yesterday. All present seemed to enjoy it very much. There were eight subscribers gained for the Herald yesterday. There are nine families taking it now. We are hoping for a great year.

A MEMBER.

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Hope Church, Siler City Charge.—We were glad to have the pastor, Rev. Mr. Smith, with us the first Sunday in February. He brought to us a most helpful message. Following the sermon, the Lord's Supper was observed. The doors of the church were also opened. Our church work is smoothly moving along towards the many goals we wish to conquer this year.

The Sunday school is slightly off in attendance, but as the winter season passes into a beautiful spring we are expecting an increase.

May God bless each church the nation over, as all strive to the upbuilding of His great Kingdom.

LUCY M. JONES, Reporter.

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Gibsonville, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Our work has been going along nicely since the last report appeared in the Herald. Both our Sunday school and church services are increasing in attendance and the evening services are also well attended. It seems that the church as a whole is working in a very cooperative way.

We were very glad to have Dr. Andrews with us on Sunday morning, January 9. He presented and explained the Fellowship Crusade.

Sunday evening, January 30, one of the most impressive services we have ever had, was given by the Senior Christian Endeavor under the leadership of Mrs. Thelma Wheeler. It was the "Youth Candlelight Communion Service," in observance of the Young People's day.

The board of stewards met on Wednesday evening, February 2, at the home of Mr. P. L. Kivette.

At a recent church meeting Mr. P. L. Kivette was elected to the board of trustees, succeeding Mr. F. G. Hammer, deceased, and Miss Margaret Wynne was elected reporter to the Herald.

On February 12, at 6:30 p.m., the Young Ladies' class will sponsor a Fellowship banquet, to be held at the school cafeteria. An interesting program is being arranged.

Eight of our Christian Endeavor members attended the Christian Endeavor Fellowship banquet at First church in Burlington last Saturday night and reported they had a good time.

The Men's Bible class met in a monthly meeting last Saturday evening at the Liberty hall and following the business session they enjoyed a fish supper. A number of visitors from the other churches of Gibsonville made interesting talks.

Mrs. Mary Pegg and Mrs. W. E. Anderson who have been very sick at their respective homes are reported improved a great deal and we wish for them a speedy recovery.

Recent visitors to the parsonage and who also attended church service were Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Butner and daughter, Sue Marie and Miss Meta Ragland, of Kernersville, and Mr. J. H. Harkey and Miss Vina Harwood, of Albemarle.

At Senior Christian Endeavor last Sunday night, the Intermediate Christian Endeavor met with them to observe their work and order of service. The Intermediate group has recently been organized and is under the leadership of Mr. Ernest Blosser. Program leader for the meeting was C. A. Wharton and the topic for study was "The Church Needs Us." Little Miss Billie Hill sang a solo.

MARGARET WYNNE, Reporter.

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Draper, J. L. Love, Pastor.—Our church is still on the upward grade. We had two wonderful services Sunday. Sunday night two professed faith in Christ. Our pastor brings to us at each service a soul-stirring message. Our Sunday school is doing fine. We have a wide-awake superintendent, Mr. N. H. Stewart.

We are still made sad by the illness of our pastor's wife. We hope for her speedy recovery, for we miss her. We are glad Mrs. Sigmon is improving. We hope she will soon be able to come back to church, because we miss her so much. Mrs. W. O. Ferris and Mrs. Dewey Barker are on the sick list. We hope they will soon be able to be back.

Our Christian Endeavor is still going on. We are planning a young people's program first Sunday in March. Our Ladies' Aid is meeting tonight down at Mrs. Minnie King's.

Pray for us that we may do more for the Lord in the future than ever before.

MAGDALINE CHILTON, Reporter.

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Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor.—Well, here I come again with another nice pounding. Not the kind that takes off flesh (though I could stand some of that) but the kind that puts on flesh if a person does not have control of his appetite. Brother J. B. Clements drove up from Ebenezer the other day with his wife and Mrs. Sam Clements, I thought to pay us a visit, which they did; but when they got ready to leave they informed us that they had something in their car that we would like. After making investigation, we wondered how they could ride in the car with all they had packed in it. Mrs. J. B. Clements said, "I felt like doing a good deed, and we visited some of our members and got this," and I felt like she had done a good deed when they left with us one ham of meat, one shoulder, sausage, fresh meat, sugar, potatoes, coffee, chicken, eighteen half-gallons of fruit, and four dollars in money to spend. Many thanks, good friends of Ebenezer.

Mr. W. A. Bowen of Matthews Chapel gave us a truck load of shucks for our cow; Mr. Roy Chambless a big load of stove wood; Mr. Algie Phillips sent me word to come over, he would give me a ham, and of course I will be there. Chambless and Phillips are from Philadelphia church. Many thanks to all.

J. M. MORGAN.

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Connelly Springs Charge, Herman Yokeley, Pastor.—We can't help but feel, and say, that Shady Grove church is coming out. Our Sunday school is still progressing fine.

Rev. Mr. Yokeley filled his regular appointment Sunday, February 6, at 11 a.m. His subject was, "If I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto me." We enjoyed his message very much. On his next appointment he will preach on the Prodigal Son. We are expecting another good message.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet Friday night at the home of Mrs. Watson. The society has a contest on that will last until April 24. Little books have been given to the members, and a few little girls. These books have a tree in them, and each one holds 10 dimes. You have heard talk of money growing on trees. I have seen lots of dimes on trees in the last few weeks. Three prizes will be given to the ones collecting the most money. We believe we are going to make good with this plan.

We are sorry to say there are some on the sick list in our community. Uncle Fate Childress, Brother Lynch, and others. We hope they will soon be well, because we miss them at church and at prayer meeting on Sunday evenings. We are having good prayer meetings at the homes on Sunday evenings at 2:30.

We hope we can report a new church before 1938 rolls by.

A MEMBER.

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Orange Charge, Union Grove Church, C. P. Morris, Pastor, Feb. 7.—Although the work of our church has not been reported recently, it is no sign we are not active and interested, for we are very much so.

We were very glad to have some visitors out to our church for the first Sunday morning service, and hope they will be with us again soon.

We are very sorry to report that there are several on the sick list in the community and hope they will be out again soon.

On the third Sunday afternoon of this month at 3 o'clock, Mr. Junichi Nakamura, a Japanese student of Duke University, will speak to us. We hope we will have a large congregation to welcome him.

REPORTER.

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Haw River Circuit.—A few items from Haw River circuit for the edification of the elect:

The members of the Fair Grove C. E. society had an enjoyable—or so they said—party at the parsonage recently. Last Friday night the Friendship and Fair Grove societies had a joint supper at the home economics building of the Monticello high school, honoring Young People's Day. Thirty-eight sat down to supper, and afterwards had games. I don't think I have ever seen a group of young people have a better time. They plan to make it an annual affair.

A couple of weeks ago Mrs. Bates invited the members of the Circuit Auxiliary to come to the parsonage for a quilting party and a covered dish dinner. Only two of the circles were represented, but the folks had a good time. Got four quilts tacked, and started quilting another. I don't know just how much gossiping they got done—I wasn't there for that.

We are about to get an improvement program started. Midway is planning to paint the outside woodwork. For some time, several years I understand, there has been talk of a building project at Friendship. Just what shape it will take remains to be seen. Some want a new church up on the highway. Some want it down about the present building. Some are thinking in terms of a Sunday school annex to the old building. At the next appointment we are to get an expression, and will take whatever direction is indicated. But of one thing I am certain—the folks will arise and build within the next few months.

Just before conference, Mrs. Bates was elected president of the Community club at Monticello. She appreciates the honor, but much more the privilege of association with the women of the school district. They are planning to build a club house, a project which has been pending for a long while.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

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First Church, High Point.—Everything seems to be moving smoothly at our church. The attendance has been very good, and our pastor seems to be preaching better and better sermons with each passing Sunday. A series of sermons for young people has just been completed, and last Sunday he inaugurated a series of sermons for the evening services on missions. The subjects were selected by the Auxiliary, and each topic will be of particular interest to those who attend.

Last Friday night the Christian Endeavorers observed Christian Endeavor Week with a banquet at the church in celebration of the 57th anniversary of the organization. Luther Medlin, a state C. E. official, delivered the keynote address. About 40 were present at this enjoyable affair.

This month the Fellowship Crusade is being presented to all organizations of the church. Monday night at the meeting of the board of stewards, Mrs. Lewis Teague spoke very interestingly on certain phases of the Crusade. A large group of stewards was present. At this same meeting, the stewards sanctioned the Blue Sunday laws that were presented some time ago by a men's class of the First Baptist church. It is hoped that the City Fathers will take some definite action before long. Much interest has been created throughout the city as a result of the resolutions.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS.

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Kannapolis, D. T. Huss, Pastor.—The officers and other members of our church met together on Saturday night, January 22, for an oyster supper. This supper was not for the purpose of raising money, but just a friendly gathering. Everyone seemed to have a splendid time, and enjoyed the supper very much. Mr. G. F. Coble and his string band furnished music for us. After the supper, everyone joined in and sang some good old hymns. Miss Hazel Huss was present with two of her friends from Lenoir-Rhyne college.

The girls' circle of the Woman's Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. G. L. Slawson, met on last Friday evening in the home of Miss Margaret Mahaffey. All members except one were present. The circle has not been ogranized very long, but already the girls are working so hard that unless the other circles speed up a little bit, they are going to be left far behind.

The Junior Choir that was organized some time ago is doing splendid work. The children have furnished all the singing for the evening services for the past few weeks. They have really been very inspiring, for they pour their whole hearts into the singing. One never sees an emtpy chair in the choir, and sometimes more chairs have to be added. We are very proud to sit back and let these little ones have our place in the choir for the evening services.

There was given to each memebr of our church who wanted one, a small tin bank that required only one penny per meal for three months. At the end of each quarter these banks are to be turned in, and as the time draws near, we are hoping that every one will bring his bank with a few dollars in it. All the money that is raised will be given on the building fund, through the Woman's Auxiliary.

There has been a special collection taken for several Sunday nights for the Cradle Roll department. We feel that this room is one of the most important ones in the church, for it is there the little child hears his first talk about God and His wonderful work. It is there that they get their first steps in the Christian life, and there are many things that are needed for the beauty and training of these small children.

The Intermediate Christian Endeavor society is making its third scrap book, which is to be given to a girl who is paralyzed. These books contain beautiful pictures, poems, clippings, and other interesting articles. We have given these books to those who are confined to their beds or handicapped for life. It has made us very happy to make these scrap books and give them to those who seem to get a joy from the contents of each page. I think this is good work for all the Christian Endeavor societies. After we have completed a book, we save all the pictures, articles, etc., that are left over, and continue to bring more from time to time, then when we are ready to make another book, we have the material ready. The motto in the hearts of the Intermediates must be, "If every C. E. member were just like me, what kind of a C. E. society would our society be?" for they are always thinking of ways to make others happy.

OLLIE SLOOPE, Reporter.

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Community Church, Thomasville.—Young People's Day was observed in practically every organization of the church. One Wednesday night we had a rally of our young people which aroused new interest in the work of the church among our youth. Our Young People's Day offering was $26.10.

The sick are recovering. Brother O. H. Berrier is able to be out some, but unable to attend church as yet. Dr. Yokeley can be around in a rolling chair but it still confined to the hospital. Master Harry Myers has been recently operated on for appendicitis, but is recovering. Mrs. Douglas Crutchfield has been confined to her bed for a number of days, but it able to be out again.

J. CLYDE AUMAN, Pastor.

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Jane Curtis Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Walters, of Midway church community, remains ill at her home, but hopes to re-enter Duke university for the spring semester.

"A MESSAGE TO MINISTERS"

By C. A. LEWALLEN

I have read with deep interest the messages in the Herald on Christian fellowship, and I am in full unison with the Fellowship Crusade, especially that part that has to do with a deeper Christian experience.

If there ever was a time in the history of the Christian church when the church needed to be filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith, love and power, it is today!

But we must not forget the only way to have real Christian fellowship is by walking in the light of God's word. I John 1:7, But if we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ. His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

I notice that the messages in the Herald seem to be addressed to the laity of the church. I am addressing this message to the ministry or clergymen of the church, and I want to say this message is not given in a spirit of censure or criticism but in a spirit of meekness and love.

I am glad the ministry is working up to the fact that it is losing prestige, and that the world is becoming disgusted with church and the ministry alike. I shall try to point out some of the things, that in my humble opinion, are responsible for the deplorable condition that exists in the church.

In the first place it is not so much a backslidden church that we have to deal with, but it is an unconverted church. And the church and the ministry needs to become awakened to this fact. If our ministers would use as much energy and discretion in getting people into the kingdom of God as they use in getting them into the church we would have a more spiritual church. A man once advertised a building for rent, with power or without power meaning of course that he would lease the building and furnish electric current for lighting and to run machinery or he would leave it without the current. Some of our preachers are about as accommodating as this man, they will take members into the church with power or without power.

When John the Baptist was preaching in the wilderness of Judea and when the Pharisees and Sadducees came to his baptism he told them to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. We have no record that John the Baptist ever baptised any one unless they had repented of their sins.

When a candidate presents himself for membership in any church he should be required to give some evidence of their conversion.

I don't believe there ever was a person that was really converted but that they had a real desire to bring their friends and loved ones to Jesus that they, too, might be saved, and this desire most always finds a way of expressing itself. A few years ago I heard an address by an outstanding layman of the M. E. church and in his discourse he gave a number of statistics to show the condition of that church. Here are a few of the statistics he gave: 95% of the membership of the M. E. church never make any effort to save. 90% do not do any church work, 75% do not attend prayer meeting, 66 2-3% do not pay to the support of the church, 50% do not atttend church services. What is true of the M. E. church is true to a great extent of the M. P. church. If it is true that 95% of the membership of the M. E. church never make any effort to save a soul then I believe it is true that 95% of the membership of that church have gotten their names on the church register without being converted. Who is to blame for this deplorable situation?

I believe the ministry is to blame to a very great extent.

The mourner's bench or the anxious seat has been discarded, and all that is necessary to do to get in the church is to sign a card or shake hands with the preacher. In most of our city churches the members of the Sunday school classes are promoted to church membership when they have reached certain age or attained to a certain grade in the Sunday school class. They have what they call decision days and the children are asked certain questions and if they answer them in the affirmative they are told that that is all there is to it. I am not saying that it is impossible that any or all of the children who are dealt with in these decision services might be converted. The best information I have on this subject is that these decision services are conducted very much like examinations at school, and I have yet to learn of any expression of joy or gladness or any emotion whatsoever at any of these decision services.

You say emotion is not religion. I grant you that. But when a person is born of the spirit or converted even though they may be just a child there is joy and gladness that comes into the heart. This is the greatest thing that can possibly take place in any life. The writer has witnessed hundreds of professions of conversions of people of all ages from small children to men and women of mature age. He has witnessed a few professions that he considered genuine where there was little or no emotion, but in a great majority of these conversions they were attended with more or less emotion and often with shouts of joy. Now unless human nature has changed and there is nothing in the study of psychology to indicate that there has ever been any change in human nature or that there ever will be. Then I think I have good reason to doubt the genuineness of these decision-day and card-signing and hand-shaking conversions.

The writer attended a union revival meeting some time ago. After the preacher, an evangelist of note, had delivered his message he asked the congregation to bow their heads, then he asked those who wanted to become Christians to raise their hands, and each one who raised his hand was presented with a card by some one of the workers. While this was being done the preacher kept saying, Don't shout, don't anybody shout. And no one shouted either. I don't think anybody felt like shouting. I am sure I did not. But I believe if those people who were signing those cards had found Jesus precious to their souls there would have been some shouting, even though it should have come from the stones on that hill.

If the church is ever to accomplish the work that Christ gave His church to do, there must be a revival in the church and it should start in the pulpit.

We often hear preachers complaining about cold churches and ice in the pew. A little fire in the pulpit would help wonderfully to melt the ice in pews, and warm up the church. What we all need, both ministers and laymen, is the baptism with the Holy Ghost and with fire, and get rid of some of our false pride. I know how a lot of us feel if we say much about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We feel like some one is going to say Holy Roller or Sanctificationist or something as humiliating and our pride stands out and keeps us from obtaining the blessing.

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Rebecca Hill Hunt

Rebecca Hill Hunt was born September 28, 1858, departed this life December 20, 1937; aged 79 years, 2 months and 20 days. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill. She was united in marriage with W. Kelly Hunt, April 12, 1881. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Panther and Mrs. Clarence Morris, and one son, Mr. J. E. Hunt.

At the age of thirteen she professed faith in Christ and united with Mt. Moriah Methodist church where she continued a useful and faithful member until death. The funeral was conducted by Revs. C. E. Ridge and T. G. Madison.

T. G. MADISON.

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Laura Craver

Funeral service for Mrs. Laura Craver, widow of the late Eli Craver, was held from Canaan church January 21. Mrs. Craver was nearing her 70th year. In early youth she united with the Methodist church at Midway, where she continued her church affiliation until death.

For several months she declined in health, but bore her suffering as only a Christian can.

Numerous relatives and friends survive to mourn her passing.

The largely attended funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. O. C. Loy.

Wm. H. NEESE.

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Fowle G. Hammer

Fowle G. Hammer was born at High Point, N. C., November 8, 1889; and died at his home in Gibsonville, N. C., January 8, 1938; Mr. Hammer and his faimly moved to Gibsonville 21 years ago. He was 48 years of age. He was the son of Emory A. and Charlotte L. Hammer, of High Point. He leaves a wife, Mammie Guyer Hammer; one son, Forrest G. Hammer, of Washington, D. C.; three daughters, Maxine E. Hammer and Iris C. Hammer, of Washington, D. C., and Betsy Neil Hammer, of Gibsonville; three brothers, Lee F. Hammer, of Crew, Va.; Delos E. Hammer, of Washington, D. C., and Victor P. Hammer, of High Point, N. C.; and four sisters, Mrs. W. C. Montgomery, Mrs. Jasper W. Montgomery, and Mrs. J. R. Hutton, of High Point; and Mrs. James C. Clark, of Pittsboro, N. C.

Brother Hammer became a Christian in his early life and joined the Methodist Protestant church; he had lived an active member of the Gibsonville church for over 20 years. He was a member of the board of trustees of his church, was an active member of the Men's Bible class; a good singer in the church choir, he organized the Gibsonville quartet and was active in almost every other department of the church. He will be remembered as a very active layman, not only in the local church here, but throughout the Methodist Protestant conference in North Carolina. He was active in the organizing of the Laymen's Movement in the conference; his speech to the Annual conference will be long remembered. He was in U. S. mail service for a long time, but in recent years and at the time of his death he was secretary of the Cone Y. M. C. A. and manager of all the activities of the Liberty Hall at Gibsonville. He was an active member of the Improved Order of Red Men, he had served as Great Sachem of North Carolina in 1929-30. His fine personality and Christian friendship will be greatly missed in his church, the community in which he lived and served so well.

The funeral was conducted in the Gibsonville Methodist Protestant church by the writer, assisted by Rev. R. C. Stubbins and Dr. P. E. Lindley; the burial was in Guilford cemetery.

O. B. WILLIAMS.

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In Memory of Mrs. Susan Ann Coleman

Your gentle face and patient smile
With sadness we recall.
You had a kindly word for each,
And died beloved by all.

The voice is mute and stilled the heart
That loved us well and true.
Ah, bitter was the trial to part
From one so good as you.

You are not forgotten, loved one,
Nor will you ever be;
As long as life and memory last
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Reynolds-Andrews

At West End Methodist Protestant parsonage, Saturday morning at 11:30 o'clock, February 5, 1938, Clovis W. Andrews and Beulah Reynolds, both of Greensboro, were united in marriage, the writer officiating.

These are fine young people and quite a number of their friends accompanied them to wish them joy and prosperity along the matrimonial way. Our prayers and best wishes go with them.

N. G. BETHEA.

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Barber-Hunter

On Thursday evening, February 3, Rev. A. L. Hunter and Miss Lola Barber were united in marriage by the writer. The ceremony was performed in the home of the bride, in the presence of the family and a few close friends. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Barber, of Pinnacle. She is an active member of Mt. Zion M. P. church on Pinnacle charge; sings in the choir, active in the Woman's Auxiliary, and always directs the entertainment of the pastor and visiting minister during revival meetings. No more dependable and loyal worker in the church can be found. Rev. A. L. Hunter is one of our honored and loved ministers. He is choir director of Mt. Zion church, and keeps abreast of the whole church program. The couple has our best wishes.

Brethren of the conference, a personal card of congratulations is in order.

J. D. MORRIS.

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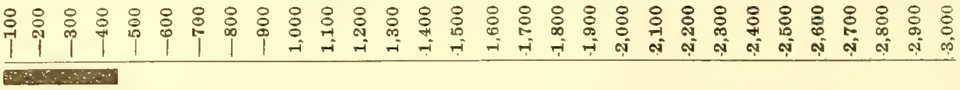

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The space I have allotted me here is not sufficient to say all that I would like to say about the church that sent in the largest amount of money last week. It is not generally known, to the "present generation," that this writer was the one who had charge of this church when it was built. He has not said much about it because he is not disposed to blow his own horn. In fact, this pastor has been followed, either directly or indirectly, twice in such a way as to not build up what he had started. We all know about that part of it. Several times I wondered if the wrong thing had been done by the Board of Church Extension in giving me the free hand they did in this particular matter. Noticed it even more as I had charge of this "hot air" department. Not been any subscriptions reported for some time from this charge. Nothing done for the Herald. That is a bad sign to me, of course. What they needed there was a real Methodist Protestant leader! Thanks to the good Lord, they have one now. Names there of children whose parents were some of the best to be found, when we were struggling along with the beginning. If you are familiar with the history of the church, look up last week's Herald and see. Mothers who are in heaven now, whose children are being led to appreciate what they left rather than to discard. But, Brother Strickland, I did not mean to say so much before telling that you led the way with Charlotte church last week. Fine for you and this bunch of good people who are responding to your appeals. Wouldn't it be fine to see Charlotte capitalized this year after being blank for some time? Do your best, young man, to make it so. We are sure you can. Thank you!

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This is how some of the charges rank in raising Herald quotas at the end of the first quarter of the conference year. The figure given with each church represents the percentage of the quota attained: Danville 100, Whitakers 100, Charlotte 60, Cleveland 57, West End, Greensboro 48, Graham 38, Midway 37, Reidsville 30, Alamance 26, Kernersville 26, Henderson 25, First church, High Point 24, Siler City 23.

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Financial Objective of Fellowship Crusade Challenges Us

Up to this time much more has been said in the HERALD about the first objective of the Fellowship Crusade than about either the second or third objectives because we recognize that it is indispensable to the progress of Christianity in the world; it is therefore fundamentally first. For until our religion controls our acts and determines our choices, there is but little value in our performing the rituals it prescribes. Nevertheless, we know just as surely that organized Christianity is challenged to know the program by which it is to advance and to give financial support to the enterprises by which it moves. For without a program and without financial support there will be no worth while organized effort in the Church.

We beseech you to give earnest heed to the claims of the Financial Objective of the Fellowship Crusade. It is a clarion call for money for the Church. This money is needed to pay off the debts of our Church which were honestly incurred. And we are making an appeal to all the members of the Methodist Protestant Church that they help our boards and institutions to free themselves of these debts in order that they may make larger plans for more efficient service.

There is no reason for disguising what happened to our Church in the panicky years from 1929 to 1932, because what happened to our Church happened to many of the best managed and most wisely conducted business enterprises in the country. For when our local Churches reduced their contributions to missions by more than fifty per cent, the board of missions could not give up our properties on foreign shores and call home our missionaries. They kept our mission schools opened and kept the missionaries in the field; but in order to do this they borrowed money. And that is the way our board of missions got in debt. The same thing happened to our board of Church Extension; we had Churches we had helped build and were helping to keep pastors there, so when our local Churches reduced their contributions for Church extension, our board borrowed money rather than close up our Churches and send their pastors home. And before Roberts Hall, High Point College, was completed it was found that money was not coming in fast enough to pay as the builders builded, and that either building must be suspended until the money came in or we must borrow money to complete Roberts Hall and build the dormitories. This was done in good faith by the sanction of the Board of Education and the college was opened to students. And the wisdom of those acts has been justified by the progress of the institution.

But suppose when the local Churches had failed to send enough money to pay the salaries of our foreign missionaries, our Board of Missions had closed up the mission stations and called home our missionaries, thus giving up our valuable property there; what would YOU have been saying about the folly of such an act? Suppose when the Board of Church Extension failed to get enough money to pay the salaries of our mission pastors and it had closed up those Churches and by that act lost our opportunity in those fields; what would YOU have been saying about this lack of wisdom? Suppose when the Board of Education found that it did not have the money on hand to complete Roberts Hall and to build the dormitories, it had dismissed the builders and offered Roberts Hall for sale for a factory plant; what would YOU still be saying about such folly?

There is no need of any one trying to hedge about this matter of paying our Church debts. They were made by honest men and women who had the interest of the Church deeply at heart. And if you care one straw for the Methodist Protestant Church you are going to join in this movement to pay off these debts. I know that those who love their Church will not be found among the group of howlers and declare that they did not have any share in making these debts, therefore, will have no part in their payments. For these are the debts of the Church, your Church and mine; and we cannot be honest until we pay them in full. There are far too many of these sideline saints whose only part in the work of the Church is to act as spectators, to boo or to boost the workers as they feel disposed to do. So we call upon all faithful people in our Church to have a share in freeing our boards and institutions of these debts which are so greatly hindering them from more efficient service.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

Quarterly Reports

Quarterly reports have been coming in at a rapid rate for the past week and now only a very few are missing. Two of the brethren told me they did not receive blanks and it is possible that some others got lost in the mails. Since the list is so nearly complete I will wait until next week to give any of the information.

A Sunday Morning at Bethesda

Last Sunday morning was spent with Bethesda Church on the North Davidson Charge, Rev. W. H. Neese, pastor. I arrived in time for the closing part of the Sunday School and it was indeed a privilege to be in this school. This is one of our large and well established rural Churches. They have an auditorium which seems to be ample for their needs and have a number of Sunday School rooms. Part of their rooms are in the front of the building and the ones upstairs can be used as a balcony in case they are needed. For the past several years, until this year Bethesda Church has been a part of the Bethesda-State Street Church but this year it is on the North Davidson Charge. This is Brother Neese's first year with this Church but not for the remainder of the Charge. This Church is the home Church of Rev. G. L. Curry, one of our most useful ministers.

At the 11 o'clock service the house was well filled with interested listeners and it was a pleasure to preach to them. At the close of the sermon the Fellowship Crusade cards were passed and several cards were signed and some cash turned in. Some asked for the privilege of taking the cards home with them to be brought back at a later date. I am sure this great Church will make a good showing before it gives up the effort.

A Sunday Afternoon at Mt. Pleasant

Moving over from Bethesda last Sunday we came in the afternoon to Mt. Pleasant Church. This Church is near the highway leading from Thomasville to Winston-Salem, some five or six miles from Thomasville. Here we found a goodly number in the Sunday School and saw many evidences of life and interest. Since the building of the new Church several years ago the old pews have been used, but on last Sunday afternoon the trustees of the Church were authorized to purchase new pews at an early date. I understand that most of the money is already in hand with which to make the purchase.

It was my privilege to preach to this congregation and to present the Fellowship Crusade. Here as at Bethesda some wanted to take the cards home with them. Without doubt this Church will make a good showing before the campaign ends.

As I was in the quarterly conference at Spring Hill Church early in the Conference year, I have visited three of the Churches on the Charge. Only Canaan has not been visited. From what I have seen at the three Churches I have come to the conclusion that this Charge is one of our ablest rural Charges. They have splendid Church buildings and good congregations. It must be a pleasure to serve these people. Brother Neese is a hard worker and a good preacher. Those who heard him speak in the Quarterly Assembly on Monday of this week will bear me out in this statement that he is a good preacher. And Mrs. Neese also is a hard worker and can be depended on to help organize the women. They do good team work and the Charges where they have labored have prospered.

The Quarterly Assembly

What some people called one of the best meetings of the kind they ever attended was held at Lebanon Church in High Point on Monday of this week. The weather was ideal for driving and upwards of a hundred people came, the largest part staying all day. The program as printed in the HERALD last week was carried out. Every man not only took his place on the program but seemingly made about the best address of his entire career. There seemed to be something about the occasion to cause a man to put his best into the subject. Space will not permit of my going into detail to tell you about the addresses. One of the addresses is to be printed in the HERALD and you can read it for yourself. Any way, the ones who attended the meeting were well enough pleased with it to request another one at the end of the third quarter. The next meeting of the kind will be the mid-year meeting.

Getting a Good Start

Let me remind all of you again that January and February are months in which the Annual Conference Expenses are to be raised. By looking over the quarterly reports I see that a number of Charges have raised something on this. Let us get this out of the way so that we can get to work on the College assessment in March and April.

Can Fill Week-Day Appointments

While my Sundays are all taken for the remainder of this month and for the month of March yet I can go to appointments on week days or at nights when the distance is not too great for a brief meeting. Write me if I can serve you.

Appointments

Sunday, February 20—Greensville Charge: 11 a. m., Mathews Chapel; 2:30 p. m., Wesley's Chapel; 7:30 p. m., Philadelphia.

Sunday, February 27 — 11 a. m., Fountain Place, Burlington.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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Visitations

Here is where the Crusader is to be for a few Sundays: February 20, 11 a. m. Welch Memorial Church; afternoon, 3 p. m., Canaan Church, North Davidson Charge. February 27, 11 a. m., West End, Greensboro; 2:30 at Pine Hill, Davidson Charge. March 6, Pleasant Grove Church. March 13, 11 a. m., Mebane. March 20, 11 a. m., Kannapolis. March 27, 11 a. m., Lincolnton; night, Bess Chapel.

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A Message in Verse

Let us plant our feet on the highway,
Along with broken men
Who are marching across the ages,
Over and over again.

For never until we have fathomed
The anguish of flesh and soul,
Can we gather the titan power
To make humanity whole.
—*Lucia Trent.*

Wise Words

Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.—*Bible.*

Wisdom is the principal think. therefore get wisdom; and in all thy getting get understanding.—*Bible.*

To stop praying is to take down the sentinel from the wall of the fortress of the soul.—*Rev. G. E. Cartney.*

What is born of fear and of hatred, bred in violence, armed with force, led forth by greed and pride; is anti-Christ.—*Dr. William H. Foulkes.*

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,
Alike await the inevitable hour;
The paths of glory lead but to the grave.
—*Thomas Gray.*

"The clock of life is wound up but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour."

To Our Reporters

We greatly appreciate the cooperation our correspondents show in their frequent reports from their Churches. It is encouraging to have these reports coming in, because they show that there is interest in the work where this is done. And since we have more reports than formerly, it will be well for the reporters to get as much as they can in as brief a report as they can. We have had to hold over some reports each week almost since Conference for the lack of space. We want your reports, but please endeavor to make them as comprehensive in as brief space as possible.

Pastors, Please

Send all money raised for the Fellowship Crusade to J. H. Allen, Treasurer, Reidsville, N. C. But drop me a card stating the results of the Crusade on your work.

The Quarterly Assembly was quite a success; but since the president is covering it in his letter we will refrain from expressing our views of the meeting.

Funds For Binding the M. P. Heralds

The complete files of the M. P. Herald and our *Church Record* are in High Point College Library unbound. They are in bundles of one year placed in stacks or in cardboard boxes. Here is as complete a history of the North Carolina Annual Conference and our Churches in it as can be found anywhere. And yet they are in such shape that it would be quite difficult to read them. I want to have them bound so that they may be placed in the library with other books and thereby be accessible to any one who wants to know more about the history of our Church for the last forty years. It was during these years that most progress has been made, and these Heralds contain the history of this progress. I presented this matter to the Assembly meeting last Monday and received the following amounts from the brethren:

N. G. Bethea, $1.50; J. E. Pritchard, $1.50; A. G. Dixon, $1.50; R. M. Andrews, $1.50; K. G. Holt, $1; E. O. Peeler, $1; J. W. Braxton, $1; E. A. Bingham, $1; T. G. Madison, $1; S. W. Taylor, 50c; J. B. Trogdon, 50c; and J. C. Auman, 25c.

I failed to get the name of some one who made a contribution; if you read this drop me a card that I may have a correct list.

I am starting this week on the work of binding. Am not yet sure of the cost of the whole job but since there are forty-three volumes we have now about enough to bind ten volumes. So we are ready for the contributions from others who would like to place our Conference organ on the shelves of the College library for future generations to read.

Send your contribution to R. M. Andrews, Box 1817, High Point, N. C.

The Reward of the Christian Worker

In one of his letters to the Church at Thessalonica St. Paul says to his converts there, "For ye are our glory and joy." Paul had given himself most unstintedly for them and now they were rewarding him for his labors by proving themselves most worthy followers of Jesus Christ as Paul was a follower of Christ. The Apostle had not sought their money but them, and it was the joy of his life to know of their faithfulness. There is no higher reward that can come to a consecrated servant of Christ than to see those who accept his leadership striving to live the sort of life he has tried faithfully to live. To have one to say, "I am a better person because I have known you," is to be put in the state of happiness Paul was in as he penned that phrase to the Thessalonians.

The courage that displays itself in silent effort and endeavor—is more truly heroic than the achievements of physical valor.—*Smiles.*

CHOOSING COMPANIONS IN SERVICE

The International Sunday School Lesson for February 20, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 3:7-19; 31-35.

Golden Text—"For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother." Mark 3:35.

In our lesson again today we find Christ followed by a large crowd of people the members of which were interested primarily in the material and physical things Christ might do for them. A really popular movement was on foot, but this, like most popular movements, was apparently rather superficial and the Master knew it. Apparently He realized that few lasting impressions were being made, that few lives were being permanently changed. When He went to the mountain where the climbing was more difficult only a few followed Him there. Of course in this instance it seems that He invited only a few, but in many instances the crowd that followed Him so readily down along the roads of the level country dropped behind when He went to the mountains to teach and to pray. The three present at the time of the transfiguration are somewhat symbolic of the few who are willing to go with the Master through the difficult passes of life. So, seeing the superficiality of the crowd, Christ felt the need of a small group who "might be with Him," who might be more intensely influenced by Him, and who could be depended upon to understand more fully His message and purpose and would pass that message on to the world. From His followers He chose twelve disciples using that number which was so prominent in Jewish procedure.

The choosing of the twelve disciples is an important landmark in the history of the gospel. In one sense that is the beginning of the institutionalization of Christianity without which Christianity could not have lived. From that day forward Christ was more intensive in His work with the few expecting His message to reach out to the masses through the lives of those who were more intimately touched by Him.

The commonplace character of these disciples is interesting. Chances are had we been in the Master's place we would never have chosen the group He did. Certainly some of them seemed to be rather poor material with which to work. But when we look on down the years to see what leaders these men came to be our respect for them greatly increases, we see that Christ was right. In fact maybe He trusted them not so much for what they were as for what they might still be—and is that not only the excuse for which He can love and trust you and me. We see now that this twelve represented a balanced and well-rounded group. There was Simon impetuous and quick to act, but there was Thomas slow and of a doubting mind. John was a man of tenderness and love, but we think of Matthew as one who dealt with facts and acquainted with the law. A balanced group indeed but I doubt seriously that this is the reason that He chose this particularly twelve.

Also we notice that these men were chosen from the common walks of life, fishermen, farmers, tax gatherers and most of them no doubt rather poor. They were well prepared to speak the language of the common man and to minister to his needs. But again I doubt that this is the reason why Christ chose them to be His followers.

It is not more plausible to imagine that Christ chose this particular twelve because they were humble and willing to learn. Lost in a devotion to their new found Master they were willing to become what He wanted them to be. Maybe they were willing to climb the mountains that the rich and proud were not willing to climb. As suggested in our golden text He chose as His disciples, brethren, those who were willing to do the will of God.

In this scene where Christ rather harshly ignores the members of His own family some say that He was not making any thrust at home and family ties. In one sense of the word of course He was not making any thrust at the home as an institution, but I do believe that He was making a thrust at those brothers who had accused Him of being beside Himself. He was pointing out that the tie of spiritual likeness is far greater and stronger than the tie of blood relationship. In spirit these brothers were just as foreign to the Master as were the pharisees who sought His life.

The test of brotherhood as given here is an interesting one. "For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother." Generally we think of brotherhood as depending upon a quality of life which we know as love. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." (1 John 3:14). Or as the poet has expressed it,

> "In Christ there is no East or West,
> In him no South or North;
> But one great fellowship of love
> Throughout the whole wide earth."

But in this instance the bond of brotherhood is indicated by an act, or by a willingness to do the will of God. Maybe this distinction is somewhat superficial, but I do believe that it is time for the so-called Christian people to realize that Christ was not merely dealing in sentiments. It is so easy to talk about sentiments and qualities but it is so dffiicult to do the will of God. Yet we hear the Master say in no uncertain terms: "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." We of America claim to be a Christian people, but in my mind our slums, our racial prejudices, our social injustices are just as much a denial of God as are the posters put up in communistic Russia. Love is the watchword of Christianity, but let us not forget that the door that leads to a unity of experience and fellowship with Christ is a door of service, of doing the will, as well as of love.

Personal Mention

Sorry to learn of the serious illness of Dr. H. L. Elderdice, former president of Westminster Theological Seminary. We know that many prayers are arising for his recovery.

Mrs. J. M. Voncannon, mother of Mrs. L. E. Mabry, continues ill at her home, we regret to learn. She is a member of the old Why Not Church.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Fatalism of the Multitude

A writer of sociology speaks of the "fatalism of the multitude." By this term he means the hopelessness of the crowds when it comes to points of fine distinction and discriminating thought. Jesus must have felt some of this same "fatalism" for when "seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain." From this secluded spot, surrounded, we presume, by the select few disciples, he taught them. What he had to say was too important to risk on a crowd. You will never be able to educate a mob. You cannot instruct a multitude in the ways of superb wisdom. There is, in other words, a sort of fatalism about the masses.

Well, now what does this imply? For one thing, as Albert E. Wiggam has said, it suggests that most popular notions rest on error. When the crowd believes anything you may well question the validity of the proposition. Truth is generally a bit technical and outruns the slow-plodding multitude. The crowds can't keep up. They read little, think little, and have scant opportunity to live abreast of the intellectual world. And so, most popular opinions rest on error. The luck of a horseshoe, for example, is easily believed by the crowds, but of course there is no real truth to the supposition. The multitudes believe the thirteenth to be unlucky, but the motion will not stand the test of facts. For ages the masses thought the earth was flat because it looked that way, but a few scientists, sorely persecuted, carried on the truth that the world was not flat.

And thus it is. One need not be flattered when the crowds agree with him. Counting noses is a poor way to get at the truth.

For another thing, it implies the great importance of sincere minorities. Dr. Fosdick calls the able, conscientious minorities the hope of the world. Hospitals and playgrounds are never built by the multitudes. Religious movements like Christianity or Methodism are inspired by a few choice souls. Research and scholarship are advanced by the lonely spirits, prophets and seers, who live ahead of their day and lead the way to higher heights. The eleventh chapter of Hebrews lists the heroes of faith and then adds, "Of whom the world was not worthy." Society has a way of killing the saviors of the world and then glorifying them many years later. Bruno, the great teacher, was burned for his heresy, but three hundred years after the burning men gathered at the very spot of the killing and erected a bronz statue to his memory. Civilization goes forward over the dead bodies of the prophets.

Once again, this situation, the fatalism of the multitude, offers fertile soil for vicious and unscrupulous leaders. Crowds highly void of individual poise and discrimination follow the man who arouses their feeling. The "boss" who talks the loudest gets the votes. A multitude is anybody's territory. Ignorance and prejudice lie out there to be stirred by the agitator who waves the red flag. No wonder the Master could exclaim that the multitude was as sheep without a shepherd.

Remedy for the situation, it seems to me, lies along two principles. First, is the supply of wise leaders. Fortunately sheep will follow a good shepherd. Since people put their trust in leaders those leaders must not betray the faith placed in them. Lincoln once wrote: "What I deal with is too vast for malicious dealing." All leaders should feel that way—their responsibilities too vast for malice or self-will. We need righteousness as well as power in high places.

A second principle is individual education. In a land where noses do count those noses ought to be attached to wise heads. The intelligent nation is a nation of intelligent citizens. This serious fact made Jefferson say: "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the human mind." And George Washington declared, "As government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion be enlightened."

THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Expresses its gratitude to its friends in North Carolina for their good will and loyal support. Many of them have responded to our appeal for help. Many more are waiting for a convenient season. It is hoped that such a season will come within the near future. Our financial year is swiftly drawing to a close. It has been our hope that the response to our special appeal would enable us to close the year with a small balance. To date, February 12, we have received from our North Carolina friends $210.70. Of this sum, $43.75 was contributed by the Alumni. Below is the report to date:

Previously reported	$180.97
(See Herald, Feb. 3, page 6,)	
Orange Charge	6.00
Homer Casto	5.00
Friendship, Shiloh	5.00
Maple Springs, Forsyth Charge	5.00
Orange Chapel, Saxapahaw Charge	1.62
Denton, Denton Charge	6.00
Canaan, Denton Charge	1.11
Total	$210.70

Send your contributions to C. E. Forlines, Westminster, Md., and watch the amount grow from $210.70 to $500.00.

C. E. Forlines.

APPROVING THE FELLOWSHIP CRUSADE

I am very favorably impressed with the Fellowship Crusade, not only with the first two objectives which are so necessary to the Christian life, but also with the third. If we would enjoy the Christian life we must give, not only of our time and our talents, but also of our means. If we make a special sacrifice to support the cause of Christ, our lives will be fuller and happier. I'm glad that I can have a part in this great movement.

Mrs. R. L. Kennedy.

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That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Christ Jesus for me by my coming again to you.—*St. Paul.*

CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION

Perhaps it would not be out of order to review, or call to your attention some of the suggestions offered by the Committee on Rural Church at the last Annual Conference (see *Journal*, page 55) and call attention to the fact that it is time to get shrubbery planted around the Churches and parsonages.

Last year a number of our Churches made improvements on both the grounds and the building. This is an encouraging sign and it is hoped that we may make even greater and finer improvements this year. We would like very much to see the Methodist Protestant Churches of North Carolina the most attractive Churches in the Old North State. May it be so?

If your Church is not already the most attractive place in your community, see what you can do about getting it underpinned, and painted inside and out. Replace those broken window panes and sweep down the dust-covered cobwebs. See that there is enough shrubbery set about the Church, in an attractive way, to make the Church so inviting to the passer-by that he will want to tarry there.

And while I am advertising for no nursery, if you will send me a card stating your interest in shrubbery for the Church I can refer you to a nursery that will give a very liberal discount to any Church on shrubbery. If you cannot afford to buy shrubbery why not ask the people of the community to divide what they have at home with the Church.

The committee also suggested that the pastors, or laymen, take pictures of their Church at the beginning of this year and then take more at the close and bring the two to the next Annual Conference for a display. We hope by this to note the improvements made during the year. If at any time the Committee on Rural Church can be of any help to any rural Church we shall be glad to do so. (See *Journal*, page 64 for list of Committee on Rural Church.)

Rev. J. W. Braxton.

NEW BOOKS THAT ARE GOOD

The following books have just come into my hands from the Cokesbury Press:

"The Man That Changed the World," by Frederick B. Fisher; "The Minister, His World and His Work," by William Adams Brown; "The Faith We Live By," by Earl L. Douglass; and "John Wesley and Modern Religion," by Umphrey Lee.

Each author shows a comprehensive grasp of subjects discussed. A high motive and earnest spirit is evident in each book. The style is gripping. Conclusions are sound. The reader will find these books rewarding.

S. W. Taylor.

If you wish success in life make Perseverance your bosom friend; Experience your counsellor; Caution your elder brother, and Hope your guardian angel.—*Addison.*

Keep a cheery frame; keep a happy heart; keep a contented spirit; keep your eye up, and your heart aloft.—*Spurgeon.*

THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OF A CHURCH

By Robert Cashman (Business Manager of the Chicago Theological Seminary). Willett, Clark & Company, New York. 1937. 163 pages. Price $1.50.

"Many a good sermon has been preached to empty pews and countless faithful pastors have faced discouragement in their work because business management had been neglected, both in personal and in Church affairs." This book has been designed to assist ministers along the lines of practical business administration.

For fifteen years Mr. Cashman has been business manager of the Chicago Theological Seminary. For ten years he has been an instructor on institutional management and the business administration of the Church.

The author introduces the book with the question, Does the Church need business management? He then proceeds to discuss such topics as, "The Minister's Office," "Files and Records," "Correspondence," "Church Organization," "Advertising and Publicity," "Church Finance," "Christian Stewardship," and many other topics, ending with a special message to laymen. One chapter alone on the "Use of time" would be well worth the price of the book to many of us who have not yet learned to organize our time.

Rev. J. W. Braxton.

THE FELLOWSHIP CRUSADE

I wish to express my opinion of the Fellowship Crusade. I have acquainted myself with every angle of this movement. I am profoundly grateful to God for every objective that is included in this Crusade. These objectives give every individual an opportunity to enrich and deepen his spiritual life. Nothing could be more beneficial to every Christian than to read his Bible "daily," and to rededicate his life to a fuller service to Jesus Christ. If this is done we will be loyal to our Church, attend its worship services and contribute to its support.

We can better acquaint ourselves with the activities of our denomination by taking the Herald and the *Methodist Protestant-Recorder*. The good that we receive from this Crusade will depend upon the sacrifice and effort we make to put it across in our local Church. If the Crusade accomplishes its purpose, it will mean a great spiritual awakening, a loyal support to our Church, and a worthwhile service rendered unto the head of our Church, Jesus Christ.

Fred R. Love, *Pastor*,
Pleasant Grove Church.

APPRECIATING THE FELLOWSHIP CRUSADE

I feel sure the Fellowship Crusade will mean much to the advancement of His Kingdom, and deeper fellowship with God. It is going to strengthen us by prayer and daily Bible reading, and by so doing we grow in grace and knowledge. As we are nearing the great movement of Methodist Union we are seeking to enrich our spiritual life and be drawn closer and rededicate our lives more fully to God. This crusade means to me a richer and fuller spiritual life with Him.

Mrs. Fred Kennedy.

OUR STORY PAGE

MR. LINCOLN

A small boy was trudging down the hot, dusty road. He was barefoot and his pantaloons were rolled up to just below his knees. His faded blue shirt had a tear in the back through which was seen the badly sunburnt skin. A frayed, soiled, straw hat was pushed back from a perspiring, sunbrowned, troubled, little face.

He carried, on a stick over his shoulder, an awkwardly wrapped bundle. Trotting along beside the boy was a dingy white and black dog. Its black ears hung floppily, its little pink tongue jerked in and out, in and out of its mouth as it panted for breath, trying to keep up with its young master.

Approaching the boy and dog from the opposite direction, was a tall, almost giant-like man. His legs were so long that one seemed to get in the way of the other as he shambled along.

"Look, Rover," said the boy, "that surely is a big, tall man. But don't be afraid, he looks kind."

Rover showed he understood by the way he wagged his tail. He just swung it hard, from side to side. Then he went up to the man and sniff—sniff—sniff—then wagged his tail harder than ever.

The man put his hand on the dog's head, looked the boy over smilingly and said, "Good morning, son. Are you going somewhere?"

"Yes, sir," answered the boy as he looked deep into the eyes of the tall, kind stranger.

"You and your dog look tired. Let's sit in the shade of that big old elm and rest a while. Shall we?"

The boy nodded and all three started toward the friendly, shady spot.

It was cool and refreshing under the tree. The man stretched out on the soft, green grass, while the boy and dog sat near by.

"What is your name?" the man asked, in what the boy thought was the kindest voice he had ever heard.

"My name is Bob. My dog's name is Rover."

"Where are you and Rover going?" asked the man as he toyed with a blade of grass.

"I don't know," answered Bob with averted eyes.

"You don't know?"

"No, sir. We are running away."

When the boy saw that the stranger was not shocked by this startling statement, he took courage and continued. "We are running away from a stepmother."

"I see," nodded this new-found friend. "Want to tell me about it?"

The boy moved a bit closer, then said, "My mother died last summer and that just left father, Rover, and me.

"Father dressed up and went to town today. He said he'd be home at noontime with a new mother for me. An'—An'—I don't want a new mother," sobbed the boy. "It'll be just a stepmother, anyhow. An'—they treat boys mean—Jimmy Brown said so—he knew one once who beat a boy somethin' awful. An'—Rover and I—are running away."

Great sobs shook the boy's shoulders and tears ran unchecked down his hot dust-soiled, pathetic little face.

The stranger took a soft white handkerchief from his pocket, wiped the tears from his own eyes, then handed it to the boy.

The dog, sensing his young master's grief, got up and stood looking into his face, his long, ugly tail wagging, wagging, as if he were trying to get his beloved little master to smile again.

Finally the sobs grew less, then ceased.

"Bob," said the man kindly, "may I tell you about a stepmother that I once knew?"

Bob didn't answer, but looked deep into the understanding eyes of his new friend and waited for him to begin.

"Once there was a little boy and girl whose mother had died. They were very poor and very, very lonely.

"The father had to go away from home each day to work and this little boy and girl were left alone. They were dirty and ragged and frequently hungry.

"Sometimes all they had to eat was a cold corn cake left over from breakfast. Sometimes they had to go to the woods and pick berries and eat them because there wasn't anything in the house to eat.

"They didn't have a regular house in which to live, just a one-room hut and it only had three walls, the other side was open to the weather.

"Some folks said that the father was shiftless and lazy. I don't know. Maybe he was sick—or just a poor manager. Anyhow the little boy and girl were very much neglected.

"But do you know, Bob, the Lord watches over orphans. The Bible says so, and I know that He does."

The boy edged a little closer and looked trustingly into the stranger's face.

"Maybe that was why I met you, 'cause the Lord didn't want me to run away," he said shyly.

"Maybe so," agreed the stranger. "It looks that way, doesn't it? Well, one day this father decided that his children needed a mother. He remembered a kindly, efficient woman he had known years before in a faraway place.

"He decided to go back and ask this woman if she would marry him and come and be a mother to his boy and girl.

"Well, sir, this woman said that she would. When she came she brought some of her own nice household goods with her. There was a feather bed and big soft pillows, pretty quilts and blankets, and even some china dishes.

"When she saw the hovel in which the children lived, she made the father build a decent home. She made him clean up the place and himself, and keep them that way.

"For the first time since the children's mother died, they had clean, patched clothing and properly prepared food.

"Best of all, Bob, these neglected, ill-faring children found a stepmother who understood their needs and encouraged them to study.

"Folks say this boy became famous. He feels he owes it all to this woman who was such a wonderful mother to him and encouraged him to study.

"The father didn't believe one needed an education. But this stepmother understood. She always took the boy's part and would even borrow books for him from the neighbors.

"She bought him a Bible and a 'Life of Washington' for his very own. This book made him hungry for more knowledge of this new, free country of his and perhaps pointed the path his life should take.

"She encouraged this boy in his day-dreams of a world outside, down the creek, down the river. When the father would have kept him there working the farm, she encouraged him to strike out and make his way in the world.

"This fine woman also taught the boy to pray, to look to God for guidance and strength in the time of need.

"My boy, all this man is or ever hopes to be, he feels he owes to the kind, efficient woman who decided to be a mother to two motherless children."

"Do you suppose my new mother will be like that?" said Bob, wide-eyed with wonder

"I am sure she will, son, if you will do your part. There may be cruel stepmothers; I have never known one myself; but this I do know—just as there are kind, loving, generous mothers in the world, just so are there kind, loving, generous stepmothers."

Bob was quiet for a moment, then said, "I think I'll go back home and be there when my father and new mother come. And—I'll be the best boy a stepmother ever had!"

At this, the very tall, kindly man, the eager boy and his dirty, ugly dog, started down the road together.

In the city beyond could be seen the great dome of the nation's capitol, serene, unaware of the war clouds which hung so heavily above it and its tall kindly occupant.

As the boy turned down a narrow lane which led to his home among the hills, he said, "I am sure glad that I met you, Mister—Mister—"

"Lincoln," the tall kindly man smiled.—*S. B. Katschkowsky, in The Sentinel.*

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They were rude men, unlovely yes but great
Who prayed around the cradle of our state,
Small room for light and sentimental strains
In those lean men with empires in their brains.
Who their young Israel saw in vision clasp
The mane of either sea with taming grasp.
Who pitched a tent as other men pitch tents,
And led the march of time to great events.

—*James R. Lowell.*

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GIVE

Many years ago a very wise man said: "If you want to be rich, give; if you want to be poor, grasp; if you want abundance, scatter; if you want to be needy, hoard." In this world it is not what we take up but what we give up that makes us rich.

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Dig within thee. There lies the fount of good; a fount whose waters will forever well up, if thou but forever dig.—*Marcus Aurelius.*

"THE ELECT LADY"

By Rev. W. A. Ledford

William Jennings Bryan said, "I have been gathering together strong statements for the greater part of my life." One could scarcely find a more beautiful statement, than "The Elect Lady," in the salutation of John's second letter. The Scriptures are unsurpassed for style and eloquence. The galaxy of the world's literary lights have been profoundly influenced by them. Daniel Webster modeled his eloquence after that of the prophecy of Isaiah. Wordsworth and Carlyle gained world renown from the same source of inspiration. Scriptural references abound throughout Shakespeare.

Bible scholars are pretty well agreed that "elect" is an adjective rather than a proper noun. We find no such agreement, as to whether "lady" refers to an individual, or group of Christians. Commentators are about equally divided on the interpretation. When such an eminent authority, as Archbishop Westcott considered the problem insoluble with our present knowledge, the rest of us had better not be too dogmatic about it. This we can confidently state, namely, that the Christian Church from its earliest beginnings has had her elect ladies. The salutation at the close of this letter, "The children of thy elect sister salute thee," seems more like greetings between churches than between individuals.

Whichever view we might take seems immaterial in this devotional address. Wherever the word "elect" occurs in the Scriptures, we get the idea of something very precious in the sight of God, and of something standing very high in the economy of God. Some how, I have loved that description of the Church as the Bride of Christ. Something bought with His own blood. The chosen, the called and the elect lady of His choice. Call it mysticism, emotional poetry, or whatever you please; there is a union suggested that is very precious in the sight of Christ. The highest attainment offered mankind is the privilege of becoming one of God's elect children.

I am grateful, that the theological battle, over the number of God's elect, which continued from St. Augustine to John Wesley is no longer a debatable question. Furthermore, I am grateful that it was settled in favor of the possibility of all becoming God's elect children. This was the burden of John Wesley's theology and ministry. The Christian world has almost universally rejected St. Augustine's point of view, concerning God's elect and accepted that of Wesley. Wesley held that all could be saved, but not that all would be saved. Only those accepting Christ as their Lord and Saviour following Him daily, becoming new creatures in Him, composed God's elect, according to John Wesley. It is worth a thousand times more than what it costs to become one of God's elect children here and hereafter. He will avenge them of their wrongs, feed them on the heavenly manna and bring them to glory.

Laytonsville, Md.

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Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.—*St. Peter.*

MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL, Editor
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DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

We are to have the high privilege of entertaining and being inspired by Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams, our missionaries to China, who are on furlough. They will take an important part on the program of our annual meeting in Burlington, April 27 and 28, and will also be available for speaking engagements from April 24 to May 4 at auxiliaries and churches. Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, Thomasville, N. C., is in charge of engagements for them. Write her, please, giving her the largest possible freedom in fixing your date for them. Already three churches have spoken for them. April 24, morning and evening, are taken.

Let us make the most of this unprecedented visit to our state work.

Yours for greater Kingdom service,
MRS. R. M. ANDREWS,
President, N. C. Branch.

THE YEAR'S AT THE SPRING!

The year's at the spring, or so it seems today as I write. What greater cause for gratitude could we have than that God has given us protection from cold, and flood, and fire, and drought, and has enabled us to come within nine weeks of a new Resurrection Day?

Our annual meeting will convene in Burlington, April 20 and 21. How shall we show our gratitude to God for all His goodness to us? Last May at convention a special plea was made for as much thank-offering in February as in November. Our goal, on that basis, is $748.

We read Malachi 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." We have already had blessings unnumbered; can we be fair with the Lord and not bring the offerings? A $700 thank-offering is needed for our mission work at this time. Would we like to contemplate hearing Jesus say to us, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me"?

The closing paragraph of one of our mission study books gives a parable of a man who lay in the blazing heat of August on a bed in Arabia tossing in the delirium of fever. As he lay there he saw Christ dressed as an Arab come and stand by his bed. As he accosted Him, he raised his hand and the sick man saw on that hand a scar as of a nail print. Then the hand went slowly to the head and removed the head cloth and he saw that his forehead was all marred with gashes. The sick man spoke in Arabic, "Seidi (My Lord)?" The figure only smiled and faded away. The writer asks, "Was it a delirium of fever?" And answers that he has come to think that he was never saner in his life than at that moment, and now he goes everywhere trying to find Him again. Every common Arab on the street he thinks may be He, the footfalls around his house at night he thinks may be His. Some day on some desert highway as he gives to one whom he regards as a common Arab a drink of water, he thinks he shall see in the outstretched hands the print of the nails again, only He will say, "My disciple, why have you been so long in finding me?"

I have an uncomfortable burning within me when I think that Mr. Minnis will some day soon get a copy of the Herald that has a list of those who have prayed and shared for him, and will see that the list is small in comparison with the great need. Surely when we think that he is doing the only ministering so far as North Carolina is concerned, in one of the neediest fields on earth, we will wake up and give to the payment of one-half of his salary at least. There is a saying in India, "Jesus' baggage has arrived, but Jesus hasn't come yet!" Are we making it easier for our missionary to convince the people of India that Jesus has come to India? No, not if we withhold the money needed to pay his salary. I heard yesterday that a member of one of our Auxiliaries thought the whole Auxiliary was asked for only $1. How could we possibly hope to raise $750 with only one dollar each from a few more than 100 Auxiliaries?

I am new in office but I have faith enough in our women to believe they will still respond to this call; and not only the women but the men also. It was brought out at our third quarterly meeting that gifts to this fund sent in as from any church to Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C., will be a credit to that church on its World Service budget, and I believe there are men in the church who would rather give their World Service money to pay Mr. Minnis' salary than to an undesignated fund. Let us get busy on Thank Offering and Mr. Minnis' salary! I trust that our state treasurer will soon be able to print in the Herald a new long list of gifts for Mr. Minnis' salary.

Mrs. Russell still has copies of "The Children's Home History," don't wait until the supply is exhausted before you write for yours, it ought to be worth 35 cents to every Methodist Protestant. I read it from beginning to end with interest.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS,
President of Woman's Work.

NOTICE TO ALL AUXILIARIES

In a few weeks an Auxiliary Report Blank for the entire year, will be mailed to each local Auxiliary. This report is to be filled out and returned by April 1 at letter postage rate. It has been suggested that if a brief resume of this report be printed perhaps it will be a help to local and Branch Auxiliary secretaries, so I am giving in as few words as possible just what is asked in the different forms of this report.

Report of Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary

Names and addresses of officers and departmental secretaries for year, 1938-1939.

Number of circles.

Number of women in church above 16 years of age.

Number of women cooperating.

Number of Life, Memorial, Sustaining, and Perpetual Members, and number who are honorary members.

Number of Auxiliary meetings and public services held.

Number of subscribers to Missionary Record. (Very important).

Information in regard to children's organizations.

Delegates to Branch meeting.

Report of Treasurer

Complete financial report giving amount paid for Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Thank Offering and other interests such as Children's Home, High Point College, Old People's Home, Ohio, etc.

Report of Auxiliary Secretary of Spiritual Life

Has the use of Prayer Calendar, home-made prayer lists and World Day of Prayer been promoted?

Has there been an organized Bible study class and a class in methods of personal work?

How many homes have family altars?

What have been your special difficulties in promoting the work of your department?

Report of Auxiliary Secretary of Missionary Education

State methods used in getting missionary information across to the women of the church.

Did you help to build a program of missionary education for the young people in your church?

Materials used in your Auxiliary for missionary education?

Methods to promote use of materials?

Difficulties in promoting missionary education?

Report of Secretary of Christian Education

Ways you have used to prepare yourself for your task?

What have you done to interest the young people of your church in Methodist Protestant educational institutions, in leadership training school, and to give help in providing some means of active service in local church for young people?

Did you cooperate with Rally day and Young People's day programs and with the secretary of Thank Offering for November program?

Did you encourage gifts to the Student Loan fund, the College and Seminary Endowment funds?

What materials have you used in your Auxiliary for Christian education?

Report of Secretary of Benevolences and Stewardship

What have you done to prepare yourself for this work?

Have you done any of the following to promote the work of your department: Given information concerning benevolences at one Auxiliary meeting? Had a special meeting for stressing Stewardship? Organized tithers' league? Promoted a class on stewardship? Sent food, clothing or other gifts to Home Mission centers?

Report of Secretary of Temperance and Christian Citizenship

What have you done to prepare yourself for this work?

Have you tried to promote the work of this department in the Auxiliary, Sunday school and Christian Endeavor? Provided material?

Have you promoted peace programs in your Auxiliary and conducted oratorical contests on subjects of "Peace, Temperance and Sabbath Observance?"

Report of Secretary of Scholarships and Native Workers

Is your Auxiliary supporting any scholarships or native workers? If so give name, country, individual or group giving support and amount paid.

Report of Secretary of Life, Memorial, Sustaining and Perpetual Memberships

Have you informed the women of your church about memberships?

How many memberships have you secured during this year in your Auxiliary? State which and amount.

Report of Secretary of Thank Offering

Preparation for the work?

Promotion of the work—number of Thank Offering programs, distribution of boxes to members, etc.

Financial result of your Thank Offering services—November and February?

Did these services help to give the women and members of the church a better idea of the program of our church and their share in that program?

Materials used for services? Spiritual value?

Report of Secretary of Literature

Individual preparation for the work?

Efforts put forth to promote the work of this department—literature table for monthly meetings, special attention called to Missionary Record, distribution of free literature and keeping before Auxiliary up-to-date and new literature.

Report of Secretary of Young People's Work

Precious Jewels, enrollment (age birth to 6 years). Dues—15c per year. Number of public meetings held for mothers.

Sunshine Circle, enrollment (age 6 to 12). Dues—5c per month. Special offerings, thankofferings. Special work. Number meetings held. Points received on Efficiency Chart.

Mission Club, enrollment (age 12 to 16). Dues 5c per month. (Other questions same as for Sunshine with "Do you use study book" added.)

Young People's Circle, enrollment (above 16.) (Practically the same questions as asked in regard to Mission Club.)

What assistance are you giving the above groups? What are you doing in Sunday school and Christian Endeavor to interest young people in missions?

Report of Pastor's Aid Secretary and Work of Auxiliary for Local Church

What have you done to assist pastor with calls?

What has Auxiliary done for parsonage and church repair? Paying church obligations? Other local church service. Amount paid on local church needs and how money was raised.

When your report blank is received please fill it out or see that it is filled out and returned to me at letter postage rate by April 1. If there is any Auxiliary that does not receive one of these blanks by the middle of March please notify me. I am hoping to receive reports from each local Auxiliary and by so doing you can help to make all reports of Branch Secretaries better and let others know what you are doing also. Please fill out efficiency charts and return with other blank. Looking forward to your cooperation and splendid reports, I am,

MRS. JAMES T. BOWMAN,
Cor. Sec. N. C. Branch of Women's Work.

OUR GOALS FOR FEB. AND MARCH

1. One of our goals is the raising of $750 for the support of the Minnis family in India. It was hoped that this goal would be reached during the month of January, but in this we failed. If you haven't contributed to the "Prayer to Share for India Plan," won't you please do so at once? This certainly is a most worthy cause.

2. February is Thank Offering month, therefore another one of our goals is to have a splendid Thank Offering at this time. We are proud and happy that North Carolina went over the apportionment of $700 for the fall Thank Offering. Let us do as well or even better this month. Boxes and envelopes as well as the following materials for programs may be secured from Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C.: "If I Be His Disciple," "Possessions," "The Highway," "Not Exempt," and "Worship Services."

3. April and the annual meeting of the Branch are not far distant. Are you as an Auxiliary, "getting your house in order" for the completion of a successful year's work?

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RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. J. M. Cutchin, Whitakers	$2.00
Otis P. Brower, Liberty charge	1.00
R. L. Elkins, Liberty charge	1.00
Mrs. C. E. Brady, Liberty charge	1.00
J. F. Deaton, Liberty charge	1.00
Mrs. Mamie Smith, Liberty charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Gregson.	
V. M. Garner, State St., Lexington	.50
From Mrs. F. J. Cox, on club subscriptions, State St., Lexington	3.50
C. M. Beavers, Siler City charge	2.00
Sent by Miss Vilma Dark.	
A. A. Self, Alamance charge	1.00
Mrs. Mabel T. Clark, Alamance charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. J. L. Self.	
Mrs. Clarence Cox, Why Not charge	1.00
E. C. Cox, Why Not charge	1.00
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Three small boys were bragging about their dads. The first boy said: "My dad writes a few lines on a paper, calls it a poem, sends it away in the mail, and gets ten dollars back for it."

"My dad," spoke up the second, "makes some dots on a piece of paper, calls it a song, sends it away, and gets twenty-five dollars for it."

"That's nothing," declared the third boy. "My father writes out a sermon on a sheet of paper, gets up in the pulpit and reads it, and it takes four men to bring in the money."
—Exchange.

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Little Harry: "Pa, why do they call them stump speakers?"

Pa: "Well, I guess it's because so many of them are stumped when you ask them to explain where they got their figures."—Ex.

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TRENDS IN TEACHING CHILDREN

By Elizabeth A. Taft, in International Journal of Religious Education, June, 1937

The new kindergarten chairs were placed primly in a semicircle. They were brown and quite shiny. The visiting teacher gazed sadly at them. A new building, new equipment; yet so much of it fell short of being exactly right. The reason was quite simple—no one on the building committee had kept trace of recent trends in the teaching of children. The members of the committee knew, of course, that red chairs were out of date; but they evidently did not know that the tendency in the kindergarten room was for soft, beautiful colors and that centers of interest were taking the place of stiff circles. Picture books on a low table with a few chairs drawn near, some blocks in a corner, a low easel with paper tacked on it—these would have helped to make the room a fascinating place for a four- or five-year-old. They would also make it seem home-like to a child as soon as he enters. Homes are informal places and there is a decided tendency in the kindergarten department to make the room more like a home than a school.

This informality continues in the primary department, both in the room and in the program. At the beginning of the session one may see a group of children gathered around a table where some books are placed. This is their library. Another group may be doing some freehand drawing or making posters at a work table. A picture corner or a group of children learning a new hymn may be seen in another section of the room. In fact, the room and the program are arranged to consider the needs of individual children. Instead of having the children sit passively in chairs and listen to a teacher talk, the tendency is for the children to engage in purposeful activity—to do some research, some creative thinking. In fact, this trend is noticed in any group of children. Whether they are in the kindergarten, primary, or junior department, the room and the program are arranged so that the pupils may participate actively.

A teacher of children today needs to know more than how to tell a story or teach a memory verse. She must know how to guide children into purposeful activity and be skilful in turning a discussion into fruitful channels. There is a tendency these days really to put into practice the saying we quote so often, "You learn by doing." We "do," and so we learn.

Worship, instead of being a set fifteen or twenty minutes at the beginning of the hour, may grow out of the theme for the day. It may be in the middle of the hour or at the end, but it is naturally a part of the hour, not something tacked on because every program needs worship.

There is a trend in many schools to use more than an hour. A two-hour program, or even longer on Sunday, gives opportunity for some real work. In the longer programs, however, one thing needs to be kept in mind: the leadership must be better trained for a two-hour program than for a one-hour program.

Probably everyone has noticed that lesson quarterlies now have almost stopped having isolated lessons. Instead, one finds two or more units of experience in a quarterly. Some experience, common to the child, is developed for four to eight Sundays. In these weeks a child will have worship, study, trips, research, and all types of creative activities: such as homemade movies, posters, poems, notebooks, et cetera. Pupils and teachers work together, the teacher acting as a guide. During these four to eight weeks, the children are gathering information and constructing different things. Perhaps the unit may be "Homes in Other Lands" and the children may be studying pictures of children in other lands, making their homes out of clay flour or blocks, and learning what these other children do at home. Perhaps the pupils may make something for the children in the country studied and send it to them. The story and the memory verse are no longer "the lesson." Both are part of the material used in the unit of experience, yet both are but aids—helping to guide the child to live as a Christian in all social situations. This is really the tendency in all our work with children. Our criteria is no longer how many Bible verses, hymns, and so on, does the child know, but does he act like a Christian child in the social situation in which he is placed?

The change in the children's division is gradual. First one notices certain trends in the various departments—some of these do not become part of the program, but many of them soon become more than trends. They are part of the program of religious education. If one is anxious to keep abreast of the times, one of the best ways to do it is to read at least some of the monthly magazines and some of the books on religious education.

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CHILDREN'S HOME HISTORY

Friends, our first thousand copies are paid for and when you send in money for those you have, the second thousand will be paid for and a nice little sum in our "Children's Home Fund." Let's keep pushing this to the finish. We are in it as long as you want the booklets. Every minister who has not bought for his churches has been contacted, let us hear from you. This is a work of love for our children, help us.

MABEL RUSSELL,
1011 Lindsay St., High Point.

ALAMANCE COUNTY C. E. RALLY TO MEET

The Alamance County Christian Endeavor Union will hold its regular quarterly rally Friday night, February 25, 7:30 p.m., at Fountain Place M. P. church, Burlington. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

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"What's the matter, Nick?"

"Nothing. Just a bit dizzy from reading a circular letter, that's all."—Exchange.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"WHY DOES OUR CHURCH MAINTAIN COLLEGES?"

Topic for February 27, 1938

Scripture text—Proverbs 2:1-11.

Hymn Suggestions — "More About Jesus," "My Jesus I Love Thee," "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

Suggestive points for prayer—"Thank God (1) for the gospel of Christ which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path; (2) for brave souls who have carried that light into darkest lands; (3) for Christian institutions of learning around the world. Ask God (1) to impress upon us the great debt of education to Christ; (2) to grant us vigorous and inquiring minds; (3) to bless our colleges training young people for the service of Christ and His church, and to help them to make their work effective in bringing about the desired results for Christianity in the world."—Standard C. E. Quarterly.

Point for the Leader

For a number of years we have heard call after call and plea after plea for money to support our church colleges. We have seen people who have given the best part of their lives to organize and establish church colleges. How many of us have ever stopped to ask ourselves whether or not church colleges are worth the money it costs to maintain them, and why does our church maintain colleges? We pay taxes to support state schools and universities, are they not enough?

In a nation where church and state are separate, and where its citizens strive to keep them separate, has the church college a place when it comes to the training and development of Christian character?

Calvin Coolidge once said, "We do not need more national development. We do not need more intellectual power, we need more moral power. We do not need more knowledge, we need more character. We do not need more government, we need more religion."

Theodore Roosevelt is credited with saying, "To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."

Questions Which May Be Discussed

1. What is education in the true sense of the word? Is it ever dangerous?
2. What should determine the standards of our Christian colleges?
3. Does a college education help one to make a living or prepare one to help others to live? Or both?
4. What are the differences between the church colleges and other colleges?
5. How are the church colleges maintained?
6. How does college training affect our future social order?
7. Can church leadership be trained without church colleges?
8. What has been the attitude of the churches in America toward higher education?
9. For what primary purpose have many colleges been established?
10. What contribution can the Christian college make that is not made ordinarily by state schools?

REV. J. W. BRAXTON.

MINISTERS MEET IN GREENSBORO

The Piedmont Ministers' Association meets in regular session Monday, February 21, at 10:30 o'clock, in Grace church, Greensboro.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Bethesda, Rockingham Charge, H. W. Bell, Pastor.—Since there has not been a report from Bethesda church this year, that does not mean that everybody is sitting quiet. Although attendance has been off some for the past month, due to sickness, yet we trust these will be back to church soon. "One face is missed when absent," so don't let it be yours.

Since our Sunday school is being superintended by the children, the attendance is better. The parents come to see who the future church workers are, and to see if they are going to be better workers than they have ever been. I must say they are learning that the children of today are more willing to work in the church than the grown-ups are. A little boy of the junior class, Conway Davis, sang a beautiful hymn, "In the Garden," last Sunday, and we pray that he will continue this work.

The junior and intermediate classes are having an attendance contest, and the winning class will receive a prize given by the Sunday school secretary.

We are now having to struggle with a heavy piano problem. Our organ gave away several weeks ago and a piano has been installed. We are working very hard to relieve ourselves of the problem in the near future.

Our pastor, Rev. H. W. Bell, who has been with us for the past three years, is still bringing us some wonderful sermons. We are enjoying them very much and praying that he will continue in this work. We ask an interest in your prayers for our success during this year of 1938, and all through life.

MARY JACOBS, Reporter.

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Lebanon Church, Rev. O. L. Easter, Pastor.—Our Sunday school attendance is slowly creeping up and much interest is being shown in the class work. A supper is to be given to the class showing the best attendance during the past three months and we understand there are four or five classes which are very close together in their attendance marks.

The different organizations of the church are meeting on schedule and much interest is being shown in the work.

The three phases of the Fellowship Crusade have been presented by the pastor, with the help of President Pritchard, at the morning church services, and on last Wednesday evening a goodly number of the members of the church met in the church hut around the open fire for a picnic supper, after which Dr. R. M. Andrews and Dr. G. I. Humphreys brought messages on the Crusade, telling about the progress that had been made in other churches and districts. Dr. Humphreys in his talk likened the church to a home, and our church to a room in the home, and how important it is that each room is made ready so that the entire home is put in order. Our people were impressed with the importance of our cooperation in that our small share is needed for the success of the Crusade.

Young People's Day was observed in all the services on January 30, beginning with the Sunday school. At the 11 o'clock hour the pastor was assisted by E. B. Barnes, one of our young men, in his worship service. The pastor's message was a most fitting one for the young people. The evening service was a candlelight Communion service, which was most impressive in its simplicity. The glee club of Allen Jay school, composed of 60 young people, added much to the service in rendering several numbers.

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Kistler's Union, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor, Feb. 9.—Our church work is moving along nicely. The attendance is good, and there is much interest shown. This is very encouraging and we hope it continues throughout the year.

We are glad to see our Sunday school making progress and doing good work under the leadership of Mr. M. C. Ivester as superintendent.

On the third Sunday in January the Fellowship Crusade was presented to this church by the pastor.

Sunday, February 6, Young People's Day was observed, using the worship leaflet for Young People's Day. The sermon was by the pastor, using as his subject, "Wealth Without Work." This message, like all of his messages, was inspiring and helpful, if applied to our everyday living.

On the next Sunday night, February 13, a thank-offering service will be given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of this church.

Much sickness has been reported in this community, but at this writing everybody is improving nicely.

Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Madison, Ruth, T. G., Johnnie, and Barbara Elizabeth were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ivester on last Sunday.

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Glen Raven Church, R. S. Troxler, Pastor.—Our church is moving on, even if we haven't been doing very much writing.

We are proud of our new heating system, and I am sure that everyone is enjoying it. The Ladies' Aid is looking after the payments, but we are all having a hand in paying for it.

The Workers' Council met Monday night and discussed several ways of improving our Sunday school and church. We are really putting into work the Cradle Roll department. This will help the mothers so much. Going from one extreme to the other, we also elected Mack Boone as superintendent of the Home Circle. It is really inspirational to contact these older people and make them feel that they are still a part of the Sunday school.

Several of our members have been sick with colds. This tends to pull our attendance down, but we are looking forward to them all being back.

Our Christian Endeavor is doing some fine work this year. We just recently re-elected Vernon Johnston as our president. He is a wide-awake leader and is getting new members almost every week and encouraging the old members by his work. The C. E. is still sending a contribution to the Children's Home each month. Some of us went to see our girl some time ago and were proud to discover such a fine girl. We are mighty proud of her.

We have had quite a jumble in our Sunday school. For some time the classes have been overlapping and we are endeavoring to get it straightened out. Several of the classes look as if they are just ruined, but there are always others to take their places. That gives us an incentive to work.

Mr. Vernon Johnston and Katherine Walker were married on December 22, Rev. R. S. Troxler officiating. Both are active workers in our church and we wish for them the best.

The children of the junior department are planning to do some work on their assembly room. We have new curtains and are going to paint our chairs and really make our room attractive. The children are really doing this and they are enjoying planning for it.

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Mt. Lebanon, Randleman Charge.—On January 18, the ladies of Mt. Lebanon church met with our pastor's wife, Mrs. C. L. Spencer, at the parsonage, to organize a missionary society. Officers were elected and everyone seemed anxious to cooperate. On February 8 they had their first monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. J. L. Hall, with an increase of membership. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. C. L. Spencer, using the guide book. Mrs. D. L. Brady had charge of the devotional. The topic was "India and Home Missions." Questions on the readings in the Missionary Record were discussed. After the meeting fruits were served. The next meeting will be March 1 with Miss Esther and Mrs. D. L. Brady.

MRS. O. R. TROGDON, Cor. Sec.

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Guilford Charge.—As our reporter has gone on a sit-down strike, I will write just a few lines. I think we are starting off fine. We have large congregations at Sunday school and preaching service too. Fairfield has built two nice Sunday school rooms, which adds much to the appearance of the church and I believe will increase the interest and numbers in the Sunday school.

The old adage is, we never get too old to learn. And while we live, things may happen that never happened before; and so something happened to this preacher since conference; it has happened to others, but not to me. A few days ago, Brother Ed. Holton, from Vickery church, came down to my home and said they wanted me to come up to Brother John Marsh's home on Friday afternoon. So I went, and he said we will go over to Brother Holton's; so we went, and he got in with us. Then they said, you drive us to High Point. So I did. When we found a place to park they said, come on, we will go down in town. So they took me in a store, and what do you think they did? Well, they dressed me up in a new suit and I got a great fright and my nerves became calm. But now the responsibility is upon me to show myself approved unto God and to this people.

JOEL B. TROGDON.

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Rock Creek Church, Alamance Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor.—I have been neglecting to report from our church for quite a while. We are glad to have our pastor back for another year, and as he is good to report from the different churches on this work, I guess he thinks we depend on him too much.

Mr. John Isley, of Greensboro, passed away at his home at 3 o'clock Saturday, February 12. Funeral was conducted at his home church, Glenwood, by Rev. N. G. Bethea, and he was buried in Rock Creek cemetery. There was a large crowd to pay last respects to a man they loved and esteemed very much. He was a member of this church before moving his membership to Greensboro. Services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Mr. Bethea and Rev. O. C. Lindley.

One of our members, Mrs. John Coble, has been very sick for several weeks. She is able to be up now, we are glad to say.

We have been having better attendance at Sunday school for the last month than we have had for a long time, and we hope others will come and worship with us.

A large number from this church attended the funeral of Rev. G. W. Holmes at Bethel. He was pastor of this church for eight years, and was loved and missed by all that knew him. He was like a loving father to all children. We extend our love and sympathy to the family.

BLANCHE HOLT, Reporter.

Love's Grove Church, Rev. Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—We are still striving to carry on God's work and do His bidding.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met last Friday night, February 11, with Mrs. Homer Turner. There were 17 present, the largest attendance yet. The program was exceedingly good. Mrs. Effie Tarleton was in charge. After the program we had a great number of contests and games. Those receiving prizes were Mrs. Walter Little, Louise Little, Lucille Little, and Virginia Smith. After the games, refreshments were served to everyone present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Doc Furr and we are hoping to have a large attendance.

Mr. Cook filled his regular appointment Sunday with a great sermon. Just before the sermon we were favored with a quartet entitled, "The Old Home Place." This hymn brought tears to many eyes, but a home place here on earth is nothing compared to the great home place that every Christian is working for, which is heaven. There we may always rejoice and everything will be well.

We really love Mr. Cook here at Love's Grove. It seems that each time he preaches we like him just a little better. I know that everyone who heard his sermon Sunday was greatly blessed, and if there were any sinners who heard him, I'm sure they too were blessed and feel a little closer to God. May His great blessings be with Mr. Cook and his family.

We are planning to build an altar at Love's Grove, which, by the help of our good members, I am sure will soon be completed.

VIRGINIA SMITH, Reporter.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Sunday school February 13 had an attendance of 179. Rev. Mr. Braxton preached to us at the church service on the subject, "An Unchangeable Law," taking as his text Matthew 9:20-31. He again presented the Fellowship Crusade, explaining it in full.

The members of our church have been receiving cards telling them they are being missed at Sunday school and church. Did you receive one? Let's all go to church next Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Braxton left Monday for Concord to assist in a two-weeks' service there.

Saturday night the Willing Workers class and their invited guests had a delightful Lincoln day party. On arriving, the guests were given material to make a flower to wear for the evening, and a variety of lovely paper flowers soon apeared. Games were enjoyed under the supervision of the teacher, Mrs. Howard Roberson, and the hostess' mother, Mrs. R. C. Causey. Refreshments were served in paper sacks with ingredients for each person to prepare her own; each person also made her own favors, with Rachel Whiteside winning the prize for the best results. This part of the evening brought about a lot of fun.

Mrs. Elmer Smith and Rebecca Mae Causey are cooperating to get their names in the church paper. Well, here they are. Thank you.

We were glad to receive a subscription to the paper from Mrs. Susan Pritchard. Ill health has prevented her from attending the church services for some time.

Mrs. Sam Suits continues ill at this writing. We are glad to hear that Mrs. Bill Shoffner and Captain Curtis are better.

Interest in our baby contest continues to run high in our community. We all feel it is good business to hold our votes back until the last.

Our church is very grateful to Mr. Claude Spoon for more shrubbery to help beautify our church and lawn.

Rose Curtis was hostess at a Valentine party at her home, Monday afternoon. A number of her friends enjoyed contests and games, after which refreshments were served in keeping with the season.

REPORTER.

Fairfield, Guilford Charge, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor, Feb. 14.—Our classes are increasing. The True Blue class, which consisted of young women and men, has been divided into two classes, and for them two rooms have been built, made possible by freewill donations by members and others who attend. This makes six Sunday school rooms, and the oldest people's class now occupies the main room of the church. The young women's class has seated its room with simple new chairs. The McCuiston Furniture Co. in Kernersville gave them a very attractive new two-burner oil Heatrola. They had their February meeting with Mrs. Edgar Coltrane, and will meet in March with Mrs. Garfield Robbins.

We were honored and pleased to have the Allen Jay faculty with us in Sunday school yesteray, and sincerely hope they will come again soon.

Our financial responsibilities have been fairly well taken care of to date. We have not yet had Young People's Day but will have it this fourth Sunday.

We have destitute families in the community. The church as well as individuals have been doing missionary work by giving money, food and clothing to these people.

We hope for all the churches a very pronounced growth in spirituality.

REPORTER.

First Church, Albemarle, C. G. Isley, Pastor, Feb. 13.—We had a good day at our church Sunday, having a good attendance at Sunday school and church.

Cards for the Fellowship Crusade were given out at the morning worship hour. The majority of our members having signed them.

Our Men's Bible class is gaining new members, under the leadership of their new teacher, Mr. W. L. Mann. The class is divided into two groups and is working hard to build up the attendance. At the close of this contest the losing side will entertain the winners.

The three circles of our church met last week in the following homes: The Lucy Hatley circle in the home of Mrs. D. J. Hatley; the Margaret Greene circle, in the home of Mrs. John Johnson with Mrs. Boyd Gantt as co-hostess and the Camaline Snotherly circle in the home of Mrs. Joe Burleson. The circles planned different projects for the coming month, among them being a George Washington party given by the Margaret Green circle in the home of Mrs. J. U. Whitlock.

We are glad to report that we have made some improvements on the parsonage and the church basement. This amounting to around $80.00, which will be a great help to our church.

Since our last report we have received one new member, Miss Ola Lowder, coming to us from Salem M. E. Church, South.

Mrs. Luke Cook has entered the sanatorium and is getting along fine; also Mr. Crowell Lowder is leaving Wednesday to enter the Veterans hospital in Columbia, S. C. Hope they will be back with us soon. Miss Edna Hatley, who has been confined to her home for the past two weeks was able to be at church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Gantt and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loy, of Burlington, spent the week-end in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gantt and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hatley. We were glad to have these faithful members with us Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson, of High Point, spent Sunday in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson. One of our Sunday school boys, Ernest Safrit, from A. S. T. C., Boone, is spending a few days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Safrit.

Caroleen Church, L. S. Helms, Pastor, Feb. 13.—Our church reporter is very active, but seeing the wonderful way our church is growing, and being the "old reporter" I felt I must also say something for the people who are working so hard to see our church go over "the top." We thank God for the fine way our church has grown since the first Sunday in January. This success can not be credited to any one person. It goes to the church as a whole. There is a finer spirit among our people than there has been in many years. We all seem to love each other more; we want to see the Father's will done. "Win one" seems to be the motto of each member. We are proud to report our attendance for last Sunday, which was 259; a great increase since a year ago. Not only is our Sunday school growing but every service. Our C. E. society is doing a wonderful work, not only training the young Christians to help fight sin and build the foundation of the church of tomorrow, but it also is winning souls. We want to thank God for the past week's prayer services.

Our mill has been operating on short time since before Christmas. It closed all last week. Our church has held cottage prayer meetings each night with a wonderful attendance. In many of the homes there was more than two rooms filled. We are glad to report out of five prayer services eight souls found Christ. We give Christ the praise for it all. This great spirit is not only in our church, it's in the whole community. We want it to reach out through the state, then on through the nation. The Free Will Baptists also have been holding cottage prayer services each night and although we don't know the exact number converted they report a great success. If the Lord tarries and it's His will, we plan on having a union prayer service Friday night. All the denominations of our community plan to meet together at our Community hall. Although our mill plans to operate three days next week. We are still going to hold our prayer services each week night.

We are also glad to report the sick members of our church are recovering and we will be glad to see them back at their post.

The work on our church grounds is coming along fine. Several members have bought shrubbery to put out in honor of our deceased members. The trees, flowers and other shrubbery donated us by friends adds much to the beauty of our church grounds.

The young people of our church love our church. We are proud of what our older members have done for us; we prize each sacrifice made by them that our church is what it is today. Our prayer is that we with God's help may hold the church together for tomorrow, as-they have for today.

"If God be for us, who can be against us?"

RUTH REINHARDT.

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Flat Rock Charge.—So far as the writer knows, the work of this charge is progressing satisfactorily. We are collecting the A. C. Expense item. We are getting some contributions and pledges on the Fellowshsip Crusade. Pastor's salary is being satisfactorily taken care of. Flat Rock church has almost cleared itself of an $800 debt of long standing, and the pastor has received a nice pounding. This time it came from Palestine church. It covered most of the kitchen needs, for which we thank you people greatly. A little later, when visiting at Uncle Len Tucker's, Mrs. Burgess received a much appreciated cake plate from Miss Grace Tucker.

J. A. BURGESS.

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Midway, Greensboro, Rev. J. R. Hutton, Pastor, Feb. 13.—Our pastor has been bringing us some splendid sermons this year. The attendance for the church service has increased considerably.

We had Communion service at our church last Sunday. At this time our pastor explained some of the church discipline.

The C. E. anniversary banquet held at First church, Burlington, was attended by nine of our C. E. members.

The ladies' class met at the home of Mrs. E. C. Walters, their teacher, and elected the following officers: Mrs. Authony, president; Miss Lula Thompson, vice-president; and Mrs. W. H. Hiatt, secretary and treasurer.

We are glad to see that our name is not blank for Herald subscriptions. Mrs. R. B. Kirkman, our agent, has been working.

REPORTER.

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Pine Bluff Church, C. G. Isley, Pastor, Feb. 14.—Brother Isley preached a splendid sermon last Sunday on "Unbelief, the Chief Sin of the World." Everyone seemed to enjoy and appreciate this sermon very much. The pastor, at this service, also explained the Fellowship Crusade and had membership cards given to the congregation, which he asked them to sign and return on next Sunday. We, personally, feel that this is a great opportunity for each member of the church to rededicate his life to a greater service in the Master's work, and we are hoping that every card will be signed and returned.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tucker from Locust, and Mrs. Ernest Tucker from Concord, to worship with us on last Sunday.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met with Mrs. W. M. Huneycutt at Locust last Friday evening. The visiting committee reported 136 visits made since the last meeting. It was decided at this meeting to have a box social at the church on Saturday night, the 5th of March. The next meeting is to be held with Mrs. Sidney Linker.

JOE JENKINS, Reporter.

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Welch Memorial Church, J. D. Williams, Pastor, Feb. 14.—Our pastor preached a good sermon Sunday. Text, second chapter of Acts. The evening service was the children's service, entitled, Youth for Christ, which was carried out almost perfectly. Mrs. Mabel Joyner had charge of the children, and it was a good play.

Sunday night, February 20, at 7:30 o'clock, Dr. Williams will preach to the young people. We are looking forward to a good service and a full house.

Saturday night the Baraca class had a social meeting and gave us some mighty fine oysters. Dr. Williams and Brother Frye were invited, and both made fine talks to the Baracas.

Brother Bill Winslow led our prayer service last Wednesday night. A mighty good service. Pray for us that this may be our best year.

EUGENE SEAGRAVES, Reporter.

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Henderson.—Three months of the conference year have gone by without any message from this pastor to the Herald. However, our reporter has been giving such splendid reports that he did not feel that he could add anything to what she had to say.

My first message to the readers of this paper is a personal one. It may be a little late to say so, but the writer and his wife are glad of this opportunity to serve these good people for another year. It is really a pleasure to work with people like those in the Henderson church. Their kindness means much to us. Then, I want to say "thank you" to our many friends here in Henderson and throughout the conference who remembered us with greetings during the Christmas season.

There are certain things that we are seeing and feeling which are encouraging to our entire membership. Some weeks ago we had a fellowship supper at the church. Sixty members and friends of the church gathered to enjoy the meal and fellowship. Sunday school attendance has been increasing during the year. Seventy-one per cent of the membership of the Sunday school was present last Sunday. The attendance at all of the Sunday morning services has been very good during the entire conference year. Attendance at the evening services has not been large, but it has been some better than usual. There seems to be a fine spirit of unity in the entire active membership of the church. This is very helpful to both pastor and people.

We observed Young People's day on the fifth Sunday in January. Rev. J. W. Braxton, pastor of Mt. Pleasant charge and the superintendent of Youth Education in the Conference Council, preached the sermon in the morning. This was a very fine and challenging sermon. All present enjoyed it very much. Our offering to this special day was $15. We plan to make a special offering of the same amount to all special days during the year.

The fifth Sunday rally for the second district was held in our church on January 30. The Young People's day service was the program in the morning. The afternoon program consisted of special music, short talks, and an address on the first objective of the Fellowship Crusade by Rev. J. P. Pegg, the new pastor of Granville charge. This was a very helpful service.

Our February Thank Offering service will be held on the fourth Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The speaker will be Mrs. Maxine Taylor Fountain, of Raleigh.

The evangelistic services for this year are to be held March 30-April 10. By request of the quarterly conference the pastor will do the preaching.

The writer united in marriage Henry Morris and Tempie Carter on Saturday afternoon, February 12 at 5 o'clock in the Henderson church. These young people are members of Corinth church, Littleton charge. Relatives and close friends were present for the ceremony. We wish for them a long and happy married life.

Since conference we have lost one member by death. Mrs. Elsie Young Holland passed from this life to her reward on December 5. Mrs. Holland united with this church in childhood. We extend our sympathy to her loved ones.

T. J. WHITEHEAD, Pastor.

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Rockingham Charge, H. W. Bell, Pastor.—On Sunday, January 30, we observed Young People's day at our church. We wish that more of our young folks could have been present and heard the inspiring message that our pastor brought to us. The message was concerning the young shepherd, David. We hope that the young members of our church, and all other churches, will grow in the grace of God and begin to serve Him now. The younger we are the longer will be our opportunity for serving our Heavenly Father.

Our pastor delivered two wonderful messages last Sunday. His text at the 11 o'clock service was taken from Revelations 2:4: "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee because thou hast left thou first love." These words were from God to the church at Ephesus. There is one question that I want us all to consider and think upon. That is, Have we left our first love? If we have then let us do what this church was commanded to do. Let us repent. May God help us all to love our church and neighbors and most of all our Father as He would have us to.

In behalf of our Sunday school and prayer service, I wish to say that they are progressing rapidly. Will all the churches remember us in prayer?

REPORTER.

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Hawkins' Chapel, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, Feb. 14. — Third Sunday morning Mr. C. F. Hawkins held prayer service after Sunday school, it was decided to have prayer service first and third Sundays. Mr. Edward Hawkins was elected as assistant class leader.

Sorry our pastor was ill the fourth Sunday evening. Glad he was able to be back yesterday. His scripture was from St. Matthews 2:4: Text, Acts 1:11, "Ye men of Galilee why

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Vickery S. S., Guilford	$ 2.00
Hope S. S., Siler City, Dec.-Jan.	2.50
Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.00
Ethel Hempstead Circle, Inwood, L. I., feeding child	10.00
Bethel Home, Weaverville	1.00
Efland S. S., Orange	2.20
C. E. Society, Glen Raven, clothing child	5.00
Friendship S. S., Fallston	4.21
Midway S. S., Haw River	3.49
Canaan S. S., N. Davidson	3.50
Mrs. R. A. Plunkett, Graham, help support child	10.00
First church S. S., Thomasville	2.44
Cleveland charge, for potatoes	1.37
Tabernacle, Tabernacle S. S.	5.00
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	2.44
Concord S. S., two months	40.00
Rockingham S. S., Jan.-Feb.	4.00
Mill Grove S. S.	6.00
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	3.40
Mathews Chapel S. S., Greensville	1.85
Granville, Rehoboth, S. S.	12.75
Gibsonville, Young Ladies' class, feeding child	5.00
Grace church S. S.	10.00
Friendship-Love's Grove, Friendship S.S.	5.56
Whitakers S. S.	5.00
Glen Raven S. S.	7.37
Guilford, Fairfield S. S.	3.00
Seagrove-Love Joy, Macedonia S. S.	1.00
Reidsville S. S.	10.00
Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant S. S.	8.00
Randleman, Worthville S. S.	11.10
State Street, State Street S. S.	5.12
Gibsonville S. S.	11.42
Kannapolis S. S.	7.63
Lexington, First church, S. S.	3.00
Siler City S. S.	4.95
Mrs. Mangel, Chapel Hill	1.00
State Street	3.91
Friendship-Love's Grove, Love's Grove S. S.	3.10
Denton S. S.	5.00
Pleasant Grove S. S.	15.00
High Point, First church	15.00
Why Not, Flag Springs S. S.	2.00
Winston-Salem, First church S. S.	8.00
Randleman, Mt. Lebanon S. S.	4.20
Inwood, L. I., Ethel Hempstead Circle Auxiliary	5.00
Spring Church, Pleasant Hill	2.40
Randolph, Bethel S. S.	3.20
Charlotte, First church S. S.	4.17
Greensboro, Calvary S. S.	15.00

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Cleveland Circuit, 156 one-half gallon cans of fruit and vegetables.

A few weeks ago we received some cakes for school lunches from Kernersville charge, and they were credited to Sandy Ridge when they should have been credited to Pine Grove. We are sorry for the mistake.

We are thankful to all of you for your kind help.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

CELEBRATE C. E. ANNIVERSARY

Approximately 300 Chirstian Endeavorers from all over North Carolina gathered Saturday night in Burlington to celebrate by a birthday banquet the 57th anniversary of the Christian Endeavor movement. This came as the crowning event of Christian Endeavor Week, celebrated the first week of February wherever Christian Endeavor is known.

The hut of the First Methodist Protestant church was attractively decorated in red and white, the Christian Endeavor colors. On each table in large red cardboard figures, 1881-1938 stood, typifying the 57 years of service that this world-wide organization has given.

After the invocation, led by Rev. F. W. Paschall, pastor of the church, Mr. Luther Medlin, field secretary and toastmaster, presented officers, superintendents, commitee chairmen, and other outstanding Endeavorers. Among those presented were Miss Helen Abernathy, of Lincolnton, as Intermediate superintendent; Miss Helen Henderson as associate publicity superintendent, and Mr. Tracy Miller, of Charlotte, as registrar for the coming convention.

Special music was furnished for the occasion by Miss Vera Smith, of High Point.

Messages were given grom the state president, Rev. K. B. Shoffner, of Thomasville, who stressed cooperation and consecration, and from the editor and business manager of the New Tar Heel Bulletin, Mrs. Ida G. Lambert, and Miss Lois Yokely, and also from state finance chairman, Rev. Aubert M. Smith.

The speaker for the evening, Dr. Merton French, Professor of Religion at Elon College, used as his theme "The Goods Which Christian Enedavor Produces." These goods he listed as good health, good fellowship, good workmanship, good humor, and good will. By the illustration of the handicapped Cunningham who became the great mile runner, Dr. French showed how "perseverance overcomes weakness." Good humor, he said, enables one to see and to realize that through the incongruities of life, one can maintain an equilibrium which will help one to overlook some of the petty things of life. Christian Endeavor, Dr. French pointed out, guaranteed the best returns to its members. "The profits of Christian Endeavor go weekly to each individual member." Dr. French's enthusiasm and his earnest presentation made for him a distinct place in the hearts of the North Carolina Endeavorers.

A playlet, "The First Christian Endeavor Society," was presented under the direction of Miss Mabel Joiner, of High Point. At the conclusion of this play the entire group present stood and sang together the Christian Endeavor pledge as an act of consecration.

The climax of the evening was the presentation and crowning of Miss North Carolina Endeavorer. This title was won by Miss Nellie Routh, of the West End Methodist Protestant church of Greensboro, who was presented with a silver loving cup. Miss Nancy Sandefur, of the Home Moravian Junior society of Winston-Salem, was given the title of Mascot and was presented a Christian Endeavor pin. Runners-up for the title of Miss North Carolina Endeavorer were: Miss Mildred Southern, of the Welch Memorial M. P. society, High Point; Miss Freda Moore, West Avenue Presbyterian society of Charlotte; and Miss Nell Jarrett, of First M. P. society of Thomasville.

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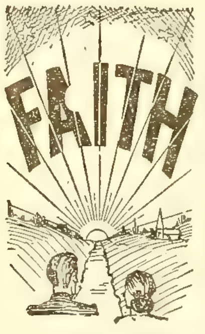

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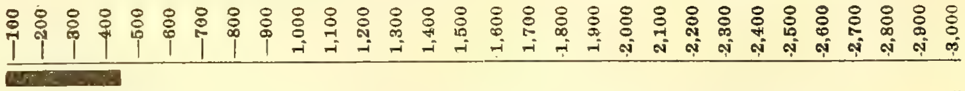

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REV. N. G. BETHEA
Subscription Booster

Here comes that blast! One big blast for Whitakers! This is the suggestion coming from President Pritchard. Of course this blast would have been given anyway for this church and for Miss Wheless, that faithful Herald agent down there. We are so accustomed to Whitakers doing all that they are asked to do that we are liable to just take it for granted and give them no praise. Such loyalty and faithfulness as we always find there on the part of the laity should be an incentive in other places. In some places it is left entirely up to the preacher. Here is an example where the work was being looked after though the pastor was ill and not able to be on hand. My, but it is fine to have folks like that. Of course the pastor encourages when he is there. The writer lived neighbor to these folks for seven years. They were so neighborly that it was always a joy to be called there in any kind of a meeting.

There are several healthy lists this week. Go back and look up that percentage list on back of last week's Herald. Do your best to measure up to some of these and you will be helping yourself as well as the paper.

Subsidy came from a number of places this time also. That is encouraging. Four churches on Davidson as follows: Chapel Hill, Liberty, Lineberry, Pine Hill. Whitakers met theirs in full. Thank you, folks, that's fine. It will not take long, Brother Grant, to get out at the rate you are now going. May there be no slack-up until you reach the goal.

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Alamance	56	18	1.00
Albemarle	20	3½	....
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Asheville	13	2	....
Bessemer City	13	....	....
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Burlington, First	80	7½	....
Burlington, Fountain Pl.	13	½	....
Charlotte	10	6	....
Chase City	10	1	....
Chatham	10	....	....
Cleveland	63	36½	*17.61
Concord	26	3½	....
Connelly Springs	19	1½	....
Creswell	29	1	....
DANVILLE	9	9½	....
Davidson	56	5½	5.00
Democrat	12	½	....
Denton	37	11½	....
Draper	8	....	....
Enfield	16	4½	....
Fallston	90	8	....
Flat Rock	77	6½	....
Friendship-Love's Grove	38	10	5.00
Forsyth	46	8	....
Gibsonville	24	1	....
Glen Raven	52	7½	....
Graham	30	11½	....
Granville	58	5½	....
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High Point, Welch Mem.	22	4	....
Kannapolis	21	1½	....
Kernersville-So. Winston	38	10	....
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Mt. Pleasant	62	13½	....
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Pine Bluff Church	11	1½	....
Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	52	3½	....
Pleasant Grove	17	4	*5.00
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Randleman	45	8	....
Randolph	78	7½	....
Reidsville	13	4	....
Richland	35	4½	....
Roberta	29	1	....
Rockingham	21	1	....
Roseneath	3	....	....
Saxapahaw	58	5½	....
Seagrove-Love Joy	36	2	....
Shady Grove	2	....	....
Shelby-Caroleen	18	....	....
Shiloh	65	4½	*20.00
Siler City	22	7	....
Spencer-China Grove	7	1½	....
Spring Church	35	2	....
Tabernacle	40	4½	2.00
Thomasville, Community	18	2	....
Thomasville, First	25	7	....
Union Grove Church	10	2	....
Vance	53	11½	....
Weaverville	20	....	....
West Forsyth	68	5½	....
WHITAKERS	8	9	*2.50
Why Not	30	2½	....
Winston-Salem, First	27	4	....
Yarborough	9	½	1.25
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FROM PASTORS AND PEOPLE

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stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner. As ye have seen him go into heaven."

The Juniors sang "Everybody Ought to Love Jesus" and "Jesus Loves Me." Dear folks, if we would only get this in our minds that we ought to love Jesus, and then with a truly and sincere heart love Him because Jesus said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." I am afraid we who claim to be Christians neglect the poor sinner too often.

We are glad to say our Sunday school is getting along nicely through the winter so far.

Rev. W. F. Ashburn was the guest of Mrs. O'Briant the first Sunday and Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Trolinger Friday night.

Rev. and Mrs. Trolinger were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hawkins Sunday.

We were glad to have back with us yesterday to worship Mrs. Hyden Crowley, who before her marriage Sunday afternoon, January 16, was Miss Madeline Pittard, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pittard, also a sister of Rev. Leo Pittard.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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Keeping the Church Vow

Since the purpose of membership in the Church is to lift the standard of Christian living and to increase the service each Church member renders through cooperative effort, that all thereby may glorify God and enjoy Him; it is the most natural thing at all that all who join the Church pledge themselves to a new and more efficient service than they would otherwise render. For instance, when you joined the Methodist Protestant Church you promised to "consecrate your life to His (God's) service and glory. To give diligent attention to His word and ordinances, and seek the honor and advancement of His kingdom. To observe the rules of the Church . . . to contribute to the support of the gospel ministry and to its works of Christian benevolence . . . as a steward of whatever wealth you may possess . . . to walk with the members in charity and faithfulness, in meekness and sobriety" . . . These pledges are in your Church vow. These you pledged yourself to perform and to do to the extent of your ability. Those, therefore, who regard this solemn obligation as binding upon them will be grateful for this reminder of their duty as a Church member and will want to renew their vow and covenant made to the Lord in the presence of His people for they know that this Church vow is one of the vital requirements of life, and as such, must be observed. For he who does not strive to do the best he knows has no chance of being the best he ought to be. And as you doubtless already know, a deliberate or intentionable failure to keep a promise you have made lowers your spiritual fervor and soon destroys your desire for keeping that promise. The Christian Church is greatly handicapped these days by having on its membership rolls, and far too many upon the official rolls the names of those who fail to keep this vow which they took willingly before the assembled members of their Church.

And it is inconceivable that a person should think he or she can ignore this solemn vow unto God and not suffer the dire consequences of such an act of stultification. For the reaction of such conduct upon those who fail is far more disastrous than it is upon the Church they have pledged themselves to support by their presence, prayers and cooperative service but fail to do it.

It is foolish to suppose that when your pastor is urging you to attend the services of YOUR Church and to support YOUR Church with your means that he has a selfish interest in your doing these things. Your pastor knows full well what will happen to you if you fail to keep your Church vow—that you most assuredly will backslide. That is why he insists so earnestly that you do these things. For people just do not live close to the Lord while they are living far from their Church. They just do not worship God in the beauty of holiness with their lips while their hearts are far from Him in their desires and purposes. The Christian Church is God's own means of grace for you and for me and only those who use these means grow in grace. While it may appear to you to be a most serious fault for any one to owe you money and refuse to pay you; it is no greater fault not to pay a debt to a person than to refuse to keep the obligation you made to God when you joined the Church.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

The Quarterly Reports

Practically all the quarterly reports are now in. Charges reporting new members are Shelby-Caroleen, 5; Forsyth, 2; Vance, 5; St. Paul's, 4; Pleasant Grove, 1; Richland, 6; Community, 3; Kannapolis, 4; Why Not, 1; Denton, 4; Seagrove-Love Joy, 3; Danville, 5; West Forsyth, 1; Mill Grove, 1; Charlotte, 7; Kernersville-South Winston, 4; North Davidson, 4; Flat Rock, 1; Lincolnton-Bess Chapel, 1; West End, Greensboro, 3; Friendship-Love's Grove, 3; Asheville, 4; Gibsonville, 2; Granville, 2; Concord, 5; Fallston, 6; Mt. Pleasant, 1; Burlington, First, 2; Rankin Memorial, 4; Fountain Place, 1; Midway, 4; Draper, 2; Lexington, First, 2; Randleman, 6; Porter, 3; Albemarle, 2; Orange, 1; Roberta, 2; High Point, First, 12; Shiloh, 3; Lebanon, 7; Mebane, 4; and Democrat, 1.

Charges having made payments on Annual Conference or World Service budgets are Shelby-Caroleen, Forsyth, Vance, Moriah, Pleasant Grove, Community, Guilford, Tabernacle, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, Randolph, Davidson, Why Not, Denton, Henderson, Danville, Thomasville First, Charlotte, Asheboro, Welch Memorial, Rockingham, Greensville, North Davidson, Flat Rock, Saxapahaw, Whitakers, West End, Greensboro, Reidsville, Friendship-Love's Grove, Asheville, Gibsonville, Graham, Granville, Fallston, Mt. Pleasant, Burlington First, Lexington First, Anderson, Randleman, Haw River, Orange, Cleveland, Halifax, Yarborough, Shiloh, Lebanon, Mebane, Fountain Place, Mocksville, Calvary, and Weaverville.

Charges reporting money raised for Church improvements, Church debts, beautifying grounds, etc.:

Shelby-Caroleen, $250 on Church improvement; Maple Springs on the Forsyth Charge, $800 on Church repair, 25% increase in Sunday School enrollment and attendance; Moriah Church finished paying for and installing a furnace; Fairfield Church on the Guilford Charge built two Sunday School rooms; Kannapolis reduced debt on Church; Denton Church purchased new song books; Seagrove-Love Joy improved parsonage, new communion set purchased for Seagrove Church; Charlotte reports more than $1,000 pledged on Church debt; Asheboro raised $500 on Church improvements; Mt. Elma Church on Creswell Charge bought new chairs for choir, improved altar and finished paying debt on piano; Matthews Chapel on the Greensville Charge has been rebuilt; Mt. Pleasant on North Davidson finished paying for light plant and is buying new pews; Center Church on the Alamance Charge raised $200 to re-roof the Church; Flat Rock on Flat Rock Charge about finished paying $800 Church debt. Hope to dedicate Church this year; West End at Greensboro, has done repair work on basement; Love's Grove, on Friendship-Love's Grove Charge, has been painted on the inside. Friendship Church built Sunday School rooms at cost of $700, $1,000 raised to brick veneer Friendship Church; Asheville bought new hymnals; Gibsonville raised $100 for Church improvement; Concord has completed new Church auditorium with a debt of only $500; Anderson Charge beautifying Church grounds at two Churches; Randleman working on basement; Albemarle paid $887 on Church debt; Oak Grove, Cleveland, shrubbery planted, lumber and brick on ground for new Church at Moriah; China Grove Church spent $108 on Church improvement; Bethel Church on Mocksville Charge has been underpinned; Calvary has paid interest on Church debt, increase in Sunday School attendance and evening services.

A Sunday on Greensville Charge

Last Sunday was spent with Rev. J. M. Morgan on the Greensville Charge with three appointments, namely: Matthew's Chapel at 11 o'clock; Wesley's Chapel at 2:30 and Philadelphia at 7:30. Twenty-seven years ago last August it was my privilege to assist Rev. W. D. Fogleman at Matthew's Chapel in a revival meeting. This was while I was a student in the Seminary and it was my last visit to this Church until last Sunday. This Church building has recently been re-built and it is much more in keeping with the needs of the community. The auditorium is of reasonable size and is neat and worshipful. Certain Changes in style and architecture make it much more attractive than the old building. Five Sunday School rooms have been built and some of them are so arranged that they can be made a part of the auditorium in case they are needed. And the fine thing about the new building program is that the Church will not have a heavy debt. Practically all of the material in the old building was used in the new. The Sunday School last Sunday showed evidences of considerable life and activity. The morning Church services were well attended and the people entered heartily into the worship service and listened attentively to the message. Following the service the Fellowship Crusade was presented and several cards were signed. The committee will follow up this work and I trust the returns may be gratifying. It was a great pleasure to worship with these people and to renew former friendships.

At Wesley's Chapel in the afternoon I was on new territory as this was my first visit here. A goodly number heard the message with interest and it was easy preaching to them. Here also the Crusade was presented and some cards were taken but not many were signed. I hope that something worthwhile can yet be done along this line at this place.

At Philadelphia Church at the evening hour the house was well filled with interested listeners. This was also my first visit here. This is the home Church of the late Rev. M. P. Chambliss and several of his near relatives were present. Here the Crusade was presented following the sermon with some success.

This is Brother Morgan's third year of a second pastorate on this Charge. He is held in high esteem and loved by the people. The parsonage is located at Triplet, Va., some thirty miles northwest of Roanoke Rapids, N. C. The parsonage lot

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A Message in Verse

The Saviour goeth before you,
So what if your path be dim;
Your greatest fear of the future,
Is encountered first by Him.
And thus like the faithful shepherd
Who goeth before his sheep,
He leads you in perfect safety,
Though rough be your road and steep.

The Saviour goeth before you,
By night as well as by day,
Removing fears of a life-time,
That marked each step of your way.
So cease from your useless worry;
Fear not what life holds in store;
Let this be your consolation,
Your Saviour goeth before.

—*George W. Wiseman, D.D.*

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Sentence Sermons

Little things are little things, but faithfulness in little things is something great.—*St. Augustine.*

If you see a fault in others, think of two of your own, and do not add a third one by your hasty judgment.—*Flanier.*

If Christians like their Lord will be,
All men will lose their doubt and see
How real is Christianity.

—*Marianne Faringham.*

Consecration is not wrapping one's self in a holy web in the sanctuary, it is going in to the world and using every power for God's glory.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

One need never fear the working classes; it is the idle group which causes violence and crime.

If thou faint in the day of adversity thy strength is small—*Proverb.*

A little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism, but depths in philosophy bringeth man's mind about to religion.—*Francis Bacon.*

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Those Unbound Heralds

If you would like to help us have the forty-three volumes of the M. P. Heralds and Our Church Records bound so that they may preserve the history of our Annual Conference in accessible form. Send on your contribution. It will take $1.50 per volume, or year, to bind them in vellum with names on the cover. We will appreciate any amount. Send to R. M. Andrews, High Point.

Goodness, Progressive

The qualities of sainthood are acquired through years of struggle, of suffering and victories. He is most unfortunate who thinks he received his full store of patience, of knowledge, and brotherly kindness when he was regenerated. Then he could not grow in grace and in knowledge at all. Life would indeed be stationary. A finished product at birth. This growth comes through putting off the old man and putting on the new through Christ Jesus. For did not St. Paul speak of "putting on Christ"? Spiritual birth is analogous to the natural birth. We are born in the flesh with all the faculties for a full and efficient life. But we are not born with them perfected. So in our spiritual birth, we are born babes in Christ. St. Paul had some of these babes in at least one of the Churches who enjoyed their infancy so much that they continued to feed on milk long after the time of life they should have changed their diet. Would it not have been a fine thing for succeeding Churches if this little group of dwarfed saints had been sterilized? But we have them with us still. Not only as baby feeders but as babies in all their needs of attention. They are so much afraid of making progress that they are in a state of spiritual decline.

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Doing a Great Work

There is a most familiar incident in Jewish history when Nehemiah was rebuilding the broken walls around Jerusalem. His enemies who had profited by the unprotected condition of the city naturally opposed the work. And having tried threats without avail they invited Nehemiah to leave the work alone and come down and hold conferences with them about the matter. His answer was most explicit and a lesson to us, "I am doing a great work so that I cannot come down to you." The fact which saved the day for the Jews was that Nehemiah realized he was doing a great work. Had he regarded his task as a trivial affair, he might have quit it and held fellowship with his enemies. Did you ever really appraise the value of your labors in the Church. Did you ever stop to consider that the impulse which pulls you away from your duties to your Church may be the avowed enemies of the cause of righteousness? Has it ever occurred to you that God may have called you into being for the very age and the very task which is yours today? Let's quit depreciating our tasks, however small they seem to be. For if the task is OURS is that not reason enough that WE should perform it faithfully and fully?

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I am a man and nothing that concerns a man do I deem a matter of indifference to me.—*Terence.*

MEASURING A MAN'S WORTH

International Sunday School Lesson for February 20, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 5:1-17.

Golden Text—"How much then is a man of more value than a sheep!" Matt. 12:12.

Today we find Christ and His disciples going across the sea of Gallilee to the east coast to a place called Gadara or Gergesa. There they met a man possessed of a devil, cutting himself with stones, strong, feared by his fellow countrymen, living among tombs. This is a hideous picture of a man who hates himself and the world. I wonder if this description is not somewhat characteristic of many in our own day. It has been my privilege to talk with a few drug addicts, drunkards, epileptics, to study the lives of sexual perverts in institutions for cure, men and women who live among tombs in a world that is colorless and dead. They, like the man of Gadara long ago, know that they are destroying themselves but somehow are powerless to stop. When we thoughtlessly tease the community half-wit I am convinced that behind his dumb smile there is a sensitiveness to our cold unkindness. The loneliness of these people who are forced to live in a world to themselves is far greater than most people can imagine. One of the characteristics of sin is that it produces a sense of alienation. No one can be guilty of sin and still feel himself in perfect rapport with God and His fellowmen.

Strange as though it may appear it seems that those who live in a world of spiritual loneliness are quickest to respond to the friendship of Jesus. His love seems to be sufficient to pierce through the wall of sin and touch the lonely heart. Dishonest Zacchaeus made a special effort to see this Man of Gallilee and then went to dinner with Him in the joy of a new found friendship. The lonely woman taken in adultery must have looked at the Master knowing that though He hated sin He loved her. The maniac, worshipping, fell at His feet. And this is not particularly strange. We always feel or sense the friendship of our fellowman rather than waiting to be told of it. That was and is the strange power of Christ over human life. We cannot resist the One Who we know loves us more than any other.

We see the maniac sitting clothed and in his right mind; he was healed. Different interpretations may be put upon the process by which Christ restored this man to normality. The particular technique used is not the real issue, however. The point is that Christ could and can transform the lives of those who in humility and faith fall down before Him. It matters not how low a man may be, though all men may hate him Christ sees in him the priceless treasure of life. He saw the maniac not so much for what he was but for what he might be, a man sitting clothed and in his right mind.

It seems that this is the only important incident that took place over in Gadara, but certainly the trip was not in vain. A man was saved. Here we have dramatized the parable of the lost sheep with real human characters playing the major roles. If a man will go into the lonely mountains to find a lost sheep how much more would Christ cross the sea and go into the lonely tombs to save a soul. David Livingston once asked the question, "Can the love of Christ not lead the missionary anywhere that the love of money will lead the business man?" and with his own life he answered that question "yes." A wasted trip? No indeed. Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost and that is what He was about.

Then there came the protest from the people of the country round about. They entreated the Master to leave their coast. Some are of the opinion that the reason for this protest was that some of the people engaged in the business of raising swine were Jews and thus felt themselves accused by this pious Man from Gallilee. It matters not what our compromise is our consciences always become uneasy in the presence of Christ. Sin looks worse in the presence of purity than anywhere else. Even Simon Peter when he first met the Master entreated Him to go away for, says he, "I am a sinful man."

The more probable reason, however, for entreating the Master to leave that country was that these people were disturbed over losing so many hogs. It is true that a man had been saved from the devils but their very profitable business of raising swine had suffered miserably, so they were out to protect their income. In other words what they were saying was this: Let the man go to the devils we've got to look out for our hogs. That is the attitude of people in all ages who put money before human welfare, who put things before men. How much taxes was the legalization of liquor supposed to bring in? How much cheaper can we get child labor than adult labor? How much more money for the management will slightly reduced wages bring in? How much would it cost to clear up some of the slum districts? As to the good or evil for human life that is aside from the point. Let our boys and girls, our men and women go to the devils taxes must be collected, America must be prosperous. So reasons the world on every hand. But such was not the logic of Christ. He was willing to sacrifice hogs by the hundreds, willing to sacrifice business, even willing to sacrifice His own life in order that men might be saved from their demonic passions into the abundant life, in order that they might be clothed and put in their right minds.

The President's Letter

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consists of four acres of land, thus affording ample room for exercise.

I enjoyed my visit to this Charge very much indeed. All of the Churches on this Charge are located in the state of Virginia, but the people work well for the North Carolina Annual Conference. I trust they may have a good year.

Appointments

Sunday, February 27—Fountain Place, 11 a. m.

Sunday, March 6—Richland Charge: Charlotte, 11 a. m.; Giles Chapel, 3 p. m.; and Brower's at 7:30 p. m.

J. E. Pritchard.

Blessed is the man who has found his work, let him ask no other blessedness.—*Carlyle.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Three Types of Churches

A new book on "Our Changing Churches," by Van Vleck, makes a thorough study of contemporary Churches and groups them into three branches. I mentioned this study on class the other day, and now I will send it on for the consideration of others.

First is what the author called the *priestly* Church. In this group we have the Roman Church, and, I suppose, the Episcopalian, along with others, that make much of ritual. In such Churches the minister serves a priestly role—goes before his people and presents them to God. Such is the priestly function. Such a Church makes much of ecclesiastical authority. The individual soul seeks divine aid and guidance through the Church directly, the minister being the agency, very largely, through whom he approaches God. Means of grace are found in the various functions and ceremonies administered by the ordained leader.

A second kind of Church is the *individualistic* Church. This type of Church insists that the individual person can come to God directly and alone. Personal access is emphasized. I think our Methodist Communion belongs to this category. We have always urged the individual's relationship with the Father. No priest is necessary for the Methodist —he goes to God alone. Ritual, while impressive and helpful, is not an essential means of grace. Even our Churches are free of symbolism, which fact suggests our freedom from authoritarian usage in worship. We believe in and practice individual access and responsibility to God.

Finally, there is the *democratic* Church. Perhaps many are really democratic in government and operation, but by the term here the author means a free, investigating, experimenting Church. Such an organization will try new things, introduce novel patterns of worship, and try to meet the particular needs of the local congregation. It is open to practically any reasonable suggestion for serving the people. Little is made of forms and ritual. The needs of the people is the objective toward which to work, and those means are employed that best serve their conditions. Liberalism is everywhere in evidence.

Now, of course, this third type, as indeed also the others, may be found in practically any denomination. Hardly a denomination exists today without its ritualistic as well as its individualistic local Churches. Often there is more difference in local Churches of the same denomination than there is between denominations themselves. And so the type boundaries do not always follow denominational lines. There is a mixture in them all.

Another observation is this: Local communities need types of Churches suited to their tastes and culture. What the sociologist calls "local cultural autonomy" is plainly seen in our Churches. Perhaps it is best that each community can have a Church like it enjoys. One group will want much emotion, another craves intellectual finish. One stresses great music, while another vibrates to the lively tunes of the dime book. One appreciates one, the other appreciates the other. Now, these three types of Churches serve the various types of communities. It was Timothy Dwight, I understand, who said if there was only one Church he would feel called of God to go out and start another one. Well, we have plenty of them today, and I believe every kind of personality may find a place to worship in and through which he can come to his best.

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CAST OUT THE BEAM

Jesus had no illusions about human character, especially in its self-righteous moments. He knew that man is by character far quicker to detect wickedness in others than in himself. We are all more eager to denounce the sins of others than to confess our own. It is a less congenial task—but a more salutary one—to study human folly as it is reflected in our own lives. We ought to do it oftener. "It is better," said Democritus, "to condemn one's own faults than those of others."

At best the self-righteous person is a pious humbug, but if he undertakes to reform the lives of those whom he so cheerfully condemns he becomes a spiritual menace. When the blind lead the blind the results are always bad. Jesus used hard words about the man who is zealous in reforming others, but serenely complacent about his own life. That, said Jesus, is simply hypocrisy. You have no right to criticize the weakness of others until you have honestly faced your own sins. If you are sincere, you must be ready for the reformation to begin at home. "It is still the case," says Dr. Manson, "that our natural inclination is to make ourselves happy and our neighbors virtuous; . . . the world would be a better and happier place if we tried to make ourselves better and our neighbors happier."

This is essentially what Jesus was trying to teach in His graphic picture of the mote and the beam. It is absurd for a man with a tree trunk in his eye to try to remove a splinter from his neighbor's eye—but no more so than for us to reform others without first reforming ourselves. There is no suggestion that because of our imperfections we must abandon all concern for betterment in the world around us. In that case we would simply resign ourselves to morbid introspection. As long as there are iniquities in society we must fight them, but our crusade must begin in the sense of our own need. It is our task as followers of Jesus to point out to others the way of righteousness, but first we have to show that we have found it. It is an essential preliminary to discover where we have been at fault. This kind of leadership is costly. Even to acknowledge our errors is bitter; to rectify them is more painful still. These are sacrifices of place and station which we may have to make, but an appeal for righteousness which begins in any other way is spurious sentimentalism. "First cast out the beam out of thine own eye." But the condition of leadership implies a promise of success. "Then shalt thou see clearly"—we shall even be able to reform others.—*The New Outlook.*

CLEANINGS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY

North Carolina Conference

Forsyth, Rev. R. A. Hunter, pastor: The day observed in the Sunday School. Offering, $6.14.

North Davidson, Rev. Wm. H. Neese, pastor: Four Churches observed the day on this Charge. Offering, $7.40.

Asheville, Rev. E. Lester Ballard, pastor: Day observed in all services. Offerings, $4.00.

Asheboro Central, Rev. S. W. Taylor, pastor: The closing feature of the day was the Candlelight Communion Service. It was worshipful and helpful. Offering, $27.00.

Moriah, Rev. J. Leo Pittard, pastor: For the Candlelight Communion Service candles were distributed throughout the audience. Each person had a candle which was lighted from someone else's candle symbolizing the spreading of the gospel light. The result was very impressive. Offering, $7.50.

Halifax, Rev. W. M. Howard, pastor: Young People made short talks on "What Our Young People Mean to Our Church." Offering, $3.46.

Burlington First, Rev. F. W. Paschall, pastor: Young People's Day observed in the Sunday School, morning and evening Church services. Offering, $7.00.

Mebane, Rev. D. I. Garner, Pastor: The Day observed in all of the services. Used the Candlelight Communion Service in the evening. Offering, $15.00.

Spring Church, Rev. B. M. Williams, pastor: Young People's Day message by the pastor. Programs used in Sunday School and evening services. Offering, $1.54.

Thomasville First, Rev. James T. Bowman, pastor: The day observed in all the services with the Candlelight Communion Service in the evening. Offering, $5.00.

Whitakers, Rev. D. R. Williams, pastor: Union meeting with the M. E.'s. Young People in charge exclusively, as speakers. Offering, $5.00.

THOUGHTS ON TEACHING

This Business of Teaching

By Rev. T. J. Whitehead

Millions of our American people are engaged in the teaching profession in one way and another. Some teach children in the public schools. Others teach youth in high schools. Still others are engaged in college and university teaching. Within our own North Carolina Annual Conference we have 2,158 Sunday School teachers and officers. Perhaps this group of officials outnumber any other official group in the entire Conference. Without a doubt this group of educational leaders are doing more to shape the actual character of our people than any other group of leaders in the Church with the exception of pastors.

This business of teaching must engage the talents and resources of all its teachers. They must give their best to it. Else their opportunities are wasted and some precious lives are lost to the highest ideals of the Kingdom of God. Great teachers have felt the importance of their mission. Horace Mann said, "Teaching is the most difficult of all arts and the profoundest of all sciences." Kagawa said, "When I teach children, I approach the task as an artist, and when standing before children I concentrate all my powers. Teaching is my act of creation."

Teaching is an art. Yes, teaching is the finest of all the fine arts. In the art of painting the painter deals with colors, canvas and brushes. In sculpture the sculptor has to use stone, a hammer and chisel. In music the musician has to deal with time and sound. In teaching the teacher has a life with which to work. He must see that life not as it is today, but what it can be in the years to come. The teacher seeks to make that life richer through guidance. In the fine arts of painting, sculpture and music the artists realize their own personal ideals. In the art of teaching that is not true. The teacher provides the environment and encouragement to stimulate the student to realize his deepest possibilities. That is the first note we want to sound in this series of articles.

The importance of being a teacher artist is revealed in the following poem by some unknown author:

The Builders

A builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill
Pillars and groins and arches
All fashioned to work his will.
Men said as they saw its beauty
"It shall never know decay,
Great is thy skill, O builder!
Thy fame shall endure for aye.'

A teacher builded a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised his unceasing efforts,
None knew of his wondrous plan
For the temple the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple
Crumbled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll
For the beautiful unseen temple
Is a child's immortal soul.

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"Let us have a Church that dares
Imitate the heroism of Jesus;
Seek inspiration as he sought it;
Judge the past as he;
Act on the present like him;
Pray as he prayed;
Work as he wrought;
Live as he lived."

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True courage consists in long perseverance patience. — *Jules Payot.*

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NOTICE TO ALL AUXILIARIES

March closes our missionary year. The new yearbooks, "Fellowship in Furtherance" will be ready by the first of March, price 10c. Auxiliaries who would like to have the books before the Branch meeting in April will please send me their order with the money and I will send them as soon as they arrive. It is very important that we use the devotional books, so please don't wait until the year is half over before you get yours. I will also have some Young People yearbooks, price 10c. If your members are not taking the Missionary Record wont you put forth every effort to place the Record in every home before the Branch meeting in April? The price is only 75c a year, it is one of the best Branch papers we can get for our money. Send your money to Miss Bettie Brittingham, 516 N. Charles street, Baltimore, Md. If any Auxiliary elects a new Society of Literature this year send me the name and address, name of church, and the name of the charge if your church is on a charge. Please don't wait until the Branch meeting to do this, send it just as soon as you elect your officers.

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WORLD SERVICE AND MR. MINNIS SALARY

Is it easy for your church to raise its World Service Budget? If you'd like to try an easier method make an appeal for something towards the payment of $750 in North Carolina for Mr. Minnis' salary. He is a Methodist Protestant missionary in India, from North Carolina. Some of our people are deeply interested in his work and are praying for him, and asking the prayers and gifts of those who are not yet interested. Send contributions from your church, designated for Minnis' Fund, to Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C.

It is a credit on World Service budget and the accounts of N. C. Branch must be settled and books closed by March 31. Please act at once. We need your help! The account below was reported to me up to date on February 19, by Mrs. Kearns, Treasurer of N. C. Branch.

Yours in His Service,
MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, President,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.

Minnis' Fund

Amount previously listed	$147.60
New Hope Aux., Why Not Charge	1.00
Mrs. O. B. Williams, Gibsonville Aux.	1.00
Mrs. A. B. Owens, Gibsonville Aux.	1.00
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Mrs. D. M. Davidson, Gibsonville Aux.	1.00
Mrs. W. J. Jennings, Gibsonville Aux.	1.00
Mrs. Frank Owen, Gibsonville Aux.	1.00
Mrs. J. M. Green, Seagrove Aux.	1.00
Mrs. A. C. Hanes, Seagrove Aux.	1.00
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Ashboro Aux.	7.00
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Union Ridge Aux., Mrs. Hudson	5.00
Mrs. S. J. Kernodle	25.00
Maple Springs Aux.	5.00
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Maple Springs Sunday School	1.00
Miss Myrtie Kiger	1.00
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Mrs. Geo. R. Brown	1.00
High Point Aux.	30.00
"M. P. S."	2.00
Calvary Aux.	25.00
Mrs. R. H. Brooks, Grace Aux.	1.00
Pleasant Grove—Sunshine Circle	5.00
Pleasant Grove Ladies' Aid	5.00
Spring Hill, N. D. Women's S. S. class	1.00
Mt. Pleasant, N. D. Women's S. S. class	1.00
Canaan Ladies' Aid, N. D.	1.00
Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Neese and family	1.00
Amount collected to date	$298.60

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEMPERANCE PROGRAM

During the next few weeks, there will be in this column suggestions for the observance of Temperance Sunday on March 20. This week you will find an outline for a worship service with subjects for short talks suggested. We are publishing this at such an early date so that the folks may have ample time to prepare their talks. Program is as follows:

KEEPING THE BODY STRONG

A Personal Aspect of Temperance

Lesson: Mark 6:53-56; Judges 13:12-14; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17; Romans 12:1, 2.

Golden Text: "Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing."—Judges 13:4.

Devotional Reading: 1 John 2:12-17.

Intermediate and Senior Topic: What Liquor, Drugs and Tobacco Do to Health.

Topic for Young People and Adults: How Intemperance Affects Health.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Arranged by Mrs. W. Harold Sloan

Leader: "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."—Romans 12:1, 2.

Hymn: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind."

Leader: That the physical beauty of perfect manhood and womanhood may be manifest in us,—

Response: We would be strong, O Lord.

Leader: That the light of reason and understanding may shine undimmed through us,—

Response: We would be strong, O Lord.

Leader: That the highest ideals of noble living may be fulfilled in us,—

Response: We would be strong, O Lord.

Leader: That the Spirit of God may find in us dwelling places worthy of His abiding—

Response: We would be strong, O Lord.

In Unison: For we know that we are the temples of God and the Spirit of God dwelleth in us.

Prayer: For greater knowledge of the things that promote good health;

For all who work to improve the health of our people;

For strength to withstand temptations in alcohol, tobacco and habit-forming drugs.

Brief Talk: "The Holiness of Health."

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Subjects for Discussion

How Far Should One Go in Guarding Health?

What Is the Meaning of Temperance?

The Attitude of the Medical Profession in Regard to Alcohol.

Alcohol—An Enemy of Health.

Jesus—An Advocate of Health.

PROGRAM

District Rally of Women's Work

The following is the program of our District Rally of Women's Work which is to be held at Mt. Pleasant church, North Davidson charge, on Thursday, March 10, beginning at 10 a. m. All women in the district (and the men are invited also) are urged to be present.

The 10th district is composed of the following charges: Pleasant Grove, Thomasville; First, Thomasville, Community; Mt. Zion and North Davidson.

Everyone is asked to carry a light lunch.

Program

Devotional, Mrs. Jas. T. Bowman.
Introductory remarks by chairman.
Response, Mrs. Fred R. Love.
Special music, Thomasville, First.
Review of Study Book, Mrs. R. M. Andrews.
Special music, Canaan.
Round table discussion, Mrs. J. Clyde Auman.
Announcements.
Song, Spring Hill.
Prayer.
Lunch.
Song by congregation.
Prayer, Mrs. C. M. Yokely.
Special music, Thomasville, Community.
Address on Spiritual Life, Mrs. E. O. Peeler.
Special music, Pleasant Grove.
Address, by Mrs. H. C. Nicholson.
Song, by congregation.
Benediction.

MRS. W. H. NEESE,
District Chairman.

NOTICE

The second quarterly conference of Davidson charge will be held Sunday, February 27, at 2 o'clock, at Pine Hill church. Following the quarterly conference Rev. R. M. Andrews will present the Fellowship Crusade. All officials are urged to be present, and all other members that will come.

C. L. GRANT.

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There was a bit of pudding left for lunch and mother divided it equally between Elsie and Willie. Willie looked down at his dish, then at the empty place before his mother. "Mama," he said earnestly, "I can't enjoy my pudding when you haven't any. Take Elsie's."
—Exchange.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Draper, J. L. Love, Pastor.—We are happy to report our members who have been sick, are improving and we hope they will be able to attend church again soon. Mrs. Sigmon, one of the most elderly members of our church, is recovering nicely from pneumonia, and Mrs. Love's throat trouble is improving. Also, we will be glad when we can see them at church again, along with other members who have been absent on account of illness.

Our church activities in general are on the upward trend. Sunday school attendance is increasing, Christian Endeavor interest is stimulated. The church's financial condition is very satisfactory, and best of all we are having some mighty fine spiritual sermons delivered by our pastor, which we find very interesting and uplifting. His subject Sunday night was, "The Prodigal Son." The message was very spiritual and held the interest of a large congregation, including many visitors from out of town. An altar invitation was given following the sermon and three people were converted, and one new member was added to the church.

ANNIE BOYLES.

Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary, N. Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, Feb. 14.—Even though you have not heard from us for quite awhile, we are still working hard to reach our goal. Our goal was to put new pews in the church.

The Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. Lillie Ball February 3. At this time plans were made to serve a hot supper at the Methodist hut in Thomasville on Saturday evening, February 19. The plates selling for 25c. Everybody is invited to come. We are planning a Thank Offering program to be given some time in March. We are using for the program, the pageant, "If I Be His Disciple."

Since our last report we have received the following new members: Mrs. Thomas Hilton, Mrs. Paul Green, Mrs. H. S. Payne, Mrs. Lester Leonard, Mrs. Frank Coggins and Mrs. Kernnie Hilton.

TREVA REID, Cor. Sec.

Concord, E. O. Peeler, Pastor.—On the fifth Sunday we held our Young People's day program which was enjoyed very much by all. We were happy to have with us Miss Margie Pittman and so glad to have her sing for us at the morning and evening service. Miss Pittman was here visiting Rev. and Mrs. Peeler and we are so glad that she has accepted a position here and will be with us in all of our services. We feel like we have known her a long time and we know she will mean so much to our church.

Our revival started Sunday and tonight Rev. Mr. Braxton will be with us to preach for us during our meeting. We hope to have a good meeting. If we would all just follow our theme for the year, Work and Pray, we are sure we will have a good meeting. We have so much measles in our church family that we are afraid lots of the mothers will be kept away from the meeting. We were very happy to have Miss Viola Hatley join our church family on Young People's Day. We hope many more of our young people will join during our meeting.

We are about ready for our pews and carpet in our new church. The committee has been looking at different places and we think they have just about decided on the pews.

We were very happy to see Mr. Charlie Nash at church Sunday. He has been in the hospital for a long time receiving treatment for injuries from falling off a smoke stack. Our hearts are sad with Miss Alma and Carrie Mae Verble; their brother was rushed to the hospital in a serious condition, but we were glad to hear today that he is some better. We were hapy to have Mr. B. F. Waddell worship with us Sunday night.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

Spring Hill Ladies' Aid, North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, Feb. 15.—The Spring Hill Ladies' Aid society held its February meeting Saturday night, February 11, at the home of Mrs. Julius Craven.

The society was called to order by the president, Mrs. Carl Swaim. Mrs. Roby Proctor had charge of the February program as laid down in the Guide Book. Scripture passages were read by Mesdames Wayne Swaim and Julius Craven. Mrs. W. H. Neese led the prayer, and Miss Lucile Craven read the poem. Mrs. Carl Swaim read the leader's part.

After the program contests were held which created much interest in the society. Misses Janie Jewel and Lucile Craven, Mrs. Jule Swaim and Miss Lois Swaim, Mesdames Clyde Hedgecock and Julius Craven, and Miss Kathryn Swaim won prizes.

A Valentine box was prepared to receive gifts for the heart sisters, and also for Valentines. Much interest was manifested in this part of the meeting, each sharing in the fun as presents were opened.

We were invited into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served. Sixteen members, one visitor, six children and several men enjoyed Mrs. Craven's hospitality.

The society was glad to have a visitor, Mrs. Daniel Craven, and also Miss Lucile Craven, former secretary of the society, now a freshman at High Point College with us.

We are very proud of our society. Great work has been done by these faithful members during the time it has been organized. An exceptionally good report for the year 1937 was given by Mrs. Wayne Swaim, secretary. The report is as follows: The Aid met regularly in the homes each month during the year. Each meeting was opened with a devotional program outlined in the Guide Book. The general topic for the year was "Builders." After the business session, a social hour was held, during which games and contests were held. Each hostess served delicious refreshments.

The Aid took a table to Eagle Hill on Easter Monday, rendered a program, and cleared $90.51. They put $70 of this amount on the parsonage debt which finished paying Spring Hill's part on the parsonage which was built six years ago. The parsonage is now free from incumbrance and each member on the charge is very proud of it.

The only hot supper held during the year was in the home of Mrs. George Craven. One hat sale, and one grab sale was also held. Fifty cents was donated to the society and the total taken in was $98.66. Two dollars was paid on the College assessment, and $24 purchased an electric clock for the church which was greatly needed, and has been greatly appreciated by all. The total amount spent during the year was $96. We now have $41.92 in the treasury.

The society made one special visit during the year, and gave one "Go Away Shower." Six new members were welcomed into the society, and the total membership is 18.

The society is planning to purchase and plant shrubbery around the church, and when this is done, much improvement will be found on the church grounds.

The present membership is small, but each member is interested in the work and does her part to make the society a better society, and her church a better church in which to work.

The Young Girls' class is sponsoring a play to be given at the Thank Offering program the First Sunday night in March. Your attendance will be appreciated.

SARAH MARIE NEESE.

Center, Alamance Circuit, H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday, February 13, 1938. He gave us a very searching and instructive message from the question, "Who then is on the Lord's side?"

Our attendance has been gaining some this year, but there is yet room for others.

If more people would attend church services and read the church paper we would be assured of more work in the Master's vineyard.

Our church observed Young People's day the fifth Sunday in January. Prof. H. G. Self, principal of the E. M. Holt high school, was the main speaker for the day, and gave us a splendid message which was enjoyed by all present.

We have recently put a new roof on our church and plan some other improvements soon.

Our Woman's Auxiliary meets once each month, and we meet once a week for choir practice, both these meetings are held in the homes and much interest is being shown, and new faces are seen occasionally.

MRS. C. C. RICHARDSON, Reporter.

First M. P. Church, Danville, Va., R. L. Vickery, Pastor, Feb. 14.—Hail, hail, the Reds are all here! This is what we hope to adopt as our motto before long, when the Whites are all seeing red. Not because of Valentine's Day and it's not because they're patriotic. It's all on account of a bunch of young people in the Red group of the Young People's Sunday school class, who are out to beat the White team in a little attendance contest. Come on, Reds, come out to Sunday school, bring your new pupils, and let's give our rivals a happy time! Come on, Whites, we don't mind a little competition, and even though we might knock you down once or twice, we'll be glad to pick you back up again. As spring is in the air and just a month around the bend, we can't help from getting a little frisky and wanting to do something to build up the Sunday school and help promote the work of Christ's church. Therefore, we are all getting into a huddle and scheming to get new members, old members, little members, and big members—in fact, any kind of members that we can put to work.

And speaking of work, we're all looking forward, with a great deal of satisfaction, to putting Rev. C. G. Isley, of Albemarle, to work in our spring revival, beginning the first Sunday in April, and ending Easter. Rev. Mr. Isley has been highly recommended at our church, and we are expecting to accomplish much with his help. There is a lot of work to be done around Danville, but we are only too glad to put forth our feeble efforts if they can help bring anyone nearer to God.

We still have a sick list that isn't very pretty to gaze upon. Mrs. Lillian Elliott, Mr. L. W. Tanner, Miss Lea Golson, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vickery, on you we're depending for a revision or discontinuance of that list, a P instead of an A marked by your name in Sunday school, and your presence among us at all services. We want you back, we need you back, you want to be back, so come on back. All our needs and wants will be supplied and we will quit talking about it for a while.

Everything was hearts at the February meeting of Circle No. 2 of the Ladies' Auxiliary, at Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Forbes' home last week. We are planning on a visit to the County Home for the Aged in the near future, when a service will be held and fruit carried. Although we started off as a circle, we thought we had all gone to hearts when Pollyanna gifts were distributed (as they were chocolate, we didn't mind the transformation).

We are very happy to be able to say that Mr. Thurman Vickery, our pastor's son, has recovered from his appendicitis operation enough to return to his studies at High Point College. Our prayers go with him for a full, complete recovery.

Because we are young, inexperienced, few in number, and have a long road to travel, we need your prayers doubly much. May we have a part in yours, as you have in our prayers and in our hearts.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

First Church, Thomasville, James T. Bowman, Pastor, Feb. 15.—Our reporter has been sending some splendid reports to the Herald, but we feel that we would like to say a few words this week. We find ourselves very comfortably placed among good people who are particularly interested in the work of the church and the town. During the short time we have been here they have given splendid cooperation and response to the work in all phases.

Our church, Sunday school, Christian Endeavor, and prayer meeting attendance is unusually good. Young People's Day was observed throughout the day January 30. At the morning service special music was rendered by the young people's choir, and a solo by one of our young ladies. Three young people brought messages at this hour. A special program was given at the Christian Endeavor hour. Then at the evening worship a beautiful candlelight Communion service was given.

A large number of our Senior Christian Endeavor society, accompanied by the pastor, attended the state Fellowship Banquet which was held at the First M. P. church, Burlington, Saturday evening, February 5.

On last Thursday evening the Women's Auxiliary met in the hut and had a very interesting meeting. We were glad to have Mrs. John Lloyd, Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, and other visitors with us for the meeting. Officers for the coming year were elected at this time: Mrs. A. H. Ragan, president; Mrs. W. A. Leonard, secretary, and Mrs. W. G. Myers, treasurer. The different circles are doing fine work. Last evening the Minnis circle met with Misses Virginia and Nell Jarrett. There were 23 present for the meeting. This is a fine group of young people and are carrying on their work in a splendid way.

On Thursday evening, at the close of the Auxiliary meeting, Mrs. Bowman and I were pleasantly surprised when we were showered with numbers of packages containing valuable, useful and much appreciated gifts. We will not take space to mention the different things and amounts given, for if we did someone would certainly be wanting us to move on and let them have our place. We deeply appreciate this expression of gratitude and thoughtfulness of our friends. We enjoy living and working among such good people, and our prayer is that God may richly bless every one of them.

JAMES T. BOWMAN.

Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, T. M. Johnson, Pastor, Feb. 14.—We were indeed happy to have our pastor fill his regular appointments Sunday. His subject for the morning was "Alcohol." This message touched our souls, and we wish many more could have heard it. Alcohol is a great enemy to humanity, home, youth, childhood, society, industry, public safety, friends, and many other things. It is worse than a highway robber. The robber demands your money or your life: alcohol demands and takes your money and your life. This vendor of evil rides or reels upon our highways, endangering property and life. It parades into homes of our people through the advertising columns of magazines and daily papers. Alcohol transforms the image of God into the image of Satan. How many homes have been blighted! How many lives have been snuffed out by drunken drivers! How many mothers have been compelled to leave their homes, and the care of their children, to earn bread for the family, including the drinking husband! Isn't it time for us Christian workers to do more? Isn't this bad destruction growing more rapidly? What can we do about this awful thing, liquor?

We are indeed proud to say that through the interest of our beloved pastor and many of our good members, we have improved our church grounds considerably. We are competing in a contest on church improvement. Many trees and shrubs were placed around the church, and driveways have been laid off. Lots of topsoil was hauled in. We were very fortunate to have a lady from Spartanburg to plan the grounds for us. We have not fully completed yet, but we do appreciate the efforts and cooperation that have been put forth by our pastor and members.

The Ladies' Aid will take charge in prayer meeting next Wednesday night, led by Mrs. R. T. Bennette. The Ladies' Aid is doing great work for our church, and we feel sure this will be a great meeting. They will use several chapters of Exodus as the text.

Mack Compton was in charge of prayer meeting the last Wednesday night. We received a great blessing by his talk and subject. Mr. Compton is a grand leader and helper in our church. We are praying that more young men will turn and strive to do for our church and unsaved ones as he does.

Rev. T. M. Johnson was the dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Waddell.

We are proud to say that we have gotten enough money to get new song books for our church. Mr. Nick Smith, our song leader, was very anxious to get these books, and we are proud of the cooperation the Sunday school gave. Mr. Smith appointed a committee to help him in selecting these new song books.

We are sorry to hear of Miss Lula Pearson's illness at this writing. She is a loyal member of our church and a faithful worker. We miss her so much and hope she will be able to fill the vacant seat. She is treasurer of our church and also the teacher of the Junior Sunday school class. Pray for her and all other ones in our community that are confined to their beds.

The death of Tandy Walker Wood, 81, came as a great shock to the Liberty Hill community, Saturday, February 12, at 4 o'clock, at Dr. Landrum Wood's home, following an illness of one week. Mr. Wood was born and reared and lived the greater part of his life in the Liberty Hill section, and was engaged in farming until he retired several years ago. He was the son of the late L. G. Wood and Mary Glenn Wood. He is survived by three sons, Dr. Landrum Wood of Slater, G. R. Wood and H. G. Wood, both of Greer, R. 1; and two daughters, Mrs. F. M. Teasley of Ninety Six, and Mrs. J. E. Peace of Greer; and nine grand children. Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the graveside in the Liberty Hill church cemetery. Burial will be made in the family plot, beside his wife, who died 27 years ago.

We extend an invitation to all to come and worship with us. We sincerely hope we may work together and cooperate with our good pastor, so that much good will be accomplished. Pray for us as we press on in the work for our Lord.

MRS. JOHN McCLIMON, Reporter.

Worthville Church, Randleman Charge, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—Our pastor delivered a very inspiring sermon Sunday morning, using the sixth verse of the 5th chapter of Matthew as the text. Character-building, as the subject, was wonderfully brought out and made so plain that even a child could understand. Not only our members, but many from the other church, are enjoying Mr. Spencer's fine messages and come to worship with us. We welcome them.

On the second Sunday in January the Lord's Supper was observed in a very impressive way, quite a large number taking part. Five new members have been added to the church recently: Mrs. Jacie Cox, by letter, and the following on profession of faith—Jane Ann Crotts, Billy Crotts, Vance Trogdon, and Juanita Allred.

The spiritual life of our church is good. We have prayer meeting at the church every Thursday night. Our pastor is faithful to come and help each time. There are also cottage prayer meetings in the village every week.

There were 119 present for Sunday school Sunday. The collections are holding up well, considering the short time the people have in the mill. It has been running only three days a week for some time.

The "Collection Banner" for the year was won by Mr. Byrd's Philathea class, and the "Attendance Banner" was won by the Primary class, Mrs. Byrd, teacher.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, Mrs. Slack, and Mrs. Daniel Ferree from High Point worship with us Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Foust, who have been on the sick list, are able to come back to church.

MRS. C. O. BYRD, Reporter.

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Central Church, Asheboro, S. W. Taylor, D.D., Pastor.—Young People's Day was appropriately observed both during the Sabbath school and at the morning worship hour, January 28. A program of music was given by the junior choir, and an impressive candlelight observance of the Lord's Supper was on the program at the Sunday evening hour. Mrs. Thomas Redding supervised the well rendered program.

The 23 members of the Central church Boy Scout troops occupied reserved seats at the morning church hour last Sunday as part of National Scout week, accompanied by the leaders, Carmon Parks and James Lowdermilk. Dr. Taylor delivered an inspiring message to the boys, also giving a short narrative to the children on the immortal Lincoln, whose birthday was Saturday, February 12.

Mrs. N. M. Harrison, Mrs. L. F. Ross, Mrs. George Kivette, Miss Enolia Presnell, Miss Beatrice Lowdermilk, Miss Ethel Lovette, and Miss Edna Mae Winningham constituted a capable cast for the presentation of the thank-offering playlet, "If I Be His Disciple," by Elliott Field, at the Sunday evening worship hour this week. Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., was the director of the thank-offering program, and Miss Esther Ross, president, conducted the evening devotions, while the young people's choir sang an anthem. The various circles were present in groups, with number 5, Mrs. John Taylor, leader, having the largest representation. The special offering for this worthy cause totaled $44.11.

The annual Valentine party for the Senior C. E. society was held at the church Friday evening, with Mrs. J. S. Lewis and Mrs. S. W. Taylor as chaperones. Miss Frances Ridge led the worship program, also directed the Bingo game. The Valentine colors furnished a bright note, both in decorations and refreshments.

"What Is This Moslem World?" mission study book of all denominations, was reviewed by Mrs. R. M. Andrews, state president of Women's Work, before the Auxiliary at the church Monday evening. Mrs. Andrews, being a deeply consecrated speaker, inspired her listeners with an interesting lecture. Mrs. Gilbert Councilman contributed to the program by giving a brief sketch of Mohammed's life, and Mrs. A. B. Copenhaver explained the Koran, the bible which the Mohammedans use in their worship.

Prior to Mrs. Andrews' lecture, the Auxiliary held a business session to elect officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Miss Esther Ross was re-elected president; vice-president, Mrs. R. T. Lloyd; second vice-president, Mrs. S. F. Phillips; recording secretary, Miss Lollie Jones; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George Kivette; treasurer, Mrs. N. M. Harrison, and auditor, Mrs. Jesse Councilman. Before hearing the mission review, the guests enjoyed a "pot-luck" supper in the church dining room. Visitors were Mrs. J. A. McIntyre, of Atlanta, guests of her aunt, Mrs. George Hasty; Miss Arthea Presnell, of Thomasville, and from the local Episcopal congregation were Mrs. H. H. Walker, Mrs. C. Thayer, Mrs. Don Alexander, Mrs. J. M. Cavenaugh, and Mrs. E. O. Schaeffer.

Dr. Taylor has recovered from a severe cold. Mrs. M. L. Gray remains ill at the local hospital. Mrs. J. D. Ross, Jr., and Clarence Lovette are patients at Wesley Long and St. Leo's hospitals, respectively, in Greensboro, recovering from appendectomies, and Mrs. Lester Rich is slowly recovering from a serious illness with influenza.

Miss Esther Ross and Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer left Wednesday for a ten-days trip to Florida to visit relatives. Henry C. Jones and Miss Kate Hammer have returned from a week's business trip to New York where they purchased merchandise for their stores. Miss Virginia Lowe accompanied Miss Hammer for a mid-winter vacation, and Miss Cleta Rich spent last week in Washington, D. C., with relatives, during a measle epidemic in the Tabernacle school.

The church stewards will be the guests of the Auxiliary at diner on Friday evening, when they will transact the usual business. This group of officers meet quarterly for fellowship and the evening meal.

REPORTER.

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Randolph Charge, G. L. Reynolds, Pastor.—Randolph charge closes first quarter with a good report. Bethel leads, having overpaid pastor's salary, annual conference budget in full to date, and has part of the lumber on the yard for building additional Sunday school rooms. Bethany lacked only $2.35 of paying salary in full for the quarter, has paid annual conference expense budget in full, and Sunday school moving along splendidly under the new superintendent, Miss Swana Baldwin.

Shiloh lacked only 50 cents paying salary in full for the quarter, has paid annual conference expense budget in full, and put a new metal roof on their church. Now plans are being discussed to beautify the church grounds.

Gray's Chapel is following their usual custom of paying salary later in the year. They have paid on salary first quarter $14.50, leaving a balance due of $71.00. Do not know how much has been paid on annual conference expense budget, as the amount collected has not been reported.

PASTOR.

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Roberta Church.—Although the work of our church has not been reported very often, its no sign we are not active, for we are very much alive. If we accomplish all that we have set out to do during the year we will have much to look back upon with happy hearts. At present we are making plans for an Easter program, under the leadership of Mrs. Lillian Foster.

We were very glad to have Dr. Andrews, with us on Sunday, February 13, presenting the Fellowship Crusade. Only hope our people will fall in line and assume our obligation. Our comittee consists of Brother Carl Williams, J. Ivey Cline, L. J. Foster, Mrs. Lillian Foster, Mrs. Robert Penniger.

The church as a whole appears to be working with a very harmonious spirit, Sunday school and church services are steadily on the increase with a rising percentage, February 6—175, February 13—153, February 20—173. Our superintendent has set the goal as 200 by spring.

We have organized a young ladies circle under the leadership of Mrs. Bertie Blackwelder, the first meeting will be at the parsonage, Saturday evening March 5. The Ladies Bible class will give a social on Saturday night March 12. We have something interesting on the program.

The saying, the best is always left for the last, well here it comes, in a good old fashioned way, Saturday evening Parson and I, getting ready to attend a shower given at the home of Mrs. Lillian Foster, in honor of J. R. Blackwelder, and recent bride, up to the back door came a truck and the dining room was soon filled, the poor table groaned under the weight, 52, cans of fruit, 2 pounds, coffee, 2 pounds butter, 3 dozen eggs, 30 pounds sugar, 10 pounds meal, 5 pounds rice, 5 pounds fruit, 12 pounds flour, 8 pounds lard, 15 pounds meat, 6 pounds crackers, steak, potatoes, soap, pickles, cash $100.00, several items too numerous to mention. We would like to mention the names of all but, space will not permit.

The heavenly Father knows, words cannot express how much we appreciate these gifts. May we render a more worthy service. Many thanks, come be with us Wednesday evening in prayer service. PASTOR.

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Zoar, Mecklenburg Charge, Robert Short, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, bringing to us one of his soul-inspiring sermons. The attendance was small but we who were there enjoyed it. Pastor Short has filled all of his appointments but two since his arrival on the Mecklenburg charge each time with a better and deeper message.

Our Sunday school has been closed through the winter; hope to get it started in the spring.

LILLIE ADKINS, Reporter.

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Saxapahaw Charge.—The work of the Kingdom seems to be moving along normally on this charge. Weather conditions have been more favorable for attendance than for the last two winters. Some of the rural roads have been graveled, which also helps church attendance. I am a rural pastor and proud of it. One of the reasons I like the country work is that young and old stay for the preaching services. As a rule we have good congregations on this charge.

This charge has also made some progress each year since I came to the work in paying more of the finances during the first part of the year. The Orange Chapel church decided they would try to pay the pastor quarterly. They have not quite reached the goal for the first quarter, but have paid about twice as much as last year this time. Quite a number of our younger people work in the manufacturing plants in the towns near here. While some of the companies are not running regularly, we are glad to say the mill at Saxapahaw is running most of the time.

The Concord Auxiliary met at the parsonage February 11. A number of the members were present. A very interesting program was rendered. We were glad to have them and hope they will come again. The Salem

Auxiliary is also active. We are hoping to be able to organize the other two churches on this charge.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the good people on this charge for their kind remembrances recently. Several of the members over the work have remembered us with fresh meat, etc. The evening the Concord Auxiliary met with us they stormed us with wheat, flour, molasses, sugar, coffee, canned vegetables, and a number of other things for the pantry. On last Wednesday evening the Saxapahaw church took us on surprise and came in large numbers with their arms full of good things to eat. They brought a large variety of vegetables, but plenty of sugar—43 pounds—to keep us sweet. Some of the members of the M. E. Church, South, also took part. We thank each one from the depth of our hearts. It is our prayer that God may richly bless each one and help us to be of greater service to them.

E. A. BINGHAM, Pastor.

Pleasant Hill C. E., Spring Church Charge.—We hold our meeting regularly each Friday night. Our enrollment is only twenty, but the attendance is good. All of the young people are interested, and are willing to take any part in the program, that may be assigned by the leader. At the present time they are very much interested in singing. The Sunday school and C. E. bought 50 new song books in January. We are having choir practice every Wednesday night, and are enjoying learning some new songs.

We are especially glad to have Miss Brownie Coker and Richard Moore, Jr., taking an active part in C. E. and Sunday school, also in choir practice.

We miss Rev. G. L. Curry and family very much in all of our church work, but we are glad they have reached such a nice place and have plenty of water. "Our loss is their gain."

We like Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Williams very much. Both are good in the C. E. work, and Mrs. Williams attends the auxiliary and Junior Missionary circle, too.

The first Sunday night in February, Rev. B. M. Williams gave us an inspiring sermon. It was for the young people, as we were observing the Young People's service that night.

Last Wednesday night, February 16, we had a Valentine social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Crew. All of us had a great time, and hope they will allow us to have another social there.

Last Friday night we observed Young People's Day in our C. E. program. Several of the young people made splendid talks. Our offering was $1.11.

Christmas the C. E. and community gave Misses Tommie Hodges and Sue Hall a small pounding. These ladies are appreciative, and are very cheerful.

Last year Mr. J. W. Crew gave us the use of land for a corn patch. Rev. G. L. Curry, Marvin Coker, J. M. Dunham, J. W. Melin, John Hart, M. L. Crew, Guy Crew, and Mrs. Rose Crew gave fertilizer, plowing, seeds, and money to help with our expenses of making the corn. (We thank each of you.) The boys and girls with Mrs. Curry did the hoe work. Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Williams and the boys and girls harvested it. We were late beginning, this made our crop somewhat short, and corn wasn't at a good price in the fall, but we are not discouraged. We are going to farm again. Mr. Hart is going to give us and acre of land this time.

We were glad to have Miss Olie Crew, who is working for the Educator's association in Richmond, and Miss Georgie Mae Shaw who is living in Hopewell, at home for the week-end. We miss Mr. Temana Hart, who was our former Sunday school secretary-treasurer. He is in Memphis, Tenn., taking the Diesel course.

The Auxiliary is giving a pageant the fourth Sunday night. Most of the young people have a part in it.

We are beginning to think about the program for Easter.

Our pageant, "Seekers After Christmas," which we gave the night of Decemberr 26 was real good.

Our C. E. officers are President Guy Crew; vice-president, Bernard Cook; recording secretary-treasurer, Louise Cook; and corresponding secretary, Thelma Cook.

Our Sunday school officers are superintendent, J. W. Medlin; assistant superintendent, J. M. Dunham; secretary-treasurer, Guy Crew; organist, Miss Olie Crew, and assistant organist, Mrs. Leon Glover. Teachers are Mrs. Rose Crew, Miss Brownie Coker, Miss Eletha Daughtry and Miss Aubrey Crew.

THELMA COOK, Cor. Sec.

Ebenezer, Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor, February 15.—Our Sunday school is moving on nicely under the leadership of Mr. J. B. Clements, our superintendent, who has served us so faithfully for 20 years. Mr. Clement is training a number of our young men for leadership by having one of them conduct the school each Sunday; their names are as follows: Messrs. Ashton Pearson, Julius Clements, Vassie Pearson, Bernard Clements, Spurgeon Carpenter, and Roy Moore.

The sick list of Ebenezer church includes the names of Mrs. Dellah Gray, Mrs. Annie Norwood, and Miss Lillie Moore. We are hoping they will soon be able to come back to church and fill their respective places.

Brother Morgan has filled every appointment since our last report and has brought us some fine messages.

On February 13 he brought us a very helpful message on the Fellowship Crusade, warning us to set our house in order, (the church).

We are asking every Christian reader of the Herald to pray that we as a church may be so filled with the spirit of Christ that we may be able to reach the lost souls of the community, and build up the Kingdom of God.

REPORTER.

Oak Grove, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor.—The interest in our Sunday school is somewhat on the upward trend. We had 49 present Sunday. We are hoping that our attendance will soon be double this number.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Ezell Floyd Sunday afternoon, with a nice number present.

Monday night, February 14, Mrs. T. G. Madison entertained a number of women at her home, which was the beginning of a diminishing tea. The object of this is to raise some money to be used on our church. If carried out as has been planned, it will give us a nice sum for this purpose.

The second quarterly conference of the Cleveland charge will be held at Kistler's Union church March 9. Preaching in the morning at 11 o'clock. Lunch will be served picnic style at 12 o'clock and a business session will be held in the afternoon.

Our pastor preached to us Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, using as his subject "The Church Is Calling Us." He told us that the church is a winning institution, going on to victory, whether we are in it or not. However, the church needs you, but not half so much as you need the church. This was a most wonderful sermon. We would like to publish it all, but for the lack of space we cannot, even though we feel that it would be highly beneficial to all who would read it.

We are attempting to beautify our church grounds. A nice bunch of shrubbery has been purchased and planted. But we hope to be able to buy more at an early date.

REPORTER.

North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, Feb. 21.—Yesterday was a full day and a good day for Spring Hill and Canaan churches. At Spring Hill there were 197 in Sunday school. The enrollment is only 190 so you see there was good attendance. This writer asked permission of the eacher of the Young Men's class to present the "Prayer to Share Plan" to his class. As a result of the presentation a nice sum was given. I don't know where you would find a finer class of young men than the class just mentioned, they have a wide awake young man for their teacher and leader in the person of Mr. Milford Byerly and we are expecting great things from that class.

The teacher of the young ladies' class invited this writer to teach her class. "The Prayer to Share Plan" was presented also to the girls and a number of them responded. This is also a fine group to work with. They, too, have a fine teacher in the person of Mrs. Wesley Payne. I find that these young people as well as other young people are ust waiting to be invited to help put things across in the church. A group from each of the above named classes are preparing to put on a Thank-Offering program at Spring Hill church March 13 at 7 p. m. At the 11 o'clock hour we were favored with a splendid address by Dr. G. I. Humphreys on the "Fellowship Crusade." Mr. Humphreys explained the crusade so fully that we feel sure much good will come from it. At 3 p. m. Dr. R. M. Andrews brought a very interesting and forceful message to the Canaan congregation on the "Fellowship Crusade." We hope that much good will grow out of these two visits with these devoted leaders of our great church.

The final service of the day was held at Canaan last night in the form of a Thank-Offering service. Due to the fact that so many of our people have sickness in their homes and the weather not so favorable neither the attendance nor offering was as great as we had hoped for but we feel sure the interest of those who attended was good. A number of the ladies put on the play "The Out-Reaching Church," after which Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, chairman of districts, in her usual interesting and impressive manner delivered a very forceful address.

Now just a little bit of history about one of our Mt. Pleasant members. A few weeks ago we were visiting in the home of Mrs. C. A. Green, a widow, and she made this interesting statement, she said that she had not missed a regular preaching service at her church during the past eight years and very few of the services during a revival. She is a regular attendant in Sunday school. A few Sundays ago I sat by her side, she got up and marched up and placed her birthday offering in the bank. When she had done so her pastor made the statement that I have just given. I said to Mrs. Green, "He is talking about you," and she said, "I didn't hear a word he said." You see she doesn't hear very well and yet she goes regularly to church and is 75 years old. What an example for those who are younger to follow. The day we visited Mrs. Green, she and her son, Mrs. C. F. Green, each gave one-half bushel of corn for the parsonage chickens. Really, I don't believe we have ever visited Mrs. Green that she didn't remember us with something. Others recently giving gifts were Mr. and Mrs. Robah Mendenhall, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Payne, Miss Annie Payne, and Mrs. Virgil Morris.

A new sign of interest in our Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary is that we have three new subscriptions to The Missionary Record.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

Canaan, Denton Charge, Feb. 14.—We may not be able to report as some of our churches, but we are moving along nicely here. Our Sunday school is wide awake, and all classes seem to be doing excellent work. The attendance seems to be increasing despite the temptation of the outside world. The superintendent is always on the job and is doing splendid work. The Auxiliary is still existing and has planned for some improvements about the church. I must say that this is an organization that is greatly appreciated by Canaan church, because of its marvelous work. But our former pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Bowman, who did so much in organizing the Auxiliary, deserves the honor.

The Young People's class of this church has a splendid attendance record, and is taking very much interest in the church work. We observed Young People's Day the fifth Sunday in January, and had some very interesting speeches from Miss Maleta Harris and Mr. Clinard Nance, and Rev. G. L. Curry made a splendid address to the young people. He also delivered a very interesting message yesterday on the subject, From Bondage to Freedom, based on a text taken from the eighth chapter of John.

The people's hearts of Canaan were saddened yesterday morning because of the death of Mrs. Verd Kearns. Mrs. Kearns was a Christian woman whom everybody in the community learned to love. She taught a Sunday school class here for several years, but now has completed her work here on earth and gone on to Eternal Glory to live with her beloved Master for evermore.

J. NORMAN HUNT, Reporter.

First Church, Lexington, Rev. L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—On Sunday, February 13, we observed Young People's Day at our church. At the morning hour, the boy scouts of troop No. 30 were honored at this service. At the night service the candle-light communion service was observed, the young people were in charge of this service. It was impressive in every respect.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has been giving out penny barrel banks to the families of the church to raise money to paint the church inside and out. Cards for the Fellowship Crusade have been given out by the pastor. A large number of them have already been signed.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. L. E. Mabry's mother died Saturday morning at her home near Seagrove, N. C.. Mrs. Lucy Jane Voncannon was 77 years old. She had been in failing health for many years. The funeral was conducted at New Zion M. P. Church, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. C. H. Hill and Rev. Mr. Cowan, her pastor. Interment was in the New Zion cemetery. A large number of friends of the First Church and Mt. Carmel attended the funeral.

Another one of our members has been taken. Jacob L. Koonts, 62, died at his home following a period of declining health for over five years.

Funeral service was held last Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the First church. Rev. Odell Leonard of the Second Reformed church was in charge of the servic. Th burial was held at Reeds cemetery.

We extend our love and sympathy to the families that mourn at this time.

Rev. O. C. Loy preached last Sunday morning for us to fill the pulpit in the place of Rev. L. E. Mabry who was called away due to the death of his mother-in-law. Rev. Loy took his text from II Samuel 24:24, "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing." This forceful message was delivered to a very large congregation and was enjoyed by all.

Bethel Church, Flat Rock Charge, J. A. Burgess, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday morning, February 6, bringing a very inspiring sermon as he always does. We look forward to these sermons twice each month.

Our Sunday school is coming along very nicely. We have nearly one hundred on roll. And we hope that when spring opens up we will have a better attendance.

Our Sunday school has lost one of its most devoted and older members, Brother N. W. Gordon. We certainly miss him, and it seems lonesome to go to church and not find Bro. Gordon there. He will be greatly missed. But we feel that our loss is his great gain.

The Ladies' Aid is still trying to keep going. At this time we are preparing a quilt, we are selling tickets on this quilt and a name will be drawn for it, and the name that is drawn will get the quilt. We are planning to have a supper when we give it away.

MINNIE PEARMAN, Reporter.

First Church, Burlington, Dr. F. W. Pachall, Pastor.—At the 11:00 o'clock service, Dr. Paschall spoke on the text, "Create within me a clean heart, O God, and renew right spirit within me." It was a very inspirational and uplifting sermon. He stated that if we kept a clean heart, the church would never have to make appeals for money, etc. He compared figures which were spent for stimulants against the amounts contributed to the church. It was astounding. People grumble when it comes to giving to the church but they think nothing of spending large amounts for luxuries.

The Fellowship Crusade Committee is working hard to get our church on the Honor Roll. Some have cooperated with them and some have not. This committee is doing a good work in my estimation and I urge every church member to help them make a success.

The church has also established a fund for the needy. This is an excellent spirit and I am 100 per cent for a thing of that nature. We have several in our church who need help and I am thankful that we, as curch members are not selfish, but have the spirit of helping one another.

This past Sunday evening service was the last to be held at 5:00 o'clock. Next Sunday the evening service will be held at 7:30. The choir has been furnishing music every Sunday at both services and we commend them on their faithfulness. There may not be a large attendance all the time, but we are thankful for the faithful few. The attendance at the morning worship is always better than in the evening. Next Sunday evening the Woman's Auxiliary will have charge of the service. It is to be their Thank-Offering service. They have arranged a very fine program and are expecting a large attendance.

The Philathea class is holding its annual banquet in the hut Tuesday night of this week. This class has prospered under the leadership of Mrs. M. A. Coble and they feel very proud of her. All classes in the Sunday school seem to be progressing nicely and we always have a large atendance. I think right here is a place to say something about the Primary department. Miss Susie Stafford, superintendent of this department is to be commended on her splendid work. If she were gone we would miss her terribly. She has those children well trained and some day when they grow up to be men and women, we are going to have some good leaders in our church. Other departments are doing equally as well, but I am a teacher in the Primary department and naturally I am better informed about this department. You should come in some Sunday morning morning while they are in the assembly room and see her conduct their morning service. She is training them with Christian knowledge and I'm sure that they will not get away from it when they grow up. It is amusing to watch them and listen to them answer questions. Not only is it amusing, but amazing when you hear their answers. It will make you sit up and take notice. We are thankful for Christian leaders and God grant that we may have more and more of them every day.

REPORTER.

Roberta, Rev. O. L. Joyner, Pastor, Feb. 14.—Dr. Andrews was with us Sunday, February 13, and his subject was the "Fellowship Crusade." And he made it very plain so every one enjoyed his talk very much as he seems like a father to our church.

The young ladies of the community met Sunday afternoon and organized a club. Mrs. Joyner promoted this idea for the young people and they are taking real interest. The beautiful weather has increased our attendance by one-third and we hope it will grow more and more. Our church is progressing nicely with Preacher Joyner. The expression of the community is "We sure like our new pastor and family." And the church has a Christian spirit more so than usual.

REPORTER.

Mitchell's Grove, Guilford Circuit, Rev. J. B. Trogdon, Pastor.—Sunday was a good day for us with one hundred and fourteen present for Sunday school and a large congregation present to hear Brother Trogdon at 11:00 o'clock. He gave us a wonderful message taking his text from the 46th Psalm, 4th verse "There is a river the stream whereof shall make glad." We only wish we could have Brother Trogdon to preach for us every Sunday.

Our Sunday school is growing in attendance and spiritually. We now have one hundred and sixty-two on roll with an average attendance of 100 to 125.

The trustees and members are planning to do some repair work on the church soon and with the spring weather coming we are expecting to need some more Sunday school rooms.

We were more than pleased to have Rev. D. D. Broom our former pastor and children worship with us Sunday. Brother Broom has moved to High Point and we hope to see him at church often.

The writer and family were glad to have the pastor visit in our home Sunday and have lunch with us, also we were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cashatt, teacher of the young men's class with us too.

Pray for us that our church may continue to grow in grace and that it might be a blessing to the community.

MRS. E. E. WITCHER, Reporter.

State Street Charge, O. C. Loy, Pastor.—The work of our church seems to be going along fine. The pastor always has well prepared sermons and gives them in a way that the entire congregation understands and enjoys them.

The quarterly conference met on Wednesday night, January 26. Business reports were heard and Mrs. Annie Harkey was re-elected secretary.

The district rally was not very well represented as a part of the speakers could not attend. Although Rev. C. E. Ridge and Rev. Clyde Auman gave interesting talks on the Fellowship Crusade. The community singing was greatly enjoyed. The church was filled to capacity. Beautiful numbers were rendered by groups from different churches. Also short humorous talks by the pastor and Dr. A. E. Brannock.

The Auxiliary is making pleasing success in the sale of flavoring.

On Friday night, February 11, the C. E. society put on an old-time box supper. The older people took part in the program of beauty contests, readings, and songs by the children.

Attractive musical programs were given by groups of young people.

Around $22.00 was collected from the sale of boxes. At the close of the meeting Valentines were presented by special delivery to all present.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

Calvary, Greensboro, Rev. R. C. Stubbins, Pastor, Feb. 21.—Our pastor gave us another of his splendid sermons Sunday morning, using as a subject "Every man in his place." He stressed the need of power of the Holy Spirit in the church today.

Rev. Mr. Stubbins conducted a devotional service at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Sunday afternoon. A group of young people from the Senior Christian Endeavor society accompanied him and assisted with the music.

Members of the Senior Christian Endeavor society enjoyed a Valentine party Tuesday evening in the hut. Refreshments and games were enjoyed. The hut was beautifully decorated in keeping with the season.

J. Frank Coble, chairman of troop committeemen, carried the scouts of Troop No. 7 to the district commissioner's meeting at Caldwell school during scout anniversary week. His troop gave a demonstration in scouting. On the first Saturday following scout anniversary week our pastor, who is a member of the troop committeemen, carried the scouts and put on a demonstration in one of the large department store window here on "What Scouting Is." The demonstration lasted from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. and received much favorable comment.

Floyd G. Reynolds, president of the Greensboro Christian Endeavor Union, made an official visit of the Christian Endeavor society at Midway church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ross Bowman and Mrs. Howard R. R. Neece were joint hostesses to the Friendly Sunday school class at the home of Mrs. Neece, Tuesday, February 8. Sixteen members of the class were present. Mrs. Bowman, president was in the chair for the business. Mrs. Numa Causey conducted the devotionals.

A splendid Valentine social, consisting of games and contests was directed by Miss Mary C. McCulloch and Miss Sarah McCulloch. All winners were presented with prizes and each member who didn't win a prize was presented a Valentine. Mrs Charles Stout, who was Miss Edith Smith prior to her marriage on Christmas day, visitor at the meeting, was presented with a lovely lamp by Miss Pearl McCulloch, teacher of the class. The lamp was a gift from the class. The hostesses served a desert course.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Coe, one of Calvary's charter members, were conducted at the church last Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. R. C. Stubbins, and two of the former pastorrs, Dr. J. E. Pritchard and Dr. C. W. Bates. Interment followed in the Moriah church cemetery.

We will observe our Thank-Offering service next Sunday evening at 7:30. A Thank-Offering play "If I Be His Disciple," will be presented. It is a splendid play that portrays the need for missionary work in the mountain areas. There will be special music during the the evening and following the play there will be a presentation of Thank-Offerings from each circle.

MRS. HOWARD R. NEESE, Reporter.

Shiloh C. E. Society, Shiloh Charge, Rev. C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Feb. 21.—It has been quite a time since there has been a report from us, but that does not mean that we are asleep on the job.

On the first Sunday night in February our church observed Young People's Day. We had a good crowd for the service, and all seemed to enjoy the program. We used the pamphlet outline which our pastor ordered, and he was in charge of the service. We had a duet entitled, 'Trusting in Jesus," after which Mr. Ray Leatherman gave an interesting talk on, "What the Church Can Do For the Young People." He made it very personal and gave some real good points which we all enjoyed very much. Following, Miss Mabel Berrier gave some good points on "What Our Young People Do For Our Church." The comparison of the two talks show the young people are at work. Following the Berrier quartet sang, "What Will You Do With Jesus." Mr. Ridge then made a summary of the talks that was very good.

On Sunday night, February 12, group No. 4 was announced over the top, raising the $25 on our budget, in which Mr. Protus Koontz is chairman. This group consists of nine members, and this goes to show that our people are wide awake. We know they have worked very hard, and so we say hurrah for them.

We were glad to have with us, one of our former members whom we all love to see back with us, because he was a good Christian worker, and one who upholds Christ in everything. This was Mr. Fred Berrier, of Jacksonville, Fla., and we want to welcome him back at any time he can be in our midst.

We were glad to have Miss Blanche Sink back with us after being out sick with pneumonia.

We are sorry that Miss Emma Berrier is still sick and not able to be at church.

We are asking the prayers of our Christian friends for our young people in the work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We know the future church depends on the younger generation, so we are asking for prayer.

BEATRICE SINK, Reporter.

West End, Greensboro, N. G. Bethea, Pastor.—For the past few weeks the different organizations and classes of the church have been taking charge of the mid-week prayer services. The Woman's Auxiliary gave us a splendid program last Wednesday night on "The Stones of Character Builders." Faith, prayer, and godliness were brought out as some of the most important stones in the building of a noble Christ-like character.

Some time ago our young people's C. E. society decided that we should have a Junior society. Miss Jane Gillie consented to take over the work as superintendent of the Juniors. Miss Gillie is interested in this kind of work and will make quite a capable leader of the children.

According to what the doctor says our pastor needs a good rest, and we're letting him have it. For the past year Dr. Bethea has worked hard and he is completely tired out and really needs to rest for a while. He has gone down to Florida for a two weeks' stay. While we miss him at home, we know that he will come back refreshed and feeling much better.

Next Sunday morning we are to have Dr. R. M. Andrews of High Point to take charge of the service. We shall be happy to have him with us. REPORTER.

Charlotte, First Church, T. E. Strickland, Pastor, Feb. 22.—I am very grateful to our congregation for electing me reporter to the M. P. Herald. With God's help and the prayers of the congregation, I will endeavor to the best of my ability to let the other Methodist Protestants know what our Charlotte church is doing.

As all of you know, our church has just been reorganized and we are continually growing. The Sunday school attendance has increased gradually since reorganization. The Young Ladies' class which was organized at the beginning of the reorganization has grown and been divided into three classes; namely, the Young Girls' class, the Young Married Ladies' class, and the Adult Bible class. The Young Girls' class has an average attendance of 12 each Sunday. The monthly class meeting will be held Friday night, February 25, at the home of Miss Helen McCall.

The Young Men's Bible class is also growing, having an average attendance of 25 each Sunday.

The church services are well attended both by the old and young. Our pastor is delivering some very good sermons and is doing a marvelous work in our church.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is growing and the members are working very hard to make it a success. They pledged five dollars on the Minnis fund. Mrs. J. M. Muse has been elected pastor's aid. Mrs. N. W. Fowler, who is very ill, his been taken back to the hospital. Special prayer has been held for her recovery.

The Senior C. E. society enjoyed a social at the home of Mr. Grady Tadlock last Saturday night. This society is growing and is doing a great work. We are active in the Mecklenburg County Union and are planning a big program for the North Carolina C. E. convention which will be held June 16-19 at Queen's Chicora College, this city.

We were very glad to have in our congregation several of our old members Sunday, Mr. A. A. Ledbetter, Mr. Harrison Scarborough, and Mr. C. H. Daughtery. We trust that they enjoyed being in our midst and that they will come back again.

The North Carolina conference and our fellow Methodist Protestants can look forward to big things from First church, Charlotte, even though we are small in number, we boast of our future.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

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Rehoboth, Creswell Charge.—Some time has passed since I reported from this work; many of you know why. On October 24 I was suddenly stricken down from a fall out of my back door steps. I broke my thigh bone, just above the knee, broke the knee bones, only the knee cap was not injured. Dr. Harrell from Creswell rushed me to St. Vincent's hospital, put me under the care of Dr. R. L. Payne, where I remained exactly three months. Thankful to the good treatment by doctors, nurses, the numerous letters and cards received from all over the state, from friends, numerous visits from friends and loved ones, I never saw a lonely moment, or was least discouraged about my serious condition. My feet were greatly elevated, head down, which position I lay in seven and a half weeks. Apart from the operations of pinning the bones together, I never had a pain. But when I was raised up in normal position, I had pain all over, and lost my strength. When taken up to walk on cruitches, I had to be taught to step. I had entirely forgotten how to move my feet. I made rapid progress and could walk across the room before I left the hospital. My good brother and wife visited me twice while there and sent regularly checks to my cousin, V. L. Everett, to defray my expenses, which were very heavy. Vernon took me to his nice home, he and family did all to help me gain in strength; so on February 7 they brought me home. Such a joy to be home, look out on the familiar objects—the flowers in bloom in the garden, the red maple blooms peeping through the grey moss, the big oaks draped in moss, the young lambs sporting in the pasture, the fat little pigs rooting down in the pasture, ducks, geese and chickens; how I always, ever since being on the farm, delighted in raising such, with Mr. Davenport's assistance.

Well, I have so much to thank God for. I have good peple in the home to care for me, and I hope in course of time I'll be able to lay my crutches down, as I am not crippled, only use them as support till I am strong enough to walk without them.

Brother Wagoner has been to see me. I've heard everyone speak of him so highly, Brother C. V. White is improving after a fall outdoors that fractured his hip; his suffering has been great.

Excuse this lengthy letter and short report. I am feeling well, temporally and spiritually, and can never praise the Lord enough for what he has done for me.

SALLIE CHERRY DAVENPORT.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Feb. 21.—Our work here is going along in a fine way. The winter with its bad weather has caused some sickness among our people and has caused the attendance at some of our services to be somewhat slack. However, we had 246 in attendance at Sunday school yesterday. The spirit seems to be good and we hope it will continue.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment yesterday and preached from the subject "Fishers of Men,' using as a text, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men," being the words of Jesus spoken to the disciples when they were chosen, but meaning just as much to us today. After all his subject of soul-winning is the one great mission of the church and the church must not let itself become too much concerned about something else, that the mission of soul-winning be neglected. Who knows but that there may be someone — probably a mother or father, probably a sister or brother, probably a neighbor—who is looking for you to speak a word about the importance of salvation? If I neglect to do what God has for me to do, who will do it? If you neglect what God has for you to do who will do it? Let's arouse to our Christian duty ere it be that someone should go to judgment emptyhanded, or someone go unprepared because of our failure to do our duty.

The deep interest of our people is shown in the attendance at our weekly prayer services. There are usually from 20 to 35 in attendance at these and we hope, that they shall continue to be a blessing, not only to the individual but to the communities and to the church.

Our monthly prayer service will be conducted Sunday and will be in charge of the Woman's Auxiliary. We hope that the service will be helpful. The Woman's Auxiliary is also preparing for the presentation of the February Thank-Offering. However the date has not been set yet.

Continue to pray for us in our work that we may ever go forward in the service of Kingdom's building.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

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Draper, J. L. Love, Pastor.—It seems that Draper is reporting about every week, but we are having such glorious times we want to tell it to others.

There may be a depression here, but we thank God there is none in Heaven.

Our pastor is feeding our souls with spiritual messages. It seems like every sermon gets better. Souls are being brought into the Kingdom of God. There has been six professions the last three Sundays, and five additions to the church.

Our Sunday school is doing fine, under the leadership of N. H. Stewart, superintendent, and W. A. Chilton, assistant superintendent. Both have the Sunday school and church at heart.

Our Young People's society is doing fine. We are glad to see the Young People take an interest in the church work. Miss Havel Saunder, the president, gives us a very interesting talk each Sunday night.

We are glad our pastor's wife is able to be back with us again.

Our chairman, Mr. W. M. Howell, fell and broke his leg Saturday. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

We miss our faithful ones so much when one is absent from us that I often wonder if one was to be absent in Heaven, if we will miss them and be looking for them there.

Pray for us that we may still grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I feel that we can never get too close to God.

A MEMBER.

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Topic for March 6, 1938

By REV. J. W. BRAXTON

Scripture text, Matthew 23:1-7, 23-26, 37; 11:20-24.

Hymn Suggestions: "The Church's One Foundation," "More Like the Master," "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

Special Feature: Have some one talk to the society on the subject, "Customs and dress of Palestine in the first century.' Or, if you live near enough to Greensboro, N. C., to drive in you might arrange to have your society visit the Bible room at the White Oak Y. M. C. A. You may find there one of the finest collections of materials, including hundreds of photographs and souvenirs on the Holy Land of any place I know in the state. Call or write Mr. Arnold and arrange for such a trip.

Suggestive Points for Prayer: "Thank God (1) for man's enlarging conception of the world; (2) for the many discoveries in medicine and other sciences beneficial to human life; (3) for all moral and spiritual uplift where Christ is known and loved. Ask God (1) to hasten further discovery to overcome sickness and disease; (2) to inspire the spirit of love and sacrifice to make men willing to die one for another; (3) to bring to naught the sinful forces that destroy life and character."

Points for the Leader

This topic gives us an opportunity to study the conditions of the first century, and particularly of the Holy Land, during the life of Christ on earth. It also gives us an opportunity to contrast, or compare, the conditions then with the conditions today. Are people and conditions altogether different today from what they were in Jesus' day? If conditions and people are different today from Jesus' day can His teachings be applied to the people and conditions of today?

Dr. Van Dyke has suggested that there are at least four things which have not changed very much during these 19 centuries. The outline of the mountains against the sky have not changed much. The stars continue to shine over the Judean hills as they did when Jesus was born. The same kind of flowers that flooded the earth in early spring in Jesus' day continue to blossom and brighten the pathway of man today. And, finally, the human heart has not changed. Men have changed their style of dress and way of doing various things but the needs of the soul are the same today as they were then. And Jesus ministers to these needs today just as he did 19 hundred years ago.

Questions Which May Be Discussed

1. Has the Christian message become outworn by changing conditions?
2. What were the religious orders in Jesus' day?
3. How did Jesus' message contradict them?
4. What conditions in our day are different from the first century?
5. Is doubt peculiar to our own age? Was Christ able to win everybody to himself?
6. Has the trend of human nature changed since the first century?
7. Did the early church cease to be missionaries because of hardships and persecution?
8. Indicate some changes in the views of men concerning the physical universe, since Jesus' day?

Poem

If Jesus came back today what would the people say?
Would they cheer him and strew the way with garlands of myrtle and hay
As they did on that distant day when He came to Jerusalem?
What would America say if Jesus came back today?

We fashion great churches and creeds but the heart of the people still bleeds
And the poor still rot in their needs. We display with pride His cross
In the midst of our pagan life while we hug to our hearts the dross
Of our selfishness and strife. What sacrifice have we made
To live the love He prayed?

What willing blood have we shed to do the deeds He said?
To be popular and well-fed we forsake the way He led
And follow a ghost instead!

Vincent Godfrey Burns.

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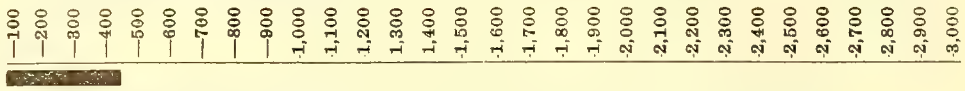

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REV. N. G. BETHEA
Subscription Booster

What a fine list of subscriptions came in last week! Nearly two columns, going some! The pennant went east this time by several. But there was not much to boast of on the part of the winner more than to say, "I'm ahead!" But that is worth much to the winner and also to the Herald. Glad you got it, Cranford. As my father was wont to say, "Bully for you, my boy."

Which way will it go this time? That remains to be seen. Good to send in these big amounts, but don't stop at that. Keep on sending, for that is the only way to reach the Capital Line. Things are going good now. More information going to the membership! More money coming into the office to keep things moving. Thank you, friends, such support will soon give you your quota and that is one of the points in the Fellowship Crusade.

This scribe may not get the news in time to write the usual boost next week. It's a good way to the south end of Florida. The Herald goes where I am going. In fact, I do not care to take a vacation where the Herald does not go. But sometimes it is Monday getting there, but The Crusader, who is also the Editor, will fill in the space O.K. even if my letter does not reach the office in time to be placed. My doctor says I have been working too hard. I do not know how he disciVered it. But anyhow I am taking his advice for about ten days anyhow. I am pretty sure the Herald will go on just as well with me near a thousand miles from it. In fact, George Washington died and the United States continued to grow. We might remember that when we get to feeling our importance.

But I came near forgetting. Wish everybody was as meak as that Lamb on Tabernacle and encourage his Sunday school classes to see the importance of subsidy and have them send it in. These small amounts continually coming will mean a fellow will have his charge in black type soon. Eight of them in that black type now. Come on, join this worthy band.

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Indifference

Indifference is possibly the greatest barrier to human progress. The lack of interest in any cause will kill it quicker than the most thoroughly organized opposition. Not to care, is always a deadly attitude to have. In a community where the people are indifferent to the enforcement of law anything can happen, any sort of a crime may be committed and the criminal escape. From the home indifferent to the better things of life go the youthful lawbreaker. And a nation that is indifferent to what may happen to another nation will sooner or later be vulnerable to the afflictions which its neighbor nation suffered. And so a Church whose members are indifferent to the program and purpose of its Founder will have no share in the progress the Church shall make. Our Lord chararterized this attitude when He said, it was like the children standing in the market place and saying to the multitudes we have piped unto you and ye have not danced, we have mourned unto you and ye have not lamented. Neither mirth nor sorrow affected such a proup. The Church is a great sufferer from its indifferent members.

Christianity is sustained by a certain set of loyalties. Loyalty to Christ, loyalty to the Bible, loyalty to the institutions of the Kingdom. When these loyalties are broken down the Church ceases to be a power in that community. There is really nothing left of it but an empty void—a group of saints doused with apathy. And it is useless to appeal to such a group to save the Church or any of the institutions in the Church—what do they care? It seems to us that the preacher, the teacher, and Church worker, should give a great deal of time and effort to the re-establishment of these loyalties. Loyalty to the home, loyalty to the country, loyalty to the Church; for these loyalties are being broken down in many ways. And unless we can find members of the Church who are loyal to its program and principles, the Church will have its back to the wall fighting its battles against the forces of evil. We hear on every hand our leaders say, the Church is not suffering from the lack of talented members, nor from the lack of members who have means to support at its claims, nor from the lack of time to perform the services required of them as Church members so much; but it is the lack of interest in the causes for which the Church stands. Is it not then time to consider what can be done to correct this evil?

Our Church membership has far outgrown in numbers the efficiency and understanding its members have for its causes. It is not more members we need so much, as it is better members; members who know whence the Church came, for what it stands, and what it requires of those who belong to it. Without such a knowledge, it would be marvellous if those who join it should be very loyal to its program. People just do not sacrifice for a cause they know nothing much about. And much of this indifference on the part of our Church member is due to their lack of real knowledge of what the Church has done for the advancement of the human race. Prejudice, also has a large share in making people indifferent to claims of religion. It means to pre-judge, and it is exactly that so many daily do. There is race prejudice, denominational prejudice, social prejudices, etc. And when a person is in the grip of one of these how stolid, how indifferent he becomes to all else not included in his own little circle. A Church where local interest obscures all other interest in religion will not be found among the supporters of the denominational projects. The lack of interest in the financial objective of the Fellowship Crusade is sustained by this localitis. Members in the Church who are unable to see the need of supporting any claim outside their own little Church. Of course, this attitude can be corrected. But it can not be corrected by indulging the idea. It will take earnest, faithful instruction on the part of the pastor and those leaders who can see above their own local Church needs. Yes, INDIFFERENCE IS A GREAT BARRIER TO HUMAN PROGRESS.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

More Quarterly Reports

In giving some of the highlights gleaned from pastors' quarterly reports last week I completely missed the report from Randolph Charge, Rev. G. L. Reynolds, pastor. This showed that Annual Conference expenses had been raised in full at Bethany, Bethel and Shiloh. Sunday School rooms have been built at Bethel. Shiloh Church has been given a new roof and the grounds have been beautified. I am sorry to have missed such a good report as this last week.

The report from Union Grove Church, Rev. Joseph Coble, pastor, has come in since the tabulation of last week. It shows that payments have been made on Annual Conference Expenses, World Service and Herald Subsidy. A girls' club has been organized with twenty members and plans are in the making for organizing a Boy Scout troop. Also, money is being raised to buy new hymnals.

A Fine Response

Reports have come in now from all the Charges except four. Two of these are city Churches, one a town Charge and one rural. So it can be seen that the rural pastors have a better record for reporting than the city pastors have.

A Sunday Morning at Fountain Place

Last Sunday morning it was my privilege to be with the Fountain Place Church in Burlington, Rev. R. E. L. Moser, pastor. This Church is sometimes referred to as West Burlington. Several of the members of this Church were among the leading members of the First Church when I was the pastor several years ago. Fountain Place is one of our newer Churches and it has not had a chance yet to do its best, due to the fact that it has had a heavy indebtedness to carry. The building which they are using is really the educational unit as the auditorium has not yet been built. It is three stories high with a large room which can be used for social purposes on the ground floor. The furnace for steam heat is on that floor also. The second floor is used as an auditorium and has a seating capacity sufficient to take care of the needs of this congregation for the next several years. The third floor is divided into class rooms and is well arranged and well equipped. When this Church was first built the city did not extend very far beyond the Church, now, however, the city has grown until there are beautiful homes far beyond the neighborhood in which the Church is located. Many of these homes are among the choice buildings of the city. This Church seems to have plenty of material to work on, although here perhaps, it is as in so many other cities the people building out in the residential districts are already churched and are the leading members in many of the other Churches of the city.

Out of an enrollment of ninety-two, eighty were in attendance at Sunday School last Sunday. I doubt whether many other of our Churches could boast of such a high percentage. At the Church services a fine congregation assembled to hear the message. They were easy to preach to and seemed to enjoy the sermon. After the sermon I presented the Fellowship Crusade and quite a good many people took the cards. The pastor asked that the cards be returned next Sunday. The financial part of the Crusade is being worked privately. While I am hoping they may be able to raise a goodly sum for this interest, I also wish that the Board of Church Extension were able to put a large amount into this enterprise and help to lift the load from the shoulders of those who have been carrying it.

This is Brother Moser's second year, I believe, with this people and he seems to be popular with them. The service last Sunday, in which he took the leading part, was well arranged and the people entered into it heartily. It was a real pleasure to be there.

Our Honored Superannuates

Within the past few weeks it has been my good fortune to see several of our honored superannuated ministers. Knowing that a lot of our people want to hear from these veterans of the cross, these who have fought long and well, I have decided to say a few words about them. Rev. H. L. Powell seemed to be in his usual good health. He lives just outside of Thomasville. Rev. W. M. Pike seemed much improved from his recent illness when I saw him but I heard today he is not so well again. He lives just out of Liberty. Rev. G. F. Millaway is able to be up in the rolling chair most of the time, although he has been suffering from cold. He lives in the edge of Greensboro on the Reidsville road. He gets his mail on R.F.D. 5, Greensboro. Rev. W. F. Ashburn is keeping up his usual record of visiting the sick. He visits, perhaps, more people in the hospitals than any other minister in Greensboro. He lives on Julian street. Rev. T. F. McCulloch, the oldest minister in our Conference, is able to go out to his small farm every day. His strength is remarkable for one nearly eighty-seven years young. His address is 1011 Martin street, Greensboro.

College Assessment Called For

According to schedule adopted by the last Annual Conference the assessment for High Point College is to be raised in March and April.

Appointments

Sunday, March 6—Richland Charge: Charlotte at 11 a. m.; Giles Chapel, 3 p. m.; and Browers at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday, March 13—Chatham Charge: Hickory Grove at 11; Flint Ridge at 2 and Zion at 4 p. m.

Sunday, March 20—Union Grove Church: Union Grove Charge, 11 a. m.

Sunday, March 27—Mecklenburg Charge.

J. E. Pritchard.

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In the passing this week of Rev. J. S. Farmer, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, the Baptist of this state have lost an able defender of the faith.

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A Message in Verse

REVERENCE FOR GOD'S WORK

My body is a temple
That needs the greatest care;
It must be clean and wholesome,
For God is living there.
And if I keep the temple,
My body, strong and clean,
My mind must be as wholesome,
Although it can't be seen.

My thoughts must be unselfish;
My words must comfort give;
My deeds must all be worthy
Of Him with whom I live.
The bracing air I breathe in,
The ocean where I swim,
The sports that build my muscles,
I'll use for love of Him.

—*Esther H. Doolittle.*

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Stewardship Beatitudes

Blessed is he that studieth the true nature of man, for thereby he shall find God.

Blessed are all he who are God's children through creation; but twice blessed are they who are his by redemption.

Blessed is he who knows that he is called to be a steward in God's kingdom.

Blessed are ye who are faithful in stewardship; for ye shall be called sons and partners.

Blessed are ye when men shall no longer say, "He believeth more in dollars than in God's promises."

Blessed are ye who gives occasionally to the poor; but twice blessed are those who provide a portion punctually for the Kingdom.

Blessed are all they whose hands are open unto the Church; for they shall be remembered with love.

Blessed is that man who keepeth his ledger with the Lord; for he shall not be found insolvent in that Great Day.

—*Martha Bellinger.*

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Corrections

Mrs. T. L. Speas, Secretary of Literature of the N. C. Branch, Woman's Work, resides at 226 Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, instead of 216 as given last week.

In the program of Rally on North Davidson Charge, last week, the name of Mrs. Alfred Craven was omitted. Mrs. Craven makes the address of welcome.

An Appeal to Pastors and Members of the Fellowship Crusade Committees

At a called meeting of the Committee elected by the last Annual Conference to set up the Fellowship Crusade in our Conference this week the Chairman, Dr. Pritchard, and the Director of the Crusade, were asked to make this appeal to you. We think the time has come when definite action should be taken by the local Church on the Crusade. Much has already been done by many of the Churches, but so far, no pastor or committee has yet reported that any Church has reached its quota in either of the objectives.

So we ask that as early as possible you make the canvass in your Church of every member; secure the endorsement of items in the first objective, if at all possible; try to find enough Herald subscribers to meet the quota and at least one new subscriber to the *Recorder* in your Church; finally, try to get a gift or a pledge to be paid before Conference meets from those in your Church who will help to reduce the indebtedness of our boards and institutions. The Crusade cannot succeed unless all three objectives go together. To rededicate the life to Christ, to subscribe to and read our Church papers, and to share with others in sacrificial giving to our boards and institutions. We shall expect to hear of some Church reaching at least the first and third objective at an early date. If the money is not in hand to pay one-thrid the amount paid pastor last year; secure it in subscriptions to be paid before Conference and let us have your report, please.

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Mr. J. E. Stafford	1.50
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This makes a total of	$19.25

We expect to have soon enough funds in hand to bind all the Heralds. There are some thirty volumes of the Heralds; I think most of our Church Records have been bound. So it will take about $25.00 more to complete this job. We are still on the receiving line.

R. M. Andrews.

High Point, N. C.

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Friday, March 4, is the World Day of Prayer, set for observance by all the Churches of the globe. May not all pray earnestly for world peace as prayers are made on tomorrow.

THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

We have a number of Special Gifts to report this week, and we are certainly grateful to the friends who made them. They are helping us to meet very pressing financial obligations. In so doing they are helping us in a most important work, the preparation of Christian pastors, missionaries and teachers.

Many Churches in the North Carolina Conference have made no contribution this year to this worthy cause. There is still time for them to make a gift. We trust that they will soon do this and have the joy of participating in the work we are doing. Send your gift to C. E. Forlines, Westminster, Md.

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Fairgrove	2.50
Mebane	5.00
	$243.70

METHODIST PROTESTANTS ARE INVITED

Our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are having an Aldersgate meeting in the Wesley Memorial M. E. Church, South, in High Point on Friday, March 11, beginning at 9:30 a. m. and have graciously invited Methodist Protestants to be in attendance and to take a part. The president of the N. C. Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will preside over the morning session. Dr. C. W. Bates will conduct a thirty-minute devotional service on the theme, "What May Aldersgate Mean to Me." There is a full program both morning, afternoon and evening. Bishop Kearn and Bishop H. Lester Smith as well as a host of other outstanding men and women of the M. E. Church, South, will speak. Let Methodist Protestants show their appreciation of the invitation which has been extended them by attending this meeting in large numbers. J. E. PRITCHARD.

The Fellowship Crusade Thermometer

Next week we shall publish the list of the pastoral Charges and record the amount each is expected to raise for the Fellowship Crusade, the amount pledged to date, and the amount paid to date. The chart will be like this:

	Amt. Expected	*Amt. Pledged*	*Amt. Paid*
Alamance Charge	0000	0000	000
Albemarle Charge	0000	0000	000
Anderson Charge	0000	0000	000

And so on down the list to Yarborough Charge. We expect the pastors or their representatives to furnish us the information needed to fill out the above chart. And we hope that this information will be in the hands of the Editor by March 8.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

God, Redemption, and Everlasting Life

God is our Creator, Sustainer and Friend; He is personal, full of love and wisdom, ever seeking the welfare and happiness of His advancing creation. He longs to reveal Himself to His children, and does so just as rapidly as they can grasp and appreciate Him. Christ the Savior is the last and fullest revelation—God with us—In Him there dwells all the richness of the Godhead bodily. God is ever present with His people, available in spirit form, and fellowship with Him is exercised by and through the agency of the Holy Spirit, that form of God which dwells in us.

Sin is the misusing of free moral choice in such a manner as to obstruct the incoming love and presence of the Father. Some call it violation of law, which of course it is, others call it a yielding to a backward pull; some speak of it as "missing the mark," and still others see it as the natural state of man. In all cases and in all forms it is wilful distraction of God's plan and a deadening of one's own powers of self-realization. Salvation is living like the Creator intended, in conscious fellowship with himself and in harmony with one's own highest nature. The redeemed soul has found its home, and that home is God, who has been our dwelling place in all generations.

The human spirit, so endowed by its Maker, is intended for union with the Eternal. God is lovingly near His children. This fellowship is the very genius of true religion here and now, and it lasts beyond the grave. God is everlasting, and the redeemed abide in Him. They partake of His nature, are like Him, and continue to live with Him. God is spiritual, and that part of man that enjoys and communes with Him is spiritual. Hence the fading of the flesh impairs not the permanency of the spirit which alone knows God. God is experienced by the spiritual, and spirit is eternal. Thus the particular age or condition of life is less important, while the supreme value is that expressed in the words, "being found in Him."

Some picture the future state as beautiful and full of music. Some think of it as a land of rest and sunshine, the "land where we never grow old." Still others contemplate a clime where thwarted hopes are yet fulfilled, where all disappointments are cleared away, and where numerous talents may flower into full bloom that here met only ill by disease, injustice, and other limitations of the flesh. But all conceive of it as a blissful land, free from sin and sorrow, supremely happy under the immediate presence of the Lord Himself.

Physical death, to be sure, is necessary to reach that life, because, naturally, death separates the temporary from the permanent, the adequate from the inadequate, the whole from the part. Or, as Saint Paul affirms, this mortal must put on immortality. "Comfort ye one another with these words."

True glory lies in noble deeds.—*Cicero.*

LENTEN PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Ministers often find it helpful to learn of plans and programs successfully used by those of their fellowship in their various fields of service. With this in mind, a schedule previously used by the writer during Lent is herewith humbly submitted, trusting it will be at least suggestive for others in the pastorate.

First of all, a rainbow stretching fifteen feet across was constructed from radio or refrigerator crating boxes. Of course, it had to be made in three parts and fastened together. The seven colors of the spectrum were painted on it from end to end. This was hung on the wall in back of the pulpit at the beginning of Lent.

Then, the Rainbow envelopes in colors, supplied by our Board of Publication, 516 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, were purchased in sufficient quantities to supply each family in the Church. These were used during the seven Sundays in place of the regular envelopes for sacrificial offerings.

Furthermore, a mimeographed schedule with letter of explanation was prepared to send with the envelopes. The regular letter-size sheet was divided into three columns: The first containing the subjects of the Sunday morning and evening services; the middle column, the letter; and the last, a list of Passion Week services and a Seven-fold Pledge.

Here is the letter:

Dear Friend(s):

We are happy to announce to you our plans for the Lenten period, (March 2 to April 17), with which we believe you will cooperate *one hundred per cent.*

The symbol of our program is the Rainbow; the Scriptural basis is Gen. 9:13 (read it); the symbolic number of Seven, i.e., 7 colors in the spectrum, 7 weeks in Lent, 7-fold pledge.

You are urged to make this a period of sacrifice, in recognition of your Saviour's supreme sacrifice. Deny yourself of worldly pursuits, of luxuries, of pleasures, to give more time, money, and interest to His cause and your Church.

Use the enclosed rainbow envelopes for your weekly sacrificial offering; try to keep up-to-date. The Stewards have set $250 as a goal. Do *your* best, regardless of what others do.

That we might know you are cooperating, check and sign the pledge herewith, and bring (or send) it to Church next Sunday.

Appreciating your constant loyalty, and trusting this will be a very profitable Lenten season for you, I am,

YOUR SERVANT FOR CHRIST.

The Sunday services subjects were:

11 a. m.—Precious Promises, II Pet. 1:4. March 6, Open Door, Rev. 3:8; March 13, Power, Acts 1:8; March 20, Companionship, Mt. 28:20; March 27, Answered Prayer, Mt. 21:22; April 3, Consolation, Mt. 11:28; April 10, King, Zech. 9:9; April 17, Eternal Life, John 17:3.

7:30 p. m.—Seven Colors of the Rainbow. March 6, Red—Courage, Ps. 31:24; March 13, Orange—Hope, Jer. 17:7; March 20, Yellow—Wisdom, Job. 28:20; March 27, Green—Vigor, Isa. 40:31; April 3, Blue—Truth, Jn. 8:32; April 10, Indigo—Faith, Mk. 9:23; April 17, Violet—Royalty, Rev. 1:5, 6.

The Passion Week topics were: Sunday—Day of Triumph, Mt. 21:9; Monday—Day of Authority, Mt. 21:23; Tuesday—Day of Controversy, Mk. 12:12; Wednesday—Day of Retirement, Mk. 11:19; Thursday—Day of Fellowship, Mt. 26:20; Friday—Day of Crucifixion, Lk. 23:33; Saturday—Day of Sorrow, Mt. 27:62-66

And the Seven-fold Pledge consisted of: Dedication of Self, Renewal of Allegiance, Daily Prayer-Bible Reading, Regular Church Attendance, Soul-Winning Effort, Self-Sacrifice of Luxuries, and Tithe (1-10th) of Income.

It may be a little late to start this year, since Lent began on Wednesday of this week, but one Sunday will make little difference, especially if the schedule and letter and envelopes are sent through the mail.

E. LESTER BALLARD.

Asheville, N. C.

SERVING WITH WHAT WE HAVE

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, March 6, 1938

By REV. J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—Mark 6:1-13.

Golden Text—"What I have, that give I thee." Acts 3:6.

If we continue the lesson story of last Sunday a little further we find that when Christ was about to leave the coast of Gadara the maniac whom He had healed asked to go with Him across to the other side of Gallilee. That of course was a natural reaction. He was filled with loyalty to his new found friend; to live a Christian life back among his old friends and acquaintances would be difficult, and there must be great opportunities over on the other side as one of the disciples of the Master. Naturally he wanted to go along. But contrary to all precedent Christ said no. "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." In other words He was saying, "Young man, your family and friends need you more than anyone else, and if you can't live a Christian life there then you can't live a Christian life anywhere. Christianity is not a matter of time or place or circumstance, but rather a quality of life that refuses to be defeated by any of these." Opportunity is always close at hand and not as we sometimes dream over on the other side.

It is significant that Christ Himself soon after giving one of His new converts this advice went back to Nazareth among His childhood friends and acquaintances to share the wisdom and beauty of His way of life with them. We should notice that He was not coming back as a rich invester, a typical "home town boy made good." Had he been that the people would no doubt have received Him with open arms, and He would have been held up as the example for all the children of the community to follow. Instead He, like Peter and John at the temple gate, had no gold and silver but was anxious to give and to share that which He had. That is always a man's full responsibility, use what you have to the glory of God in the service of man. It may be that future generations will rise to call blessed that talent or service which men laugh at today. The trouble with so many of us today is that we not only do not have gold and silver with which to endow great institutions but we do not even have an inner experience of life worth sharing with the rest of the world. It may even be a blessing to the home town folk when we go away. The reason of course is that we have failed to use wisely the talents and opportunities which God has so generously given to us.

Well, when Jesus came back to Nazareth teaching with new insights about life and challenging old traditions with confidence His old friends were offended. That was the most natural thing in the world. Frankly, I am not the least bit jealous of Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt in his rise to prominence. Our backgrounds and opportunities are so far apart that his success is no threat to me. But when I think of those boys with whom I was reared or with whom I went to college that is a different matter. Invariably we appraise ourselves by comparison. One of the most common sins of man is that one constantly seeks to boost one's self by holding another down. So when Jesus came home with new ideas the home folk laughed at His presumption. ''Why, we have known Him all His life,'' they said; ''just a carpenter, and His brothers and sisters live here in town now. Where did He get all this stuff He is trying to tell us?'' And they were offended indeed. John and Sally, though next door neighbors, seldom get married. Because they know too much about each other? No. Because jealousy and familiarity has made each blind to the good qualities of the other. The people of Nazareth could never see the sublime and the Divine qualities of Jesus' life.

The outcome of this incident is what we may always expect. They had tried to hold back the Nazarene Carpenter because of jealousy and unbelief. But it was they and not the Christ that suffered in reality. Jesus had offered help but they could not be helped. He had sought to serve but they would not be served, He had offered to them a new and glorious way of life but the people who knew Him chose rather to nurse their own jealousies than to partake of His salvation. That Christ could not and cannot help those who refuse to believe in Him is a fact with which every man must reckon.

The sending forth of the disciples without food, money or purse is rather strange, yet it was consistent with the teachings of the Master. ''Life consisteth not in the abundance of things that a man may possess'' and Christ was anxious that His followers rely on nothing except the power of His gospel. He had already been disappointed with the multitude that they had been so ready to interpret His gospel in terms of food and physical health. It was a message of love, brotherhood and good will from God that Jesus wanted His disciples to preach to the world. If they do not repent of their sins and receive you, ''Shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them.'' Their responsibility was to preach the gospel to the world and leave the rest with God. Do your best with what you have to serve God and men and that is all that can be required of any man.

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Dr. C. R. Hinshaw, Professor of Education at High Point College, has sufficiently recovered from an Apendectomy to return to his classes.

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Dr. A. G. Dixon is spending a few days at Duke hospital for observation by the physicians there.

MARCH SPECIAL

N. C. Council of Religious Education
Payment of Apportionment

Schedule

Sunday School with membership of 1 to 25—50c; 26 to 50—$1.00; 51 to 75—$1.50; and 76 to 100—$2.00.

The schedule is same for whatever number you have in the Sunday School.

The schedule for Christian Endeavor societies is the same as Sunday Schools.

Make your check or money order to Rev. J. Clyde Auman, Treasurer, Thomasville, N. C.

Give name of Church and Charge.

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A EUROPEAN LOOKS AT AMERICA'S PREACHING MISSION

By Adolf Keller, D.D., LL.D.

Professor in the Universities of Geneva and Zurich
Director of the Central Bureau for Inter-Church Aid

(These observations were written on Dr. Keller's return to Europe after his participation in the National Preaching Mission.)

The National Preaching Mission, which was a source of inner blessing for all participants and a beneficial influence on the present religious situation in America, has also a wider importance for international Christian cooperation.

There could hardly be a better method for bringing the life and thought of the ecumenical conferences of last summer before the people of the Churches. Through the Mission they have not only been confronted with the problems treated at Oxford and Edinburgh but also have received directly some of the new spiritual impulses originating for the Christian world in those great gatherings. The American response to my messages on the ecumenical movement was widely sympathetic, more so than in Europe.

In the relationship of the American Churches with the European the National Preaching Mission may open a new avenue toward a deeper mutual understanding. It is certainly a matter of great satisfaction for the Old World, struggling for the defense of the essence of the Christian message in an increasingly pagan world, to see that the Sister Churches of America, as represented in the Federal Council, are turning as they do toward the announcement of the Gospel as the first and most vital task of the Church. The American and European Churches sometimes put the emphasis on different aspects of the Christian message—theology, social activity, missions, evangelism. Today on both sides of the Atlantic the emphasis is again placed on first things first: the message of the Gospel in Jesus Christ. The first common task of the Church is taken up thus in the conviction that all Christian activity in every field depends on the hearing of Christ's message and receives the decisive spiritual impulse for all practical activity when Christians are willing to listen to God's Word and to do His

Will. The necessary synthesis between the individual and the social interpretation of the Gospel begins here.

The fact that the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has started such an evangelistic campaign, with a deeply spiritual purpose, will become a strong tie binding together all the Churches in the Old and New World which are confronted today with a tremendous anti-Christian propaganda, to which they have nothing better to oppose than a united proclamation of the Word of God and a united witness to the Gospel of salvation by Jesus Christ. A spiritual fellowship seems to develop in such joint evangelistic efforts, whose roots go deeper than administrative gatherings and ordinary Church conferences.

The aims and method of the National Preaching Mission are worth study by the whole Christian world. Some of its specific aspects—such as study groups, seminars, approach to professional groups, ministers, business men, women, state officials, labor leaders, and students,—offer a special interest for all who are concerned with the task of bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a world which no longer goes to the Church to hear it and must therefore be reached by new methods.

EVANGELISM AND REDEDICATION

Every serious minded Christian must admit that this world is facing a critical situation, and must realize that every follower of Jesus Christ should be occupied in preparing people to face this situation. On every hand there is a growing suspicion of one's neighbor. Peace programs have largely failed. National alliances are taking definite form. Italy has expressed herself by saying that it is folly to believe that continued peace is possible. Russia is proclaiming the certainty of war. Germany is doubling her compulsory military training because of Russian militarism.

The Japanese invasion of China and the Spanish situation are forcing the world again to become war conscious. Mr. Malinowski told the Harvard Forum, "Modern warfare has become nothing but unmitigated disease of civilization." Secretary of State Hull warned the members of the Third World Power conference that the brains of the world should be used to lighten the burdens of men rather than for the grim purpose of war. The world must learn that war is a cruel mill.

We face an evident disregard for that which is fundamentally right. Every year over 12,000 people are murdered, 3,000 are kidnapped, 100,000 are assaulted, and 50,000 are robbed in the United States alone. Annually 40,000 homes are burglarized and 5,000 more are burned. The gambling bill last year was $6,600,000,000.

With this rising tide of crime there is a revolt against authority, and the breakdown of our ancient institutions, the state, Church, and home. These are not phantom shapes conjured up by jittery nerves but real conditions.

We face today the possible shattering of modern civilization. Too long have national leaders looked to the hills for help. At last they are openly saying, "Our help cometh from the Lord." Surely we will do our part to give the world, in this time of need, a dedicated and evangelistic Church.

Churches today are serving by fits and starts, and some have more fits than starts. The Church is being challenged by four philosophies. (1) Behaviorism, with its animalism and self-indulgence. (2) Humanism, making man as God and destroying the moral fiber of life. (3) Unitarianism, which destroys the content of Christian faith. (4) Communism, which lays low every fundamental of divine religions.

The effect of these philosophies is everywhere present. Church attendance is on the decline. Church offerings are not sufficient to meet even the most urgent needs. The lack of concern for Baptist work is unbelievable. Probably not five per cent of our men know or care how our denominational money is being spent. The majority of our members do not read our Baptist state paper. But few of our people ever attend our group meetings or care to hear about our cooperative program interests. As Dr. James A. Franklin says, "Our people profess Christianity but live atheism." We become, as one writer puts it, "Part-Time Saints." An illustrious failure in the Bible allowed himself to be so engrossed with secondary things that he failed to protect what he had. Many today are saying, "Lord Suffer Me First," and are so engaged with the affairs of time that higher life becomes a tragic failure.

Is the Church changing her dependence for inspiration and organization? Is she going from regeneration to reformation? Is she changing her conviction to conformity? Is she yielding to an age of non-morality and running wild without an objective? Is Jesus standing at the door of the Church knocking for admittance?

All this may be partially true, but the Church is still under the blessing of God. The Holy Spirit is still operating through the Church. The statement of Jesus is still a positive statement, "I have overcome the world." Christianity is challenged, but the Church will not quit. Jeremiah bought a field during a seemingly hopeless situation, and the Church will not make a paying investment in the world. But it will take a rededicated evangelistic fellowship to exhibit such faith. Why not use November for rededication and evangelism?

Last year our Church observed such a month and called the first week "Foundation Week." That Sunday night we observed the Lord's Supper by candlelight. During the week we considered carefully the Church roll; checking all members to find those who were attending Church services, contributing through the Church envelopes, or serving in some Church activity. These marginal members were visited by the deacons. We believe that only a rededicated membership can form AN EVANGELISTIC CHURCH.

(This is the first of several articles on Evangelism and Rededication.)—*Perry L. Mitchell.*

Arlington, Va.

"Grant each and all uncommon sense,
To lift our lives to happier height,
Be thou our present recompense—
Be thou our everlasting life."
—*Robinson Smith.*

The more truth you can get into any business, the better.—*Helps.*

Let a man, then, know his worth, and keep things under his feet.—*Emerson.*

Our Children's Home

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Saxapahaw, Concord church	$ 3.43
Mebane Baraca class, for repairs on Boys' building	5.00
Seagrove-Love Joy, Love Joy S. S.	2.00
Greensboro, St. Paul's S. S., Dec., Jan. and Feb.	18.00
Brown Summit S. S.	2.26
Danville, Va., S. S.	5.63
Spring Church, Lebanon. S. S.	2.00
West Forsyth, Baltimore, S. S.	3.00
Liberty S. S.	5.00
Forsyth, Hickory Ridge	5.60
Enfield S. S.	5.00
Flatrock, Bethel S. S.	2.78
Burlington, Fountain Place	6.71
Miss Bonnie Silver, Black Mountain	5.00
Danville, Va., Adult class, for repairs Boys' building	5.00
Graham S. S.	6.46
Shiloh, Friendship S. S.	3.00
Yarboroughs, Harmony S. S.	1.00
Why Not, New Hope S. S.	3.75
Richland, Giles Chapel S. S.	3.50
Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Union S. S.	2.00
Alamance, Center S. S.	7.07
Glen Raven, Haw River S. S.	5.00
High Point, Lebanon S. S., Jan. & Feb.	13.28
N. C. Branch Treas., Mrs. C. L. Kearns	90.55
Shady Grove S. S., Connelly Springs	1.00
Ladies' Bible class, Rhode Island Ave. church, Washington, D. C.	5.00

Mrs. Archie Miles and sister, 114 half-gallon cans of fruits and vegetables.

We are thankful for all these gifts. March is almost upon us, and we are hoping weather conditions will be better for the Sunday school attendance.

Please help us up with your offerings. The children are here, we cannot put them out, nor can we support them on the present income. We thank you for your prayerful consideration of this. A. G. DIXON, Supt.

Later Report

Saxapahaw, Salem S. S.	$ 3.22
Mrs. C. W. Mengel, Chapel Hill	1.00
Randolph, Shiloh S. S.	2.00
Mebane S. S.	4.63
Haw River, Mizpah S. S.	3.12
Burlington, First Church S. S.	35.00
Fallston, Knob Creek, Primary class, birthday offering	1.00
Henderson S. S.	9.13
Forsyth, Mt. Carmel S. S.	5.47
Shiloh, Shiloh S. S.	8.50
Richland, Browers' Chapel S. S.	9.00
Randolph, Bethany S. S.	4.57
Mocksville, Dulins	1.25
Mt. Pleasant, Liberty Grove S. S.	2.00
Gibsonville S. S.	7.50
Forsyth, Union Ridge S. S.	5.00
Saxapahaw, Orange Chapel S. S.	1.00
Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, Pinnacle S. S.	1.53
Siler City, Pine Grove S. S.	2.28
Spring Church, Spring Church S. S.	2.64
Forsyth, Maple Springs S. S.	5.00
Saxapahaw, Saxapahaw S. S.	2.50
Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, Shoals S. S.	3.36
Halifax, Eden S. S.	6.00
Haw River, Friendship S. S.	5.00
High Point, Welch Memorial S. S.	8.00
Enfield, Whitakers' Chapel	10.00
Flat Rock, Gideon's Grove	3.00
Midway S. S. (High Pt. & Gr. Rd.)	3.00
Weaverville, Mt. Zion	.76
Bessemer City S. S.	1.00
Alamance, Sapling Ridge S. S.	3.00

Grace church Woman's Auxiliary, 6 cakes, 5 boxes of cookies, and large bundle of coupons.

20th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Columbus, Ohio, June 28-July 3, 1938

The opening session of the convention will be on the evening of Tuesday, June 28, and the closing session on the afternoon of Sunday, July 3.

The Purpose of the convention is to consider the relevance of the Christian religion to the total world situation, with special reference to Christian Education.

The Theme of the convention is the Christian Challenge to the modern world.

The Location makes it possible for Methodist Protestants to attend in large numbers. Our denominational convention committee and our Conference Councils of Religious Education have accepted a quota of 100 delegates. These have been alocated to the various conferences.

The Program of the convention includes the most able leaders in the field of Christian Education of the world. These leaders will conduct forums, conferences, seminars, treating some 50 phases of church work with special reference to Christian Education.

The Methodist Protestants will meet for a separate conference which will be featured by discussions of our own work and fellowship. About a dozen Methodist Protestants have already registered.

The Registration Fee is $5. A fee of $2 may be paid now and the balance when you reach Columbus.

At an early date our committee will no doubt have something very interesting to announce relative to entertainment while at Columbus.

Send your registration fee to Rev. F. L. Gibbs, 3267 West Liberty avenue, Pittsburgh, (16), Pa., room 208.

F. L. GIBBS.
Member, Quadrennial
Convention Committee.

Note to N. C. Delegates—The N. C. Conference Council plans a special delegation. For further information about M. P.s from North Carolina get in touch with Rev. J. E. Carroll, 222 N. Edgeworth street, Greensboro, N. C.

Missionary Column

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CORRECTION

Please do not charge my mistakes to the Editor of this department. I wrote two contributions for her column of February 17 and sent them direct to the printers—so it is all my error that they were not edited.

The dates for annual meeting which were very suddenly changed, are April 27 and 28.

We could not get our missionaries from China for the first dates we chose—hence the change.

The Minnis' Fund is still a special above Auxiliary apportionments—but is a credit on the W. S. budget of any church sending it, so the Branch Treasurer will know what church it comes from.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS,
Pres. N. C. Branch Women's Work.

PROGRAM

District Rally of Women's Work

The following is the program of our District Rally of Women's Work which is to be held at Pine Needles on Tuesday, March 8, beginning at 10:20 a. m. All women in this district (and men are invited also) are urged to be present.

This district is composed of the following charges: Grace, West End, Calvary, Midway, St. Paul, Moriah, Julian, Tabernacle and Shady Grove.

Program

Devotional, Mrs. R. C. Stubbins.

Music, Mrs. J. Norman Wills and Mrs. Earnest Teague.

Review of Study Book, Mrs. R. M. Andrews, "What Is This Moslem World?"; assisted by Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll and Mrs. Eugene Lambe.

Miss Ester Ross and Mrs. Frank Redding, Jr. will give "Rebuilding Rural America," by Rev. Mark A. Dawber.

The Fellowship Crusade, by Mrs. H. C. Nicholson.

All are asked to bring a picnic lunch.

MRS. E. T. COBLE,
District Chairman.

FROM SECRETARY OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

As we approach the Easter season, may I urge each Secretary of Spiritual Life to emphasize the importance of the season, in its relations to our spiritual life—the great significance of a Risen Christ and His mission in the world.

As prayer is the greatest instrument we have for deepening the spiritual life, may we, the Women's Auxiliary of the North Carolina Branch of Woman's Work, observe the World Day of Prayer, first Friday in Lent, which is March 4. The theme for the World

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FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Bethesda, N. Davidson, Rev. Neese, Pastor.—Young People's Day was observed the fifth Sunday morning in January. The Young People took charge of the program during Sunday school and also sang, read scripture and lead prayer during preaching service. Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Neese, preached at 11 o'clock. We are always so glad to see the young people take part in any kind of church work.

We were glad to have Dr. J. E. Pritchard with us on the second Sunday; he brought us a very inspiring message also explained the Fellowship Crusade.

The second Sunday in March at 11 o'clock the Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their Thank-Offering. They will give a short play, "Not Exempt." Then Mrs. J. Clyde Auman will bring us a talk on missions.

We are making plans to paint the church in the near future.

Mr. H. H. Brinkley, who has been sick for some time, we are sorry to say does not seem to improve very much.

Mr. E. A. Clodfelter was appointed to organize a children's choir. They seem to be taking right much interest.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

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Siler City Church, Rev. Aubert M. Smith, Pastor, Feb. 22.—Three months of the conference year is a thing of the past, and you have not heard much from this church owing to the sickness of the reporter all this year, getting out Sunday for the first time. However, we have been keeping up with most of the activities of the church, and everything seems to be going along fairly well. Our Sunday school is holding up fine; each Sunday there being more present than one year ago.

Sunday, February 20, Young People's Day was observed. The Young People had charge using the program prepared by the Board of Christian Education. At the Sunday school hour talks were made by some of the Young People and Mrs. V. M. Duncan and Miss Joy Holt sang very effciently, "The Whole Wide World for Jesus." Our pastor's message at the 11 o'clock hour was a most fitting one for the Young People and also for the older ones. At this time Mr. Evans Stone sang, "Serve the Lord in Youth.'

A Candlelight Communion service was held in the evening and was most impressive and carried out very effectively. The C. E. society deserves much credit and praise for the splendid way this service was carried out.

The 57th anniversary of C. E. was very fittingly observed on Sunday night, February 6, with an appropriate program. One feature was a huge cake with snow white icing and the figure 57 made with lighted candles. The cake was cut by Miss Cleta F. Andrew and each member served a slice.

Definite plans are under way for the Fellowship Crusade. The pastor will direct the spiritual phase of the Crusade and Mr. T. L. Smith the financial phase.

Spring revival will begin around the first Sunday in April.

The Auxiliary and circles are working hard to end up a creditable years work. Every obligation will be met by the end of the year.

Mrs. Emma B. Siler is spending some time with Mrs. D. L. Johnson and other friends in town. Last week she attended the Fellowship Crusade meeting in Liberty. She also attended her own circle No. 1 and was a visitor in Circle No. 2. On Sunday, February 20, Mrs. L. L. Woody was hostess to the "Emma B. Siler circle' or circle No. 1, honoring Mrs. Siler's 76th birthday. Eleven members of her circle were present and when places were found at the table all wanted to stay in circle No. 1 for another year, and wished Mrs. Siler might have many more birthdays. This dinner was a repetition of what happened one year ago. And does Mrs. Woody know how to prepare a plate fit for a king!

We will hold our February Thank-Offering service next Sunday night, February 27. A play will be presented and we hope to have a large crowd and a good collection. Mrs. L. L. Woody is our Thank-Offering secretary and we are expecting this program to be a great success.

MRS. J. A. COOPER, Reporter.

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New Hope, Mecklenburg.—It has been a good while since I have sent in a report.

Our pastor has brought many good sermons and we have had our prayer meeting each Sunday night, and Sunday school work regularly. It has been a very beautiful winter to attend church, so we do not have any excuse for missing church, except sickness, and I have had my part. Our attendance has not been so good on account of measles for some time. A faithful cross bearer whom we miss so much in our church work has not been able to be with us a long time. We call him Uncle John Belk; he has been confined to his bed for a long time; also Mrs. Mollie Belk.

We had with us Sunday night Rev. Frank A. Sides' son, and we were glad to meet him. Mr. Frank A. Sides was the one that organized New Hope Methodist Protestant church in the fall of 1888, and we were more than glad to have had Mr. Sides and his daughter with us. Rev. Earl A. Cook preached Sunday night a very interesting sermon on why people should be more loyal to their church. We are always glad to have and hear him preach. We believe he is trying to do a great work in the name of the Lord.

The first quarterly conference was held at 2 o'clock Sunday evening here. A very large crowd was present from the other churches.

FAYE AYCOTH, Reporter.

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Fairview Church, Glen Raven Charge, Rev. R. S. Troxler, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment the second Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and brought a most helpful message, taking his text from Isaiah 6:8, "Also I heard the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me." Speaking in terms of Isaiah's vision, Mr. Troxler stated that when we had received this vision, that no task would be too hard for us to perform in church work, and that we would be happier in our work. We trust that each member of our church has received this vision, and that we may let our light so shine that we may lead others to Christ by our good examples.

The work here is somewhat on a standstill now because there is sickness among our members, but we are hoping that this will soon be cleared up and that we can get started off again. We are sorry to report that our pastor's health is not so good at this writing, and that he is receiving treatment at the Duke hospital; but our prayers for him are for a speedy and complete recovery.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson was buried in Fairview cemetery February 3. The funeral was conducted by Rev. R. S. Troxler at the graveside. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Mr. W. M. Taylor is able to be out again after being confined to his room for two weeks with influenza.

I hope the Editor will allow me space for this little poem, which applied to a lot of our church members today:

Redeeming the Time

If I had the time, my friends say;
You have found yourself also saying,
I would do this or that great work.
Does not God call each of us to work today?
But how many refuse to hear and try to shirk!
Ah, friends, we have the time to idle, to play,
To waste on useless things each hour, each day,
And sometime God will call when we cannot refuse
And demand of us, why did you not listen and choose
To gladly perform the daily tasks I had for you?
But then 'twill be too late to say, "Here, Lord, I go,"
When the grim reaper shall come to lay you low.

REPORTER.

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Kannapolis Church, D. T. Huss, Pastor.—This is my first report since coming to Kannapolis church. I have been so busy all the time that it was hard to find a spare period in which to write.

A much-needed Sunday school building has been added and in use for almost a year. The school has made excellent progress in every way. Reports show that there is an increase in attendance of around 50 each Sunday over the corresponding Sunday last year. Our teachers have been able to do much better work since they have separate rooms for the classes, and graded literature. Offerings to the Sunday school have held up well in view of conditions. Offerings of each third Sunday go toward reducing the debt on our new building. That offering yesterday amounted to more than $40.00. The Sunday school offering on each first Sunday goes to our Children's Home. This always makes a good showing. If there is another church of 200 members that does more for the Home than this one we would like to know where it is. There is a reason!

There are three circles in this local Auxiliary and each doing excellent work. This should be the greatest year for the Auxiliary.

Church attendance has kept up in such a way that I am encouraged. This is true of both morning and evening services. There are some of the most loyal supporters in this church that I have ever seen. A large number give a tenth of their wages to the church, and the amounts turned in by these would be more than that by some people [illegible] [illegible]. This mill has been on short time for several months, and yet salary has never been allowed to get greatly in arrears. In addition, we have been pounded rather a number of times during the year. They always seem to know just what is needed.

The children of this church seem to me to be the finest I have ever seen. They are always ready to help me in any plans I may have.

I have been visited by the Presiding Elders of both M. E. conferences, and they agree that this church is well located to become a unit in the new Methodism. All feel that this church can double its present membership in the near future and become a great force in taking Kannapolis for Methodism and the Lord.

PASTOR.

Weaverville Charge. W. C. Clark. Pastor.—We are glad to report an increase in Sunday school attendance, which, though small, is encouraging. We also had a large attendance at our last preaching service on the second Sunday night. We were well rewarded by the splendid sermon by our pastor, Rev. W. C. Clark; also the special music by Miss Irene [illegible] and Rev. E. Lester Ballard, of the Asheville church; we hope to have them sing for us again soon.

The last meeting of our Ladies' Aid society was held at the home of Misses Stella and [illegible] Clark with all of the members present except two. Mrs. Austin Mackey had charge of the program, which was very interesting. At the January meeting some of the ladies of the Weaverville Auxiliary met with us at our church. We had a very interesting meeting. The talk given by our pastor on mission work in India was especially worth-while.

KATHLEEN BLANKENSHIP, Reporter.

Friendship Church, Fallston Charge, R. L. Hethcox, Pastor, Feb. 21.—This is the first time for quite a while that we have been heard from, but not because interest on the part of our pastor or people has waned in the work which is being carried on in our church.

Last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Mr. Hethcox brought us another splendid message. He read from the books of Isaiah and Jonah. His text was taken from Jonah 1:6. In his sermon Mr. Hethcox pointed out very clearly how dangerous it is for people to disobey God. Mr. Hethcox is very enthusiastic over the Fellowship Crusade. He thinks it is one of the greatest steps forward the Methodist people have undertaken in many years. At the close of the service, Fellowship Crusade cards were passed to all members to be given their prayerful consideration, filled out and handed back to our pastor at the earliest possible time. Much interest was shown in this movement. At this service we were also favored with a special song by the Fallston quartet. We always welcome the quartet with their good songs.

The next preaching service will be held the first Sunday evening in March. This is to be a special service for the young people. A junior Sunday school department has been organized in our church since we last reported to the Herald. This department, with Miss [illegible] Lackey as leader, meets in the basement of our church for their opening exercises. When classes are over they gather with the senior department in the auditorium of our church, for the closing of our Sunday service. The youngsters seem to have taken a great interest in their Sunday school. They have learned several songs and at present are making plans for an Easter program to be given in our church Easter Sunday.

Our Christian Endeavor has been very much alive during the past months. About 40 young people gather at the church each Sunday evening and take part in its work. Misses Madge and Blanche Harrelson graciously entertained us at their home last Saturday evening. The members with other invited guests had a grand time together. At the close of an evening of games and contests, Misses Harrelson, assisted by their mother and Mrs. Hethcox, served delicious refreshments.

The Woman's Auxiliary of our church are still active in their work. The regular monthly meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Grier Martin this afternoon. An unusually large number were present for the meeting. At the next regular meeting officers for the coming year will be elected.

The annual declamation contest is to be held at our local high school Friday evening of this week. The winner of this contest will represent our school at Shelby, in a county-wide speaking the following week. Several of our girls have entered the contest and we are expecting the best from each of them.

ELLEN BAXTER.

Shady Grove, Connelly Springs Charge, Rev. Herman Yokeley, Pastor.—Sunday school on February 20th had 98 scholars present, and 6 teachers. We still keep climbing a little.

Rev. Mr. Yokeley filled his regular appointment last night. All present seemed to enjoy the message. Christian Endeavor was organized February 13. We hope we will soon have our literature and start our programs.

Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. John Watson February 11, with 18 members present and a number of visitors. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

The society has already raised $36 with the little trees. We are hoping and praying for a successful year. Pray with us.

A MEMBER.

Efland, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—Efland had an unusual treat Sunday morning. Our pastor had promised it to us, and all were looking forward to the occasion. It brought one of Mr. Morris' fellow students of Duke University graduate school to us, Junichi Nakamura, of Japan, who spoke to a crowded house, bringing us a splendid message. In his native costume, he told us of the conditions in Japan, and many interesting things about their customs. In a short talk during Sunday school he talked to the children and sang for us in his native language. We were very glad to have Mrs. Morris, the wife of our pastor, join our church last Sunday. We know she will be a most worthy member and hope the church will be a blessing to her.

Our work in all branches is progressing very nicely. At the first quarterly conference Pastor Morris gave us some suggested goals for the year, all of which were accepted by the conference, and we hope to reach them.

Our Fellowship Crusade committee is at work, and their plans will be made known later.

We were delighted to have Mrs. J. H. Murray with us Sunday. Mrs. Murray has been quite ill and unable to attend church in several months.

Mrs. E. D. Thompson, who has been ill for several weeks, is improving. We hope she will be with us soon.

Our hearts were made sad when we learned that Allen Bayne Taylor had been called to be with his Heavenly Father. Allen Bayne was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Taylor, of our church. He is greatly missed in his Sunday school class, at school, and most of all, at home, where, with his parents, he left one brother, Samuel. We know that God is with them and it is He who can carry them safely through these trying days.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Morris, parents of our pastor, were guests at the parsonage recently.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet with Miss Mabel Sykes on Wednesday of this week. The Auxiliary has had a good year so far, and practically all the budget is paid in addition to gifts for the parsonage.

PATTYE J. CRUTCHFIELD, Reporter.

Gibsonville, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—The Fellowship Banquet held in the school cafeteria on February 12 and sponsored by the young ladies' class was a huge success. An interesting program was presented. Community singing, with Mr. Ed Summers as leader, was followed by special music and readings by members of the class. Mr. D. M. Davidson, teacher of the class, was toastmaster. Rev. R. S. Jones of Mebane was the guest speaker. His talk on "Youth and the Community" kas inspirational as well as humorous.

The Sunshine circle met February 3 at the home of Mrs. W. G. Boone. The leader, Mrs. B. B. Greeson, had charge of the program, which consisted of games, songs, and stories. At this time the children gave a handkerchief shower for the Old People's Home at West Lafayette, Ohio. At the close of the meeting the hostess served refreshments.

The Missionary band met February 4, with their leader, Mrs. W. J. Jennings. This band of workers is doing excellent work. They gave a dollar toward the Minnis Children's fund.

The Young Ladies' Auxiliary, Circle No. 2, met Tuesday evening, February 22, with Miss Dorothy Gates. Miss Gertrude Wall had charge of the devotionals. The president, Miss Stacy Wall, was in the chair. After the business meeting, Rev. O. B. Williams gave a talk on the Pine Ridge mission school. At the conclusion of the meeting each member present had her waist measured and contributed a penny per inch to the treasurer of the auxiliary, which amounted to $3.27. The meeting adjourned with prayer by the pastor.

The Women's Auxiliary, Circle No. 1, met with Mrs. W. J. Jennings on February 23. The meeting was opened with a song. Mrs. D. M. Davidson, assisted by Mrs. O. B. Williams, conducted the devotionals. Mrs. F. R. Owen, president, appointed Mrs. W. J. Jennings, Mrs. P. L. Kivette and Mrs. Fleet Shelton as a committee to nominate officers for the new year. At this meeting Mrs. O. B. Williams presented the Blue Plate idea to raise money for the auxiliary. This was adopted by both circles and a plate was given to each member. Mrs. B. B. Greeson gave a talk on "Mecca and Beyond," which portrayed the Moslem world. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Sunday morning, February 27, Rev. Mr. Williams presented a very interesting sermon, his subject being "Making Light of Christ and Salvation." His scripture was taken from Matthew 22:5, "But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise."

At the Sunday evening service, Rev. Mr. Troxler, of Glen Raven, occupied the pulpit. An appreciative congregation heard him talk.

REPORTER.

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Mill Grove, Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—Since I have not written in some time for Mill Grove, I will say a few things. Yesterday, the 27th, in the afternoon was our regular appointment here. So much measles and other sicknesses are in the community that our congregation was off just a little.

We have a faithful little bunch here, and a few which just recently felt their hearts "strangely warmed," an Aldersgate experience has surely been witnessed in their lives. A prayer meeting is being conducted here each Sunday night, and some most wonderful experiences are seen there from time to time. Just occasionally I am privileged to stay over to have a part in these prayer meetings.

The Sunday school is growing, even in the winter. Just yesterday a new class was added to the Sunday school, and Mrs. O. B. Furr, one of our stand-byers, was made teacher. We wish for this class and its teacher a bright success.

The Fellowship Crusade is well under way. The following have been appointed as a committee: Mrs. L. W. McCoy, secretary, Mrs. O. B. Furr, and Mrs. Wm. Misenheimer.

The ladies are keeping themselves very busy, and are doing a splendid piece of work. They recently turned over to the church treasurer $30 to apply on the church debt.

We are indeed glad to always find so many interesting visitors attend our services here, also our very good friends from Concord, some of whom are present each Sunday afternoon.

There are many other things I could say, but since the reporter is good on his job, I will leave the rest for him.

PASTOR.

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Caroleen-Shelby Charge, L. S. Helms, Pastor.—Our reporter has been very faithful in keeping the folks informed about our work here, but there are a few things that have taken place which are worthy of our notice.

Present at Sunday school yesterday at Caroleen church, 285, and at the evening service we had a larger congregation than usual. At the close of the service we received nine members into the church. We are glad to have these join with us and pray that they may be a blessing to the church, and the church to them. Cottage prayer meetings are being held each week night, with good results, about 12 conversions to date.

The outstanding achievement of recent date is, all the Methodist and both Baptist churches came together and have organized a union service to be held every Friday night in a hall over the store. The first meeting was held this past Friday night. Brother Meyers, pastor of the Caroleen M. E. church, was the speaker and was heard by more than 400 people. The writer is to speak this Friday night. Pray for me in bringing the message.

Our finances are getting behind at this time, this caused by the mills standing so much, and three days a week and every few weeks they stand all week, and now I understand they are cutting off one shift, so it will hit pretty hard, as we are depending upon this kind of industry for the finance of our church. We are praying that this may improve soon.

The other churches are badly cramped for the same cause; however, we are hoping that this conditinon will soon be over.

On last Saturday night we received a generous pounding by the Caroleen people, sufficient to keep us from the store for many weeks, for which we are grateful, and pray God's blessings upon them. Pray for the work here.

PASTOR.

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Pensacola, W. C. Clark, Pastor, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Ella Silver died February 16 after a short illness from pneumonia. Mrs. Silver was a member of the Baptist church here, but her husband, L. B. Silver, and daughters, Mrs. Lon Autry, Mrs. Kenzie Wood, Miss Mary Lou Silver, and sons, Alphonso Silver, Charles Silver, and Frank Silver, are all members of our church. Mrs. Silver was a devoted Christian mother and she certainly will be missed in our community. The family has our sympathy.

Rev. W. C. Clark is filling all his appointments, with a wonderful sermon each time.

MRS. W. G. BLANKENSHIP.

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Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion-Pinnacle Charge, Rev. J. D. Morris, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment third Sunday at 11:00 o'clock, delivering an inspiring sermon, using as his text the last part of the fourth verse of 142nd Psalm, "And no man cared for my soul." We regret that the church was not filled to capacity to hear this good message.

The Sunday school seems to be improving in attendance. We are glad to have some of our members back in attendance who have been on the sick list.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. W. B. Lane on Tuesday night, with Mrs. Silas and Chester Lane as joint hostesses. An interesting program was heard, a business meeting held, the hostesses served delicious refreshments, and a social hour was enjoyed. Our next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. S. K. Kellam.

REPORTER.

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Pleasant Hill Church, Rev. G. B. Ferree, Pastor.—"Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest; behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (St. John 4:35.) Using this scripture as a text, and the subject, "The White Harvest Fields," Mr. Ferree spoke to an unusually large congregation the third Sunday morning, in a very pleasing manner. The Lord's Supper will be administered at the next appointment.

We are very sorry to report that Mr. I. J. Sapp, of our community, is a patient at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem, where he recently underwent an operation for mastoid. We wish for Mr. Sapp a speedy recovery.

Miss Martha Louise Speas spent last weekend with her parents, Professor and Mrs. W. B. Speas, who reside near Pfafftown. Miss Speas is a member of the faculty of Germanton school.

The February thank-offering service was held at our church Sunday morning, following Sunday school.

Miss Grace Sprinkle spent the week-end with friends in Tobaccoville.

The Young People's Missionary society, under the leadership of Miss Lena Hunter, will meet the first Sunday immediately after Sunday school.

MILNA LONG, Reporter.

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Concord, Sarapahaw Charge, E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—We are moving on very nicely with church work here. A committee is at work on the Fellowship Crusade. In trying to bring our church up to date on this part of the work, we are hoping that our people will all cooperate with them.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their thank-offering service Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. In this service everybody has a chance to take part by mentioning some of the things they are thankful for. I am sure that we people living in a Christian land and community have so many blessings that we could not number; then, therefore, let us share our blessings with the people in the foreign lands and in the war-stricken zones.

The Auxiliary had the pleasure of holding its last meeting at the parsonage, with Pastor Bingham and family. The reporter was not able to go, but those who did go reported an enjoyable meeting.

We are very sorry to note the sickness of one of our faithful members, Mrs. M. W. Curl, who is a patient at Wesley Long hospital in Greensboro. We are hoping for her a speedy recovery. Mr. T. H. Moore, one of our oldest members, has not been so well for the past few days. The Sunday school has taken steps to raise some money on making more Sunday school rooms.

BESSIE COBLE, Reporter.

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Lincolnton-Bess Chapel Charge, W. L. Harkey, Pastor.—I am sure the reporters will give the pastor this opportunity to report in general something of what we are trying to do. We had two fine services last Sunday, preaching at 11 o'clock at Lincolnton and Bess Chapel at 7:15 o'clock. We had splendid attendance at each service. We spent a very pleasant afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Heavner, who is a member of Bess Chapel church.

We have had some difficulty in our finances this year, since the business conditions are very bad in our city; but there seems to be some improvement at the present time. But we feel that we have made some progress in view of the difficulties through which we have passed.

We are planning special efforts in our Fellowship Crusade campaign, and are expecting fine results. Also starting new plans in raising our conference budget this year. Our object is to ask each member to make a contribution to these various causes. Another mark of progress is that we have organized an auxiliary in the place of a Ladies' Aid at the Lincolnton church. We are expecting to hear of some good work done by the ladies of our church. We also have a very fine auxiliary at Bess Chapel, which is making splendid progress. There is fine cooperation shown by the people, which the pastor very deeply appreciates. Surely God is going to bless our efforts.

PASTOR.

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Saxapahaw Church, E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—On Sunday, February 27, a very large congregation was present, and Rev. E. A. Bingham filled his regular appointment, bringing us a very interesting message.

On February 16, the members of Saxapahaw church and community gave Mr. Bingham a pounding. He got a variety of useful things. We all enjoyed our short visit with him.

Shrubbery has been planted around the church, which, as it grows, will make the grounds more beautiful.

W. F. Lindley, who has been sick for a long time, is now improving. On pretty days he is able to be out.

BRONNA MAE LINDLEY.

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Hickory Grove, Guilford Charge, Rev. J. B. Trogdon, Pastor, Feb. 28.—Our church seems to be growing, although rather slowly. We have our goal set for 100 in Sunday school this quarter, and as spring is "just around the corner" I think we will make the grade. The school as a whole seems to be more interested in the work, which is very encouraging. The Sunday school has just purchased 50 more new song books.

Brother Trogdon, our pastor, brought us a very helpful and inspiring message Sunday. We were honored in having him as our guest for lunch. He has been quite sick with a cold, but we are glad he was able to be with us. We surely hope he will be feeling much better.

We are sorry to report that the mother of our superintendent, Mr. Claude Tedder, has just passed away this past week. We extend to him and his relatives our loving sympathy.

BERNEICE JONES, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Saturday night, February 20, the Willing Workers and Class in the Corner enjoyed a party given by their teachers. Games were played by all throughout the evening. Each person received tickets when they arrived, which they could exchange for hot weiners and a drink any time during the evening.

The regular meeting of the Workers' Council was held at the church the second Monday night of February. An interesting program was given. Mr. Floyd Amick discussed the topic, "What the Sunday School Means to Me." Mr. R. C. Causey had as his topic, "What the Sunday School Means to the Community." Plans were made to have tables made for the primary department, and a division made of Class in the Corner, organizing a young men's class. The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. A. Stafford.

The Business Girls' Circle met at the home of Mrs. Carl Curtis, Saturday, February 26. After a program on missions and special music by Dovella Bowman and Francis Stafford, business was taken up. Final plans were made for the baby contest, which closes March 5. Collection was taken in form of birthday contributions. Miss Lalah Stafford, of Burlington, and Mrs. James Garrett were visitors.

Our community was saddened by the death of Mr. Eck Hudson on February 22. He was one of the oldest members of our church, being 78 years old. He leaves two daughters and one son, Mrs. Emma Bowman of the home, Mrs. Tom Steele, Greensboro, and Luther Hudson, Kimesville.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. T. G. Smith, who suffered a paralytic stroke last Wednesday. Mr. Smith is one of our loyal members and we wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Walker Cash has returned to the home of Mr. J. T. Shoffner from the hospital, where he underwent an operation for an abscessed limb.

The monthly meeting of Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary met Sunday, February 27, after the Sunday school hour, with a special birthday program. Mrs. Rebecca Alexander presided over the meeting.

The men's Bible class had charge of the opening of Sunday school, February 27, with Mr. J. C. Causey, Mr. Floyd Amick, and Mr. Alfred Alexander in charge. Old hymns were sung in honor of the Bible class. Our attendance was 183, with three visitors.

Mrs. Braxton and Minnie Alice spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith, while Rev. Mr. Braxton was conducting services at Concord.

Joseph Ferguson is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ferguson. He is on 42 days' furlough from the U. S. Army, being stationed at Indianapolis, Ind.

REPORTER.

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South Winston Church, Kernersville-South Winston Charge, Feb. 28.—The Rainbow Circle, an organization of boys and girls up to 15 years of age, was started in our church on Sunday, February 13, with 16 members. The first regular meeting was held at the church last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Eight additional members were added to the roll, making a total of 24 members. A program was rendered, and business was transacted. The membership was divided into two circles for a membership contest.

A committee was appointed to prepare the program for the next meeting, which will be on Saturday, March 12, at 3 p.m., at the church. The boys and girls seem very much interested in the work of the circle, and it is expected that several new members will be added to the roll at the next meeting.

Mrs. C. B. Way and Miss Ruth Gough are the adult leaders for the new organization, and they are pleased with the interest shown by the boys and girls of our church and community.

REPORTER.

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Draper, J. L. Love, Pastor.—I will take great pleasure in sending in a brief report from our little church, where we all love to meet to worship our Savior in spirit and in truth. We have some wonderful times together.

Brother Bill Howell is recovering from a broken ankle. Sister Love is able to be back at church again, and Granny Sigmon also is improving. She is able to be up in her room again.

Brother Love has been holding some wonderful services, and there have been souls saved. Last night we received two new members, and a week ago we received four new members. The Lord still seems to be with us, and blessing us in a wonderful way, and we are very thankful to see a larger congregation from time to time, and hope it will continue to grow, for we feel the Lord is with us and will help us as long as we strive to do His will. We desire the prayers of all the Christian people, that we may continue to do the will of our Lord.

W. O. FERRIS.

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Union, Halifax Charge, W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor.—Mr. Howard, as usual,, brought us a very good sermon the third Sunday morning. Our attendance has been much better for the past two Sundays. We feel that signing the Fellowship Crusade cards has helped greatly in our church work.

The Sunday school is moving along nicely and more interest is being shown than in a good while.

The Woman's Auxiliary is doing nicely, and by the end of the Auxiliary year the budget will be paid in full.

REPORTER.

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Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, Rev. T. H .Vickery, Pastor.—We are indeed glad to know that Rev. T. H. Vickery is getting along just fine and if the Lord is willing, will be with us at his next appointment, fourth Sunday in March.

We had a pleasant surprise at our preaching service today, to have our pastor's father to bring us a very good message, Rev. R. L. Vickery, who is pastor of First M. P. church at Danville, Va. So we are indeed grateful to him for coming to bring us the message.

Our Sunday school is growing rapidly and it seems everyone is taking very much interest and we continue with our progress.

We have voted to send the offering once a month to the Children's Home.

SARA SIMPSON, Reporter.

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First Church, High Point— A large congregation heard our pastor, Mr. Madison deliver another good sermon Sunday on "Christianity Needs the World". Members present were delighted to hear the chimes with the organ again after several months silence. Mr. Joseph Caprian, an organ repairer of note, has recently completely overhauled the organ, rebuilding the chimes, harp, and other parts generally.

Monday afternoon, a week ago, the Woman's Auxiliary had a delightfully informal tea. Mrs. Frank Redding, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Wood, of Asheboro, reviewed the study book, "Rebuilding Rural America." Their presentation was most interesting and enlightening. Mrs. S. W. Taylor, of Asheboro, accompanied the visitors to High Point. Prior to the review, Mr. A. J. Koonse presented certain phases of the Fellowship Crusade to the members of the Auxiliary. Circle No. 5, Mrs. Percy Payne, chairman, served delicious refreshments carrying out the George Washington motif.

During the Lenten season our church is trying to carry through a very full program using the Fellowship Crusade as points of special interest. Church attendance and daily devotions by all church members is one goal. Bible readings will be suggested through the church bulletin from time to time. Beginning Wednesday, March 2, prayer services will be held at the church each evening at 7:30 o'clock. On each Monday evening at the same hour, cottage prayer services will be held. On Thursday evening of Holy Week, Holy Communion will be observed at the church.

A class in the principles of church membership will be conducted from April 4 through April 8 at 4 o'clock. It is hoped that children not belonging to the church and planning to unite soon, will attend.

An offering box and envelopes have been distributed for a special self-denial offering during this season. On Sunday morning, April 10, this money will be placed in the Joash chest.

Throughout the Lenten period an extensive work in visitation evangelism will be carried on. As a fitting climax to the whole program, a series of revival services will be conducted in our church, beginning April 20. Dr. John N. Link, pastor of the First M. P. church of Newark, New Jersey, will conduct the services.

A letter is being sent from the pastor to each church member outlining the program and asking for their whole-hearted cooperation and prayers.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

Community, Thomasville. — The Auxiliary will have their thank-offering service next Sunday evening at 7:30. Miss Lela Maude Boyles, the thank-offering superintendent, has the service in charge.

The second quarterly conference will meet at the church on Monday evening, the 7th of this month.

Again the hand of the Lord has been felt in Community church. On Sunday evening, Brother O. H. Berrier passed rather unexpectedly to his heavenly rest. A fuller account of his death will appear later. The writer had charge of the funeral.

Dr. Yokeley is still in the hospital but is improving. We would ask that his friends not forget him in this struggle to regain his health.

Mrs. C. A. Everhart, who has been ill for a number of weeks with the "flu," is able to be out again.

Mrs. A. M. White has returned after spending some time at the bedside of her mother, who took her flight from this life to be with God about a week ago. Her mother lived at Radford, Va. The friends of those who weep will want to remember them as they pass through the shadows.

A few Sundays ago the hearts of the members of the Community church were made glad when Brother Alfred Finch presented to the church a lovely service table in memory of his uncle, Charles F. Finch.

J. CLYDE AUMAN.

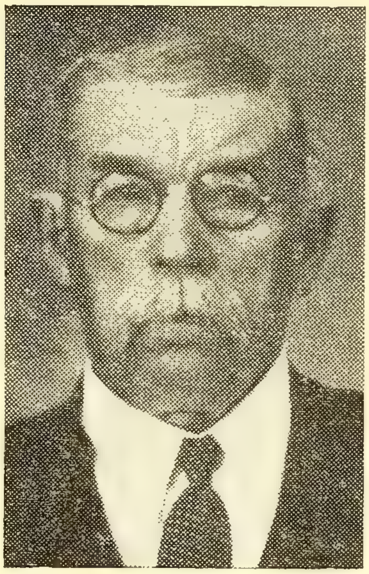
Haw River Church, Glen Raven Charge.—Rev. R. S. Troxler filled his regular appointment here on Sunday, February 27. The congregation was good, and he brought a fine message. The evening hour was given over to the Ladies' Auxiliary. Rev. O. B. Williams was the speaker for the evening, as he and Mr. Troxler exchanged pulpits. The evening service was well attended, and Rev. Mr. Williams delivered a fine message on home and foreign missions. The music for the evening hour was especially good, as we had the Haw River men's quartet, and a duet by Mrs. Frank Bain and Rosa Cole.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is planning to build a hut at the back of the church. They already have the logs cut, and we soon expect to hear the hammer and saw in a few weeks.

We are having the best Sunday school we have had in a long time. More interest is being manifested than has been for some time. We are planning to have a union meeting of both the M. E. and M. P. churches, to begin in the early spring.

The Ladies' Philathea class held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday night, February 24. They had a short business session, conducted by their president, Mrs. A. D. Pearson, after which ice cream and cake were served. All present seemed to enjoy the occasion. They decided to have their meeting each month in their classroom at the church, each Thursday before the fourth Sunday.

T. S. COBLE, Reporter.



MR. D. T. GASTER

Mr. Gaster has served for 30 years as superintendent of Bethany Sunday school, Randolph charge. Of his long service 25 years were consecutive. If all superintendents were as faithful to their churches and lived lives in which others could see Jesus as has Mr. Gaster, more of our churches and Sunday schools would be stronger. He never had the privilege of attending day school but in early manhood learned to read in order to study the Bible, and today he has a greater knowledge of that book than the average layman. At his own request he was relieved of his duties as Sunday school superintendent at the end of last year, and was succeeded by Miss Swana Baldwin, of Franklinville, route 1. Mr. Gaster is 75 years old and still attends Sunday school and church.

Mocksville Charge, K. G. Holt, Pastor, Feb. 28.—One quarter of the year was gone before we could get moved into the parsonage; so it seems somewhat like the beginning of the conference year to us. However, we had met most of the people before we moved into their midst, and had learned to love them. The more we learn of the people, the better we like them.

The neighbors were very thoughtful when we moved into the parsonage to see that our immdiate wants were cared for, and have continued to prove themselves the best of neighbors; by giving things for the table as well as wood for the fire.

We have been blessed with a number of good things to eat, which different members have given us. While we were away from home someone brought us some wood to cook these good things with. We thank one and all for these good and useful things. It is our hope that we will be able to be of much service to these good people; and may God bless our united efforts as we endeavor to do His will.

K. G. HOLT.

Love Joy Church, Love Joy-Seagrove Charge, E. G. Cowan, Pastor, Feb. 28.—We are glad to report that the work of our church is moving along nicely. Our pastor has filled each appointment this month. Yesterday he delivered to a large congregation a very inspiring message, using as his subject "Christ, the Misunderstood."

Our Sunday school is coming along fine, under the leadership of our superintendent, Mr. John Galloway. We have an enrollment of 126. Yesterday we had an attendance of 108. Our goal is to make it 150 by Easter.

I wish we could get everybody to see and realize the importance of church work and Sunday school in a community. We need food for our souls just as much as we need food for our body. When we fail to give our bodies the right kind of food, then they fail to function: so with the soul. When we fail to nourish it on the spiritual things of God, then we become careless and indifferent.

Since sending in our last report we have organized a Friendship Circle in our community, with Mrs. Edna Strider president, Mrs. Clara Russell vice-president, Mrs. R. J. Elliott secretary, and Mrs. Ruby Gillis treasurer. We will hold our first meeting Friday night, March 4, in the home of Mrs. Marvin Green. We are planning, in the near future, to improve our church grounds, also to do some work on the interior of our church.

Continue to pray that we may launch out into the deep, throw out the lifeline, and make our church and community shine for God.

MRS. CLARA RUSSELL, Reporter.

Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor, Feb. 28.—Our revival meeting came to a close on Friday night. We feel that we have had a very successful meeting. We were so happy to have Rev. Mr. Braxton with us to do the preaching, and he gave us some wonderful truths. We are sure that all who heard him feel better prepared to go on in our Christian work than ever before. We held a service each morning at 10:30 o'clock, and some of us did not get to attend all these services. I, for one, enjoyed each one that I attended, and am so glad that I could attend each night service. Each service was well attended, and our young folks took much interest. We enjoyed special music each night by some of our young folk. We were sorry that Mrs. Braxton did not get to come and be with us during the meeting, but there was so much measles here that they felt it would not be best to bring their young daughter here. We hope they can visit us some time this summer. We have known Mrs. Braxton for a long time, and call her one of our girls. Now we feel like we have known Mr. Braxton for a long time. We were so happy to get some new sisters and brothers in our church family: little Billie Burris, Harold Thompson, Billie Laughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Whitten, and Miss Victoria Cook.

We hope we will be a blessing to them and they a blessing to us. We know Charles, Jr., was proud when his mother and daddy joined the church.

We were glad to have lots of visitors with us during the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Waddell, Miss Mildred and Miss Lillian Waddell, and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Scarboro, and many others. We hope they will come again.

Our Fellowship Crusade cards have been given out and many of them signed and returned. Mr. Ralph Waddell reported that the committee had decided on our church pews and pulpit furniture, and we hope to be ready to have service in our new church by Easter. When we went to church Sunday, the first thing we saw was the shrubbery that had been placed in the front yard at the church. It was donated and placed there by Mr. and Mrs. Hoye Misenheimer. It is so pretty and adds so much to the looks that everyone stopped to admire it. We were glad to see Mr. Craige Brown back at church after being in the hospital for an operation. We were sorry to hear about Mrs. R. B. Hughes being in the hospital. Glad that Mr. Lawrence Verble is able to return to his home from the hospital.

Our quarterly conference will be held the second Sunday afternoon. Our thank-offering program will be held some time in March. Our Sunday school is doing some fine work. The Baraca class is growing fast, and the Adult Bible class did not lack but one member of having 100 present. Oh, if we could just live up to our theme for the year, "Work and Pray"!

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Love's Grove Church, Rev. E. A. Cook, Pastor.—We are still striving to carry on the good work of God here at Love's Grove. Mr. Cook filled his regular appointment Sunday, his sermon being based on "Prayer." Just before the sermon our pastor sang a solo entitled, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," which was very appropriate for the message. I am sure this was enjoyed by everyone present, as well as the grand sermon. Each time he preaches it seems to bestow a great blessing upon us.

We were glad to have visitors with us Sunday, and we invite each one to come and be with us again at any time.

VIRGINIA SMITH, Reporter.

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Mt. Hermon Charge, Bellemont Church, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—Our work here is going along in a fine way. We had 116 present last Sunday for Sunday school, with a collection of $6.29.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He always has well prepared sermons and delivers them in a way that everyone understands and enjoys them.

The hour for services on the second Sunday evening has been changed to 7:30 o'clock. These services have not been so well attended during the winter months. Now that spring is near and better weather in sight, we hope to have more people come to these services.

The second quarterly conference will meet at Bellemont church on Saturday evening before the second Sunday in March at 7:30. We invite all members to come.

We are very grateful to all for the fine spirit of cooperation given, in raising money for the heating system which our church is going to install soon. The committee appointed to solicit funds gave a report last Sunday of over $300 colected and pledged.

Come to Bellemont hut on next Saturday evening, March 5, from 6 to 10, and buy your suppor. Oysters, chicken salad sandwiches, pies, coffee, candy, etc., will be served. The funds will go toward the heating system. Help us and we promise you a warm reception when you visit our church.

Two beautiful and useful quilts will be sold at this time to the highest bidder. These are bargains, so do not pass them by.

Our February auxiliary meeting was very well attended. At the next meeting the thank-offering boxes will be opened. We are hoping that every member will be present. We are getting on nicely with the financial part of the auxiliary work. Each month we have a report from every member of the number of visits made to the sick, flowers sent, trays or fruit sent to the sick. The last report was very good and showed an increase over the preceding one. At the next meeting officers for the coming year will be elected.

REPORTER.

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Vaughan Church, Littleton Charge, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment at this church Sunday, February 27, at 11 o'clock. He preached a good sermon. His text was, What does the church mean to a community? There was a good crowd out to hear him.

A drive was put on two weeks ago to raise the annual conference claims, which was reached this Sunday, we are glad to report.

ALICE DUNCAN, Reporter.

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Mt. Moriah, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He took his scripture from Romans, eighth chapter, using the subject "Sign Boards." The general thought of the sermon was how we could make our lives as useful to our fellowmen as the signs on the highways are to us. We feel sure that the entire congregation was stirred by the powerful message. Our Sunday school has been coming along nicely; we have been having very good attendance. We also have been having good attendance at our Christian Endeavor meetings.

Since the last report from this church all the members have been busy working on the new church. At last we have the foundation laid and most of the building material in the framing work will be started this week. The plan for the church is a 34 by 40 feet auditorium and six Sunday school rooms running vice versa from the auditorium at the back.

The Women's Auxiliary is planning a quilt. Each person that wants his name on the quilt pays 10 cents. The quilt will be made by Mrs. Clarence Morris and the funds from it will go on the new church. If any of the former pastors of Mt. Moriah or anyone else would like to help by having his name put on the quilt, send name and 10 cents to the reporter. We will appreciate any amount received.

GILLIE DEVINEY, Reporter.

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GLEANINGS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY REPORTS

First M. P., High Point, Rev. J. C. Madison, pastor. Observed the day in the Sunday school, morning and evening church services, using the Candlelight Communion service. Offering, $12.

Orange, Rev. C. P. Morris, pastor. The day was observed in all the services. The Youth Candlelight Communion service was used. Offering, $18.50.

Welch Memorial, Dr. J. D. Williams, pastor. Young People's day service was put on in Christian Endeavor. Offering $3.

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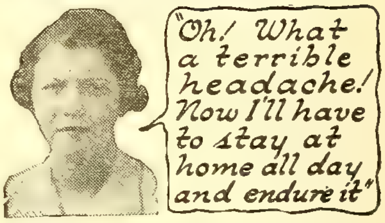
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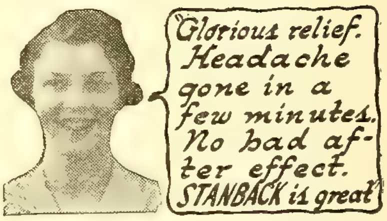
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Mrs. Johnston died at her home in Mebane. She was subject to heart attacks and had been confined to her bed for several weeks. She was better and had been up and about the house for three weeks. She had an attack about 10 o'clock Thursday night and died about 11 o'clock. Her death came as a shock to us all. Her husband preceded her in death about five years. Two children, Herbert and Roxie, died in childhood. She was converted at Mt. Hermon church at the age of 14 years. She lived a consistent Christian life, so much so that when some one spoke of her being ready to meet God, Margaret said, "Mother has always been ready." What a beautiful glorious life, lived always ready. She looked so calm and peaceful in death. We know she has gone to be with God in a home so fair and beautiful that we cannot even conceive of it.

"Who would live always, away from her God,
Away from yon Heaven, that blissful abode,
Where rivers of pleasure flow bright o'er the
    plains
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns?"

She finished the work God gave her to do. she raised her children, training them to believe and trust in God. They are self-supporting and doing well. Her influence is not dead, but reaches back to earth and touches the hearts of her children and sisters. The thoughts of her sisters wander back to childhood days when we lived together in our father's home and he and mother were alive and well.

"Oh days of childhood, golden days,
How we delight to view
Again the ceaseless happy hours
And feel thy joys anew."

Four sisters of us, Irene the first to go. How we will miss her. Home, without her presence will never be the same, either to her children or sisters. We can do no more for her here, but we can live in such a way as to be ready when Jesus calls, and may our dear ones say of us that we, too, were always ready. 'Tis the only safe way, for death often comes at such a time as we think not, and we die as we live. She sorely mourned the death of her children and husband. What a happy meeting at the pearly gate of Heaven.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor and she was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery beside her husband.

The floral offering was profuse and beautiful. May God help us all to meet in Heaven where we will never say goodbye.

MRS. J. M. FOUST,
MRS. C. T. HENLEY,
MISS DAISY WOOD,
Sisters.

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John Calvin Lester

On the fifth Sunday of January at 2:30 o'clock at Flat Rock the body of John Calvin Lester was laid to rest in the nearby cemetery. The service being conducted by the writer and Rev. J. C. Preston.

J. A. BURGESS.

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Allen B. Taylor

On Wednesday morning, February 2, God called home Allen Bayne Taylor. He was the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clarence Taylor.

It is hard for us to understand why one so young and of such a lovely disposition should be taken from us. In his home he was always cheerful and full of life. In school and wherever he went he very readily made friends.

Allen Bayne was nine years and five months of age. He was seriously ill for four weeks prior to his death but he bore his suffering patiently.

Besides his parents his near relatives are one brother, Samuel C. Taylor. Three grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Allen and Mrs. John Taylor and a number of uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted from the home February 3, by Rev. C. P. Morris, of the Efland M. P. church, where Allen Bayne attended Sunday school and church. Rev. Morris was assisted by Rev. S. F. Nicks, of the M. E. church. Interment was in the Mebane cemetery. Pallbearers were Messrs John Dunn, Aubrey Graham, Hubert McAdams, Robert Nichols, Fletcher Shanklin and Wells Pittard. Flower-bearers were members of his Sunday school class.

Although it is with broken hearts we pass through this dark hour, may we always be submissive to Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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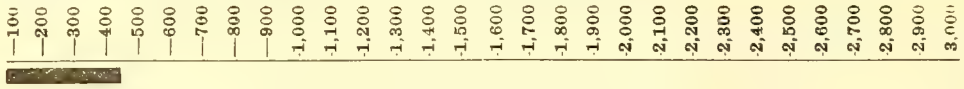

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Madison Pushes the Button But Smith Was Ready

This week we begin reporting definite progress in the Fellowship Crusade. To save space we shall not give the amounts expected to be raised, nor what the Church raised, neither the percentage of members enlisting in the first objective, nor the number of subscriptions to the Church papers required, but simply state that a Church has reached the three objectives.

The honor goes to that enterprising pastor of Cleveland Charge, T. Glen Madison, and his good cooperators for being the first to report a Church to reach all objectives. For any Church to do this, it must secure the endorsement of the first objective by at least forty per cent of the members; must secure one subscription to the M. P. HERALD for every ten members; must secure at least one subscriber to the *M. P. Recorder,* and must raise in cash or good subscriptions to be paid before Conference, an amount equal to one-third of the pastor's salary. Any Church meeting these requirements is entitled to a place on the Annual Conference Honor Roll as being a good co-operator and loyal to the denominational program. We know that there are several Churches very close to their goals and will be ready to report quite soon. The second Church to report having met the three objectives is Piney Grove, Siler City Charge. Here is a fine group of people. The pastor reports that the work was directed in that Church by Bro. W. A. Poe. Brother Poe represented his Charge in the Annual Conference last year. Congratulations to the Church for his fine leadership. The pastor who, like Pastor Madison, is wholeheartedly in sympathy with the Crusade, reports that all Churches will reach their quotas at an early date. That is good news, Aubert. The pastor of this Charge is Aubert M. Smith.

Now we want to watch this list begin to grow as we shall run it in the HERALD from time to time. Here it is:

Kistler's Union, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, pastor.

Piney Grove Church, Siler City Charge, A. M. Smith, pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Cleveland Charge, has reached the first and second objectives of the Crusade, and it was the first Church to report having reached the first objective.

And now that we complete the first third of the Conference year this week, let us note how some of the Churches stand in their HERALD campaign, and here they are:

Whitakers, 112½%; Danville, 105%; First Church, Charlotte, 60%; Cleveland Charge, 59%; West End, Greensboro, 55%; Yarborough Charge, 55%; Graham, 55%; Liberty, 42%; Alamance, 40%; Siler City, 40%; Pensacola, 40%; Denton, 37%; Reidsville, 37%; Enfield, 34%; Midway, 34%; First Church, Thomasville, 34%; North Davidson, 34%. A glance at the back page will show others close to their goal for the first third of the race.

Since we have a goodly number in this race running neck and neck, it will be interesting to see who pushes ahead as the weeks go by.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

An Evening at Liberty

It has not been possible for me to write at length about all of the week night meetings which I have attended since Conference, however on a recent Tuesday evening it was my privilege to attend a meeting in our Church at Liberty, Rev. Aubert Smith, pastor. Quite a number of the members of the Liberty Church as well as several from the Siler City Church were in attendance. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing the whole program of the Church. There were several short addresses by members of the local Church. These addresses were on such subjects as teaching, the Sunday School, stewardship, etc., and were handled in such a way as to make one feel that these laymen were abreast of the times and that they were using the opportunities which laymen sometimes neglect. After these addresses were given it was my privilege to present the Fellowship Crusade. Cards were given out to be returned later. After the meeting adjourned the group moved across the street to the basement of the public school building where a social hour was enjoyed with sandwiches and coffee. Brother Smith, the pastor seems to have the work well in hand and the people speak in the highest terms of him.

A Sunday on Richland Charge

Last Sunday was spent on the Richland Charge, Rev. M. C. Henderson, pastor. The morning appointment was at Charlotte, the afternoon at Giles' Chapel and the evening at Brower's Chapel. I arrived at the Charlotte Church in time to be in a Sunday School class, in fact to teach it in the absence of the regular teacher. As Brother Henderson was filling an early morning appointment at New Union Church he was not able to be in the Sunday School. While the Church building was far from full, yet there was a goodly number present for the Church service and they seemed interested in the message. At the conclusion of the sermon the Fellowship Crusade was presented. While there was not much evidence of interest, yet I am hoping that this Church will do something toward measuring up to the opportunity.

Moving on over to Giles' Chapel, my old home Church, I found a fine group of people who made it easy to preach. Here, again, at the close of the sermon the Crusade was presented. Cards had already been given out at this Church. Brother Henderson appointed a good, strong committee to work the campaign here and I shall be disappointed if this Church does not do something worthwhile. It is always a pleasure to go back to this Church where I worshipped in my younger days and where practically all who were in the lead in those days now sleep beneath the sod. Brother Henderson and the people were talking in terms of a revival to begin within the next few weeks. I trust they may have wonderful results.

The final appointment of the day, the one at Brower's Chapel, was one to be written about more at length. Here was by far the largest congregation of the day and the one which came nearer putting the Fellowship Crusade over than any other Church which I have visited. Even though I had had a hard day yet there was something about the service that inspired a man to do his best. After the sermon had been delivered and the Crusade had been presented Brother Henderson, the pastor, took charge and did what I think other pastors are going to have to do if they get good results, namely, asked for definite pledges. And he went at this business with so much confidence that it seemed to inspire confidence. A certain young lady was asked to come to the front to record the pledges as they were made. When the final figures were announced it was found that $43 had been pledged out of a goal of $72. If this matter is followed up I believe this is one Church that can reach its quota. And that is exactly what the campaign needs—for some Churches to go ahead and complete the canvass and to report that they are over the top. This will inspire confidence in others. This, I believe, is Brother Henderson's fourth year on this Charge and he has done a good work. All five of the Churches are grouped around the city of Asheboro. Charlotte is three miles west, Giles' Chapel about four miles northeast, Cedar Falls five miles north northeast, Brower's Chapel about four miles southeast and New Union about five miles southwest. There are very few circuits in the Conference with this many Churches as compact as is this Charge. The parsonage is located just outside of the incorporate limits on the east side of Asheboro. The parsonage now has lights and water and more and more this is becoming a desirable place to serve. A trip through Cedar Falls one day last week enabled me to see our Church there in relation to the new highway and it brings our Church much nearer the center of the town. The new highway, beginning at the south end of the new bridge across Deep River, runs straight by the east side of the Church grounds.

A Minister's Daughter Wins

Last week it was our pleasure to have the students of High Point College who are from Churches which I have served come around to our home for a short while. In addition to these we had two young women, Miss Helen Bates, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Bates and Miss Dorothy Stephenson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stephenson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., to come as the daughters of class mates of mine in the Seminary. In a contest designed to test their knowledge of our Church, Miss Helen Bates made high score. I was glad to know that she was so well informed.

Appointments

Sunday, March 13—Chatham Charge: 11 a. m. at Hickory Grove; 2 p. m. at Flint Ridge; and 4 p. m. at Zion.

Wednesday, March 16—7:30 p. m., St. Paul.

Sunday, March 20—11 a. m., Union Grove.

Sunday, March 27—Mecklenburg: Stallings, 11 a. m.; Beulah at 3 p. m.; and New Hope at 7:30 p. m.

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A Message in Verse

CROSSES IN A FOREIGN LAND

Surely the heart shall not forget
Across the lengthening years
The countless brave young dead who lie
Beneath the rain's bright tears.

Those crosses in a foreign land
Should help us to remember
Their sacrifice—should bring to mind
Another bleak November.

When "war to end all wars" had ceased,
And the gun's wild tumult died,
When the men remaining could return
To their beloved ones' side,
And peace lay white upon the land . . .
O, Lord God, would men dare
Unloose those fiends of hell again,
Loose death upon the air?

Surely those muted lips would cry
Reproach to all mankind,
Surely those still white hands would reach
To stay men . . . eyes long blind
Would wake and weep . . . God, God, today
Bid wars and their rumors cease,
That those who paid that awful price
May rest in peace.

—*Grace Noll Crowell.*

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Short Sermons

Man is made to know as much as possible, to do as much as possible, and to be as good as possible. In the sphere of knowledge, in the sphere of action, in the sphere of character; faith is the one element that gives life and power to please God.—*Henry Van Dyke.*

Life is full of moods. There are in it moods of hope, moods of love, moods of consecration, moods of faith, moods of expectancy, moods of joy, and sacramental moods. These are the better moods, and are full of inspiration, and light.—*Dr. David Gregg.*

In nothing is the inspiration of the New Testament more marked than in its complete freedom from legalism. It contains no code of morality, no stereotyped system of precepts, and no set rules, framed once for all, and imposed upon the activities of men in all ages.—*Dr. T. B. Kirkpatrick.*

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"One unique gift of God is spiritual power, sufficient for all life's experiences, Jesus had such power."

Taking Part in Worship Service

It might be supposed that since so nearly all who attend worship are familiar with the usual service held in the Church that all or nearly all would take some part; but it is not so. A casual observer will see the majority of the attendants sitting idly looking on while those who sing, join the prayers and responses take a part. If these who fail to take part were not professing Christians even this act would not appear strange. But when it is remembered that a very large per cent, if not all of them, belong to some Church, it does seem strange. They will not sing, do not join in the responsive readings nor in the prayers. They only watch those who do these things. It naturally follows that they become critical and oftentimes unfriendly to the religious program. And it is difficult to please those who are just spectator—who have no part in what is going on. This spectator mind, is really an enemy to the service. Its apathy is sometimes very depressing. Yes, this spectatoritis is common and harmful enough to make the pastor and other Church workers pause and consider what can be done to change the attitude. Surely this great majority of Church attendants each service does not have to remain on the sideline of all religious activity all their lives.

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Congregational Singing

Singing by the congregation is quite rare in many of our Churches. I have noted the few who even open a song book when the song is announced. And this is often not true because there is a choir to lead the singing. There seem to be no interest in this part of the worship by a large majority of those present.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE JOURNALS

I have unsold copies of the 1937 Annual Conference Journal. Anyone desiring them please notify me.

C. B. Way.

Kernersville, N. C.

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It is not what we earn that makes us rich
As riches are really known,
But how honest we are as we lay our hand
On that which we call our own.

—*George W. Wiseman.*

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When our understanding of the spiritual, intellectual, and moral, as well as physical values of races becomes more widespread the course of the race of man to Parnassus will again take an upward trend and the future progress of the human race will be secure.—*Dr. Henry F. Osborne.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Conservatism in Religion

Religion is, in the nature of the case, very conservative. Out of the long and vast experiences of the race come certain values, and it is the business of religion to conserve those values. For example, honesty, fairness, reverence, and generosity have been achieved in human experience as good qualities. Now religion is concerned that these qualities do not pass away. Religion wants to keep the progress that has been made. It is not so much concerned about discovering new moral levels as it is in holding fast those we have already won. Religion seems to know that the tried and tested virtues of the past are dependable, and therefore, determines to keep them. It may be that other, even finer, traits are yet to be reached, but religion is less bent on taking changes with them than it is on conserving those already established.

To put the case another way, religion says there is no need to get excited about gaining one more inch of moral progress when already we have miles of it to use and practice for our good and protection. And so conservatism takes the position that you may possibly make a little more advancement sometime in the future, but people can't wait to see before being religious. In the meantime let us use the truth we already have at our disposal. Thus religion is of the opinion that our greatest need is not more moral precepts, but rather a fuller use of what we already know.

Again, conservatism has its advantages for the masses. The rank and file of humanity rally better to familiar and well settled forms of faith and practice. Most people have a feeling that religion ought to be settled and satisfying rather than an unending search for some new thing. The ''liberal'' leaders tend to upset an idea before it has time to take root. You can never raise a crop of peas if you dig them up every day or two to see if they are sprouted. Now, the advantage of a conservative religion lies just here. It can be used long enough for people to love it. It wears well. Folk come to know what to expect of it. It becomes tried and trusted, dependable and simple enough to lie within reasonable grasp of the masses.

Most great religious leaders came up from a conservative type of Church. They can storm at the evils of old-fashioned religion all they please, but it still remains a fact that without that conservative appeal they would have been lost to the cause. Those who cry out loudest against our primitive methods are the very ones who were saved *by* those methods. Today they may champion radicalism and wild issues of sundry kinds, but the religion that got them and turned their wandering feet toward the celestial city was a crude, unsophisticated, conservative gospel call. Such leaders now in the high noon of their maturity can preach race relations, economic reform, or social reconstruction all they please, but they should still remember that none of these things touched their own adolescent hearts when Christ was calling. They ought, also note that no such ''liberal'' message is going to turn many to righteousness even in our own day.

To be sure there are certain shortcomings of the conservative nature of religion. I will name two of them. For one thing, such a religion is in danger of losing its intellectual respectability. Orthodoxy is tempted to take the back track. It must guard against the bent toward mental laziness.

The other weakness I see in a conservative religion lies in the fact that it often misses the finest opportunities to render vital service. Unless a religion has open eyes to the living issues of the day it will pass up those problems which it ought to help solve. And so I like to urge a mixture of the old and the new — a conservative flavor in a progressive religious appeal.

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FEEDING THE HUNGRY

International Sunday School Lesson for March 13, 1938

By REV. J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—Mark 6:30-44.

Golden Text—''Give ye them to eat.'' Mark 6:37.

It must have been a thrilling experience for the apostles when they returned from their first real task of service to report the results to their Master. To follow Christ about the country-side and through the cities must have been great, but then to go out and do in some measure the things they had seen Him do must have been more thrilling still. It always takes individual participation to give the deepest meaning to an experience. I imagine that it is now that the disciples are for the first time catching the real romance of the work they are about. And what was true in the day of Christ is true today; he who has never felt himself instrumental in winning some individual to Christ and the Church has not yet caught the real romance of Christian living.

Apparently the disciples had worked hard on their first preaching and healing tour. When they returned to make their reports the Master saw beneath the joy in their faces a weariness in their eyes. So He invites them to go aside to a desert place to find rest for their bodies and there in thanksgiving and prayer no doubt to find refreshment for their souls. This act is worthy of especial emphasis. The laborer is always worthy of his rest, but more than that, it is in the lonely desert places of life, maybe in the closet, that we find that spiritual depth necessary for greater service. The great danger for some of us ministers is that we will become shallow through failure to spend enough time alone with God. For, as in this story, the needs of the crowd are ever before us. Though one may go to the other side of the sea the vision of the needy may still be seen and the cry of hungry souls still heard.

It seems always to have been difficult for Christ to pass up a man in need, and especially was that true when the man, himself, was sensitive to his need and asking help. On this occasion the Master with His disciples sought to escape the multitude, but when He saw that the crowd was sufficiently anxious to follow Him to the other side of the sea that was too much to be ignored. He was tired but they were lonely and broken hearted. He needed rest for His body but they needed food for their souls. So, touched with compassion for the sheep without a shepherd, He began to teach them many things. And I wonder what He said. Did He tell them stories of filth? or try to incite them to anger? or even accuse them of sin? I doubt it. Rather He must have told them of the returning prodigal, the finding of the lost sheep, of the passionate love of God that goes out to meet the passionate repentance of man. His searching sympathy speaking through His tender words must have been good news to their ears indeed. His own weariness was forgot beneath the enthusiasm of preaching another great message to men.

The disciples, however, were not quite so forgetful of their own needs. As the day wore on they were constantly reminded of their need of rest and food. And when they suggested that the crowd be sent home I suspect that they were thinking of themselves as much as they were thinking of the crowd. Then came the rather curt reply: "Give ye them to eat." This was apparently a great surprise to the disciples. The market places were quite a distance away and they were in no wise anxious to do any more walking that day. When their protest was expressed to this effect the Master simply told them to use what they had. "Go see how many loaves you have," says He, "and bring them to me." They found only five loaves and two fish. One writer says that these were what a little boy had brought for his lunch. To try to feed a crowd of thousands with no more than that must have looked like mockery. But Christ took the small lunch, not complainingly but in thankfulness, blessed it and gave to the multitudes to eat, and behold it was more than enough to feed the crowd.

Of course there is an element of miracle in this story but the great lesson for us is that we so often underestimate our resources; we fail to take into account God's power to use little things in a great way. The little boy no doubt was thrilled with the message of this new preacher, and he wanted to be of some service. Five loaves and two fish were all he had, but in the hands of Christ behold what a great spread this small lunch became! The great trouble with most of us is that we spend so much time grumbling about what we do not have that we fail to use what we do have. In our Churches we are constantly talking about the need of talent, but in my mind there is another need far greater than that. We need men with faith and willingness to use what they have, to consecrate their lone talent to God knowing that little things in His hands may be used to great glory. Our resources are sufficient to save the world but our lack of faith is forever holding us back. Christ is forever challenging us to take what we have and use it wisely, for that is our full responsibility.

Another interesting thought grows out of this situation. We are living in a day when the hungry are not counted by thousands but by millions. Most of us feel as helpless so far as meeting their needs is concerned as the little boy must have felt as he looked at his small lunch. Nevertheless in this story there is a challenge to share and in sharing we will find that there is sufficient for all. If looked at individually of course that is not true today. That is I cannot start a welfare agency with my own small resources nor do I wish to. But when we consider the matter as a collective problem it presents a different view. Millions are unemployed and probably hungry today but it is not because our farms and our industrial system cannot produce enough for all. As a matter of fact loaves and fish are going to waste in many quarters. The great problem is to work out a plan of distribution whereby labor and the results of labor will be properly shared by all concerned. From a collective point of view nothing is more true today than the thought of this story. Use what you have and share what you have and there shall be sufficient for all and some to spare. The trouble is that in our educational system we have been taught to save and not to share, to get ahead and not to help the other man to keep up, to get rich and not to serve. And behold what we have today! Some few have got rich and some few have got ahead, but we find our country cursed by the millions who have got far behind, are hungry and have lose their self-respect. I am convinced that there must be a reversal of this attitude and situation. Educationally and religiously men must be made to realize that talents are given to them to use in service and not in selfishness, and that profits are to be shared and not hoarded. The only excuse for millions to go hungry in a land of plenty is the unChristian stupidity of us who make up that world. Surely Christ is saying to us in a very true sense: Consecrate what you have to Me and I will see that the multitudes are fed."

IN A CONFERENCE OF WORLD RULERS

(Recently the Editor found this account of the conference of world rulers in an effort to establish peace.)

The President and the Premiers sat down at the table and were about to proceed to business while Clemenceau, who was fiddling with his gray silk gloves, said, "One moment, gentlemen. I desire before we go any further to be clear on one very essential point." The President and the Premiers halted and looked up expectantly at Clemenceau who continued: "I have heard something about a permanent peace to end war forever, and I am interested in it. But I would like to know whether you mean it, the permanent peace." He looked at his colleagues and they nodded approvingly. "So," Clemenceau said, "you really mean it! Well, it is possible. We can do it; we can make this permanent peace. And we French need, we very much need, the permanent peace. Every time you, our neighbors, get into a fight, France is the battlefield, and our population, our armies, do not increase. If there is not an end of wars we French may all be wiped out some day. So, you see, it is we French more than you remote Americans, Mr. President, and more than you safe islanders, Mr. Lloyd George, who require the security of a real peace. But we cannot quite believe you, our friends, neighbors, allies—that you really mean what you say. Do you, Mr. President?" Mr. Wilson did. "And you, Mr. Premier?" Mr. Lloyd George did. And the Italians did, of a certainty, yes. "Very important," Clemenceau muttered, as if convinced, as if the whole prospect were changing, and his whole policy, "Very important. We can make this permanent peace. We can remove all the causes of war and set up no new causes of war. It is very, very important what you say, what you have been so long saying, Mr. President. We here now have the opportunity to make a peace that shall last forever, and the diminishing French people will at last be safe. And you are sure that you propose to seize this opportunity?" They did, they emphatically did intend to seize it. Clemenceau clucked in his throat; he pressed tight down the fingers of his glove. "And—you have counted the costs of such a peace?"

The listeners began to grow a little uneasy. Mr. Wilson's eyes became shifty. Lloyd George twisted in his chair. "What costs?" "Well," said the realistic Frenchman, "If we give up all future wars—if we are to prevent war, we must give up our empires and all hope of empire. You, Mr. Lloyd George, you English will have to come out of India, for example; we French will have to come out of North Africa; and you Americans, Mr. President, you must get out of the Philippines and Porto Rico and leave Cuba alone—and Mexico. Oh, we can all go to these countries, but as tourists, traders, travelers; we cannot any more govern them nor exploit them nor have the inside track in them. We cannot possess the keys to trade routes and spheres of influence. And, yes, we shall have to tear down our tariff walls and open the whole world to free trade and traffic. These are some of the costs of peace . . . We French are willing, but are you willing to pay the price of no more war in the world?" The President and the Premiers protested. They did not mean that. They expected to keep their cake and eat it too. No, no, they did not exactly mean that. "Then," said Clemenceau, sitting up straight and striking the table sharply, "then you don't mean peace. You mean war. And the time for the French to make war is now, when we've got one of our neighbors down; we shall put our foot on him and get ready for—the next war."

THE OUTLOOK FOR AMERICA

For America, conditions today are more hopeful than during the early months of 1937 in spite of the recession which may force the nation to face the deeper, longtime realities of its situation, hard though they may be. One must note at the very beginning a possible exception. The threat of war which casts its shadow over America is too uncertain to be estimated but it is a most serious threat. The issue would seem to be in the lap of the gods, the President, the Secretary of State, and public sentiment. Secretary Hull has shown great ability in handling difficult affairs which formerly would have meant war. Aside from the war situation, we suggest the following favorable factors:

The United States Supreme Court is leaning more toward the people's point of view. Its decision (reversing an earlier decision) in favor of the prudent investment principle of utility valuation opens the way for squeezing out water and lowering rates. Over a period of years, if state and local regulating bodies do their part, this decision will mean many millions of dollars in the pockets of consumers.

In its effort to resist reasonable regulation, predatory big business is fighting a losing battle. Corporation lawyers and public relations counsel are losing influence. Regulating commissions and the courts are more alert to public interest than formerly.

With notable exceptions here and there, government is more efficient and less corrupt than during the 1920's. People generally are more interested in and better informed about civic affairs than a few years ago.

The movement to conserve our natural resources, including the work of the Department of Agriculture, the CCC, and the TVA, has added immensely to the national wealth.

By following a policy of public works for employable unemployed, America has set a higher standard than countries which have resorted to the dole.

Improved conditions are reflected in the increase of the national income from 38 billion dollars in 1932 to 68 billion in 1937. Farm income has increased from a low of less than four and a half billion in 1932 to eight and a half billion in 1937.

Social security legislation—federal and state—is now beginning to pour forth an increasing stream of financial help to people who would otherwise be in most difficult situations. More than two million people are being aided. Pensions averaging $19 monthly are being drawn by over a million and a half aged. There are 36 million wage-earners enrolled under the old-age benefit plan which becomes operative January 1, 1942. The expenditure of this money adds to the national income.

For private life insurance during 1937 the figures are: Number of policy-holders, 64 million insurance in force, 110 billion dollars, cash value, 25 billion; money taken in by old line companies through premiums and investments, five billion; money paid to policyholders and others, three billion. Savings deposits reached a total of 50 billion, approaching the all-time high of 51 billion in 1928.

The accumulated savings of the people—perhaps oversavings in many cases—have reached such a huge total that there must be an increasing expenditure for consumers' goods. Under the pressure of this accumulated savings, interest rates are getting lower which will make it easier for people of small means to finance homes.

The schools in spite of cruel depression hardships and the crying need for reform in high school and college are doing a much better job than at any other period of their history.

The number of high school and college graduates is mounting at such a prodigious rate that the number of such graduates in the 1940 presidential election may be twice that in the 1936 election. With increasing study of social-economic affairs in many schools, this should make a difference.—*Joy Elmer Morgan in the Journal of the National Education Association.*

I am resolved I will not be
These figured totals lie to me—
The dupe of things I touch and see—
My soul is all I have.

T. O. Chisholm.

"Deliver me, O God,
From shallow fears, from bitter hate,
From sullen mood, rebellious state,
And creed that wins the bigot's praise.

—*Alfred Gray Walton.*

"The glory of God is revealed in His saving and recreative act in making us fit citizens for the kingdom."—*Rev. Harvey D. Hoover.*

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TO MISSIONARY EDUCATION SECRETARIES

Our missionary year is rapidly coming to a close. Only a few more weeks in which to finish up the work, and be ready to give an account of our stewardship.

As secretary of missionary education for the North Carolina Branch I am anxious to have a report from each Auxiliary giving in detail the work you have done for missionary education. The blanks will soon be in your hands. Be sure and include all your activities. It's from these reports that I gather information to use in making my annual report to the N. C. Branch. Also in making report to our general missionary education secretary. The Herld, February 17, has suggestion to help you in your report. Look them up.

Yours for a successful year's work.

MRS. J. E. PRITCHARD,
Sec. Miss. Ed. N. C. Branch.

DEAR CHAIRWOMEN:

It is important that we put over the "Prayer to Share" plan for the Minnis'. They are serving in India for us. God has called us to help in their support. I am sure we want to do our part. Please urge the people of your districts to pray and pray sincerely and then give accordingly. We will have no trouble if we pray first. As Mrs. Andrews told us last week, It counts on World Service for your church, but your Auxiliary gets no credit. But who cares for credit for all we do in this world. The Master sees and knows our hearts and eternity will reward. So all together with our prayers and by the Branch we will have share and all will be happy.

MRS. D. H. NICHOLSON,
Chairman of Districts.
Thomasville, N. C., Box 27.

REPORT OF JULIAN AUXILIARY

The Thank Offering service of our Auxiliary was held Friday afternoon with Miss Parker as hostess. Mrs. Lambe conducted a very impressive devotional service, centered around the last stand in character building—"Self-Sacrifice." Mrs. Hanner, who has been directing a course of study in the New Testament for the past year, used as her subject the book of Acts. Special emphasis was given to the subject of prayer during the entire program, this being the "World's Day of Prayer."

Reports of the work for the past year were gratifying. The Secretary of Benevolence reported a large box of clothing sent to Pine Ridge, canned fruit and a miscellaneous shower were sent to the Children's Home. Many other things were done to help those in need. The secretary reported some of the projects of the year. The church grounds were improved by the planting of shrubbery, light fixtures were put in the church, and a table was bought for the primary children. The Auxiliary contributed for the Pine Ridge sign. The Secretary of Spiritual Life of the Auxiliary had been good for the past year. A fellowship supper had been sponsored last fall and another is planned for March 18. These suppers are enjoyed by everyone and the fellowship is worthwhile. The Treasurer reported that the budget was paid in full and there was a balance which was to be used in improving the Sunday school rooms. After the Treasurer's report it was voted to send a contribution to the Minnis' Fund.

The officers were elected for the following year: Mrs. Alton Blackard, president; Mrs. W. A. Hanner, vice-president; Miss Annie Hardin, secretary; and Miss Mary Parker, treasurer. Mrs. A. U. Stack is the retiring president.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

FEBRUARY THANK OFFERING

Only $270.78 has been received to date to apply on our February Thank Offering. This is far from our goal. Let me urge that these offerings be forwarded to me without delay as the time is getting very short.

MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treas.,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.

P. S.—Please bear in mind that Treasurer's books will be closed for fiscal year on March 31.

WHY TAD LOST OUT

A Temperance Story

"What do you mean, Doctor, by turning this boy down for my basketball team?" asked Coach Martin, as he led Tad Baker into the doctor's office at the North High School. "Why, I've counted on him since he was in kindergarten, and now when he comes up for examination you rule him out. Just can't be done. His father had a school and college record for athletics that is still talked about, and it's his big brother Bill who is putting this town on the map right now by his line work down on the Harvard football squad. When Bill was with me he picked more balls out of the air than any boy we ever had around here, and Tad gives promise of beating that record. What's the matter with the boy, Doctor?"

"Well, Coach, he's got a bit of a bad heart and he is under weight," replied the doctor. Then turning to Tad, he questioned, "What is the trouble, my boy? Do you eat a lot of fruits and vegetables, and drink enough milk, and get plenty of sleep?"

"My Dad won't let me go out except week-end nights," was Tad's reply, "but I guess I don't eat very much lately and especially not vegetables."

'Something wrong, that's sure, when a boy of your age isn't hungry all the time," laughed the doctor. "Why, I remember how my family always insisted that I must have hollow legs when I was in high school, for the amount of food I managed to stow away. Say, you don't by chance happen to be smoking cigarettes, do you?"

"Absolutely not," burst in Coach Martin. But he was a bit startled when he looked at Tad, for the boy's face was scarlet as he stammered, "Well, sometimes. All the fellows do."

"What do you mean, 'all the fellows do'?" exclaimed the coach. "You know as well as I do, Tad, that none of my fellows can smoke and stay on the team. No wonder you're underweight and showing a thumping heart. Look here, boy, you can't let a Baker record down like this. Why, it seems to me I've been coaching you ever since you were in rompers, and"—turning to the doctor—"you see, Doc, Tad's father is an old friend and he and I have built a lot of hopes around this boy. Say, if he cuts out the smoking and gets back to eating the food that I know, by lucky experience, the Bakers have on their table, do you think he can make the team next term?"

"Surely he can," the doctor replied. "He's got good muscles and he'll come back in fine shape. Well, Tad, which is it going to be, cigarettes or athletics? Guess you've learned now that they don't mix."

"Jinks, Mr. Martin, I knew you and Dad were all against cigs all right," grinned Tad, "but I never dreamed they would keep me off the team. And you bet if you'll give me another chance next term, I'm off the smokes for life."—"Loyal Temperance Legion."

LETTER FROM INDIA

Dear Friends:

Yesterday I returned from taking the children to school. You in the center of the state might say, "Well, we are back from Chicago where the children are studying." Eleven hundred and fifty miles on a board is a long trip. Third class is not very expensive but it surely is hard. There is no provision for sleeping and besides who could make a night on a solid board 15 or 18 inches wide. I have been gone ten days. The trip itself is only three days and two nights each way, but I visited friends a few days over the week-end. Jess, Jr., was very happy to be back among the boys again, but it was new for Betty Jean and to say the least she was not happy. However, she will soon be well acquainted and will like the place.

I meant to write soon after Christmas and tell a bit of our Christmas but for some reason it was not done. We try to make as much of Christmas as we can as the Hindus have many holidays and the Mohammedans have many too, so we have to make much of our one big one. So first of all the place was decorated to make it seem like Christmas. Strings of different colored paper flags were hung up all over the place and at the homes. Then we planned to have a big meeting on Christmas Eve and give all the presents. But on Christmas Eve some one died so we did not have the meeting. It was about 10 o'clock before I got home for Christmas dinner. The children enjoyed fixing a tree and so after we had finished dinner we all went into the drawing room to see what we had received. Miss Miskimen and Dr. Lacy were here too, so, as is our custom, we all sat down together to open our presents. Then at dawn the bands began to play. There were no carols because of the death of the woman. Then at 8:30 in the morning we had, in front of the bungalow, our usual Christmas service. Just as soon as we could get away we went to the farm and had a service in Lee Chapel for the people who live at the farm. The tent was put up and we stayed all day and in the evening Dr. Lacy and Miss Miskimen came out for the dinner. We had a very fine dinner for all the people at the farm on Christmas evening and after dinner the children gave a very fine play on the birth of Christ. Then on Monday evening in the Girls' Compound there was a dinner for all the Christian people living in Dhulia. It was a great sight to see 350 people sitting around laughing and eating. Some brought pans while many ate from plates made of leaves. Indian people like all other people are happiest while eating. Then there were plays and dinners every evening till the end of the week. On New Year's day the Christian Endeavor society always has a program. So early on the first, all the people came for that meeting. In the evening the boys of the C. E. gave a tea and song service. The people like to sing and if there is tea and biscuits too they will all come and stay till all hours of the night. But our people are not so long-winded as the Hindu community. In December while I was in camp we attended a religious fair. A show began at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and when we went preaching in another village we could still hear them singing at 9 o'clock next morning.

At least we have made a start on our church plot. We men got busy the first of Christmas week and put up the posts for the fence. We now are waiting for the municipality to grant us permission to begin the work. I plan to lay off the exact plot tomorrow. It is our hope to begin digging the foundation next week. As it is now we are a whole month late in beginning the work. I wanted to get most of the walls done before I had to leave for the hills. The preachers are in the district going from village to village preaching. I am so sorry that I have been forced to remain at home so long.

We had a good day at the farm on the first Sunday in January. I baptized six babies and five older children and took into the church six new members. It indeed was the best day for Lee Chapel since the community was organized.

While going to South India, we met on the road five women. One of them was rolling on the ground. It was my first sight of such a case. I have often read of people rolling long distances but this was my first opportunity to actually see one. These five widows were going on a pilgrimage to the holy city of Benares, which is 24 hours from here by fast express train. They had traveled 400 miles. Only one of the women rolled. The others were walking. One walked behind the rolling one beating cymbals, while the others sang. The three had banners tied onto poles which they carried on their shoulders. The woman who was rolling wore a suit very heavily padded but even then she had worn through on her shoulders. It has not rained for four months here so she was rolling by the side of the road in the dust. How she has lived four months I cannot see. We were traveling in a car at the time we met these women and as we had some time we got down and had a talk with them. We also took some pictures. But even though we were not very near any village yet within ten minutes there were about 20 people falling at the feet of all the women. We gave them a small gift and went on our way and the poor soul went rolling along calling on "Ram" to give her spiritual freedom.

Keep in mind our new church. We are beginning. Don't forget to pray that when our funds are finished others will be able to give.

Even though this is late for New Year wishes, yet we do wish for you a very happy and prosperous year.

J. F. MINNIS.

January 28, 1938.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

D. M. Davidson, Gibsonville	$2.00
W. J. Jennings, Gibsonville	2.00
Charlie Younger, Gibsonville	1.00
Frank Owen, Gibsonville	1.00
Sent by Pastor Williams.	
Mrs. Ruby W. Pierson, Enfield Charge	1.00
Mrs. T. D. Lawrence, Enfield Charge	1.00
Sent by Miss Mary Collins.	
Rev. Wayne Curtius, Mt. Hermon Charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Anderson.	
Mrs. E. T. Ellington, Halifax Charge	1.00
Mrs. R. L. Davis, First Ch., High Point	1.00
Miss Mayme Ellis, First Church, H. P.	1.00
Mrs. O. D. McPherson, First Ch., H. P.	1.00
Mrs. John Walker, First Ch., H. P.	2.00
Robert Davis, First Ch., High Point	1.00
Sent by W. J. Spencer.	
Miss Lucile Gosset, Yarborough Charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Vickery.	
D. E. Smith, Mt. Pleasant Charge	2.00
Curtis Shoffner, Mt. Pleasant Charge	2.00
Mrs. J. S. Ferguson, Mt. Pleasant Charge	1.00
Club subscription	1.00
Sent by Pastor Braxton.	
L. M. Foust, West End, Greensboro	1.00
Sent by Mrs. F. S. Stockard.	
Miss Lillie Shepherd, Gibsonville	1.00
Sent by Pastor Williams.	
C. B. Welch, Lebanon Ch., High Point	1.00
Mrs. Willis Lee, Lebanon Ch., High Point	1.00
Sent by Pastor Easter.	
Miss Callie Siler, Siler City	2.00
William Wright, Siler City	1.00
Sent by Miss Sallie Smith.	
I. A. Teague, First Ch., Thomasville	1.00
Sent by Mrs. T. A. Lloyd.	
Mrs. C. W. Killingsworth, Yarborough Charge	2.00
Sent by Miss Sara Simpson.	
Mrs. D. E. Hilton, N. Davidson Charge	2.00
George A. Craver, N. Davidson Charge	2.00
Mrs. Wayne Swaim, N. Davidson Charge	.50
Mrs. W. W. Grant, Spring Ch. Charge	2.00
Mrs. Vernon Daughtry, Spring Ch. Charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Vernon Daughtry.	
Paul Braxton, Alamance Charge	2.00
F. A. Pearson, Greensville Charge	2.00
W. A. Bowen, Greensville Charge	2.00
E. L. Chambliss, Greensville Charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Morgan.	
Mrs. Florence Styers, Rankin Memorial	.50
Mrs. M. J. Setzer, Rankin Memorial	.50
Miss Kathleen Embler, Rankin Memorial	.50
Sent by Mrs. M. J. Setzer.	
Miss Ola Whitely, Tabernacle Charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Lamb.	
D. S. Coltrane, Grace Church	1.00
Sent by Mrs. F. R. Stout.	
A. E. Causey, Calvary Church	1.00
Sent by Pastor Stubbins.	
O. V. Warlick, Cleveland Charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Madison.	
Mrs. J. B. Mitchell, Littleton Charge	1.00
Miss Annie Cheek, First, Burlington	1.00
Sent by Pastor Paschall.	
W. H. Hanner, Liberty	2.00
A. J. Brower, Liberty	1.00
Mrs. Wade Hardon, Liberty	1.00
Mrs. B. J. Gregson, Liberty	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Gregson.	
Mrs. Knight Cook, Orange Charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. A. K. McAdams.	
Ernest M. Hamilton, club subscriptions, First Church, Lexintgon	2.26
Mrs. C. E. Lowder, Albemarle	1.00
Mrs. H. S. Seafrit, Albemarle	1.00
J. U. Whitlock, Albemarle	1.00
C. S. Moton, Albemarle	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Moton.	

Subsidy

Siler City Church	$2.50
Sent by L. L. Wrenn.	
Orange Chapel, Saxapahaw Charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. H. L. Isley.	
Alamance Charge, Center Church	5.00
Sent by Ernest Whitehead.	
First Church, Concord	7.50
Sent by Fred Helms.	

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"CHRIST MEETING THE WORLD'S NEEDS"

Topic for March 20, 1938

Scripture text—Acts 8:9-13; I John 4:7-21.

By REV. J. W. BRAXTON

Suggestive hymns: "Jesus Saves," "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," "The Kingdom Is Coming," "Rescue the Perishing," "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood."

Points for the Leader

Dr. G. Ray Jordan has said, "I want to be a Christian because I know that Christianity can do something for me. I want some force that will gather up the threads of my personality and give me a sense of integration, inner control, and spiritual confidence. For centuries Christianity has been doing that for people." If Christianity has been, and can do that for individuals, is it not possible that it can do the same for the world, which, after all, is made up of individuals?

In the discussion of this topic we want to see what some of the needs of the world are today, and then see if Christ has an answer to those needs. If He does have an answer how is He to meet those needs? Will it be done by some miraculous method or will it be done through human beings, like you and I?

Suggestive Topics and Plans

1. Assign two or three speakers certain nations, or mission fields, to make short talks on the conditions in those nations, or fields.
2. Have the C. E. society suggest ideas and ideals in Christ's life and teachings which might help the conditions in the nations discussed in the first topic.
3. Have some one compare, or contrast, the life of a modern missionary on some foreign field with the life of Christ while He lived on earth.
4. Do you think Christ meant for His disciples to try to lead all men to Christ when He commanded them to "Go teach all nations" as is recorded in Matthew 28:29? If so what steps are being taken by your C. E. society, and church to fulfill that command?
5. Has Christ given us a code by which we may solve our problems or has He given us an ideal instead? Which would be easiest to follow?
6. Have someone name and review the life of some modern missionary.

CHURCH NOTICE

At the Thank Offering service at Spring Hill M. P. church, near High Point, Sunday evening, March 13, at 7 o'clock, Mrs. J. Clyde Auman, of Thomasville, will deliver an interesting address. Mrs. Auman will be dressed in Japanese attire, and will have a number of Japanese articles for display. Everyone invited.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Bethel, Alamance	$ 6.50
Ladies' Aid Soc., Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00
Bethesda S. S., N. Davidson	3.65
Mt. Pleasant—This came Feb. 28—some one please tell us which Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	4.85
Hope S. S., Siler City	1.23
China Grove S. S.	1.92
Julian S. S., Tabernacle, Nov. and Dec.	2.00
Caroleen S. S.	7.35
Mt. Zion, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	3.50
Kistler's Union, Cleveland	4.00
Friendship, Fallston	5.38
Mebane S. S.	4.40
Oak Grove S. S., Cleveland	2.42
Midway S. S., Haw River	4.00
Union Chapel, Granville	14.13
Stallings, Mecklenburg	2.00
New Salem S. S., Randleman	1.50
Mt. Pleasant S. S., N. Davidson	1.30
Men's Bible class, First Ch., Thomasville, Jan., Feb., and March	16.07
Belmont S. S., Mt. Hermon	6.18
Central S. S., Asheboro	40.00
Lincolnton S. S., Nov., Dec. and Jan.	6.00
Young Ladies' class, Gibsonville, feeding child	10.00
Glen Raven C. E. Soc., clothing child	5.00
North Carolina Branch, Woman's Work, by the Treasurer	180.57

Clothing and Other Gifts

One bundle of towels, 28 towels and 32 wash cloths. No name on the package, so we cannot tell whence they came.

Beaver Falls C. E. Soc., Beaver Falls, Pa., 1 towel, 8 wash cloths, 1 cake of soap and a package of cards for children's play houses.

The Junior department, Sheridan M. P. Sunday school, Pittsburgh, Pa., 57 wash cloths, and 4 cakes of soap.

Unionville, Mich., 1 towel, 8 wash cloths, 4 handkerchiefs, 5 cakes soap and 1 tube of tooth paste.

West End, Greensboro, 3 dresses.

Back From Duke

I spent last week in Duke hospital for a thorough check-up. Am thankful to say, they found no serious organic trouble. Just worn out and needing rest. While I was gone the following letter went out from the office to all pastors and Sunday school superintendents in the conference. Please help us to get it to the folks.

We thank you for all your help.

The Letter

Dear Fellow Workers:

This letter is meant to be just as personal as if written and signed by our own hand, so please try to make it just as personal to your people as possible. Last year we set our house in order. Last year we practically worked under a certainty, knowing that your offerings and the bequests we had would pay all bills and bring us out even.

This year we have no bequests to fall back on, but must depend upon your offerings, so the offerings must be better or we will fall behind again.

The depression was hard on the Home, but the recession is being harder. Prices have gone up and offerings have gone down. A number of Sunday schools have decreased their offerings, by one-fourth to one-half below what they were last year. Many are keeping up to the same figures and we thank you.

We have the children here. We cannot put them out. And yet, we cannot support them on the present income. And almost every week pressing calls come for us to take more children.

We are distressed about the situation, and we have no one to which to look for relief but you. Our faith is in God, but God contributes to needy causes through His people.

The Fellowship Crusade is on. We are tremendously concerned about that. The entire church must make a sacrificial rally to that. It must not fail. But while we do that the regular interests of the church must not lag. The Children's Home must not be allowed to slip back into debt while we set other departments of the church in order. The only way to keep it from it is for all our churches and Sunday schools to rally to our support with increased offerings.

We are pleading then for increased offerings for spring months. Either double your offering for March, as you have been doing for the last few years, or greatly increase your offerings for March, April and May.

This letter is going out to pastors and Sunday school superintendents who will please be sure to present these matters to your people. We know the Children's Home Secretaries will gladly help all they can.

The dear Lord bless and prosper each of you. A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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MR. CAN AND MR. CAN'T

O, Mr. Can't from Mr. Can
Is a very different sort of man.
For Mr. Can he always tries,
And Mr. Can't he always cries;
Now Mr. Can gets many a blow,
But he gets the best in the end, you know.

While Mr. Can't gets nothing at all—
For he's down too low to suffer a fall,
O, Mr. Can gets up with a grin,
And says: "I'm bound in the end to win."
But Mr. Can't is a pitiful sight,
He's whipped before he's begun the fight;
And he says it puzzles him quite a lot
Why some can win and some cannot.

O, poor Mr. Can't, he never knew
The secret I'm going to whisper to you;
That you can win if you only try,
And you certainly can't if you only cry,
And that is the reason why Mr. Can
From Mr. Can't is a different man.

—Grandma's Scrapbook.

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ADDITIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY GLEANINGS

North Carolina—Henderson, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Pastor: Young People's Day was observed as a part of the District Rally. A special message was brought by Rev. J. W. Braxton. Offering, $15.

Alamance, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor: Young People's Day has been observed at three churches, Bethel, Center, and Sapling Ridge. Rock Creek will hold the service on the fourth Sunday in March. Offering to date, $5.37.

MARRIED

Taylor-Pearson

Miss Melvin Pearson and Mr. Percy E. Taylor were united in marriage by the writer on Saturday evening, February 19, at 4:30 o'clock in the home of the bride.

A large circle of friends will wish this popular couple much happiness as they journey through life together.

J. M. MORGAN.

Foster-Cochran

Mr. James Cochran and Miss Juanita Foster were quietly united in marriage on Thursday evening, February 24, at the parsonage in Roberta, by the pastor, Q. L. Joyner.

Mr. Cochran is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Cochran. Mrs. Cochran is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Foster, of Concord, N. C.

These are two nice young people of the community, and they have the best wishes of all their friends throughout the county and we wish for them a long and prosperous life together. Q. L. JOYNER.

Chaney-Aycoth

Mr. Lee Aycoth, of New Hope church community, Monroe, and Miss Louise Chaney, of Monroe, was happily united in marriage by the writer, at the parsonage, February 9.

Mr. Aycoth is a valued man in his community, a successful business man, and official and teacher in his church school. Mrs. Aycoth is a very lovable, attractive and devoted Christian, and is a graduate of Wingate college. We, therefore, have every reason to expect for this devoted couple a very happy voyage.

ROBERT SHORT.

Carter-Morris

The marriage of Miss Tempie Matilda Carter to Henry Cleveland Morris was solemnized in the M. P. church in Henderson, Saturday, February 10, at 5 o'clock. Rev. T. J. Whitehead officiated, using the ring ceremony of the Methodist Protestant Ritual. Members of the family and a few intimate friends attended the ceremony.

The bride entered with the bridegroom; she was attired in a traveling suit of rust with brown accessories. She wore a shoulder corsage of Talisman roses and valley lilies.

Mrs. Morris is the attractive daughter of Mrs. Hettie Winborne Carter. She was graduated from Aurelian Springs high school and High Point Business college. For the past four years she has held a responsible position in Halifax county auditor's office. She is a very active member of Corinth church.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Morris and is a very successful farmer. He is a very active member of Corinth church and is the choir leader.

The bride and groom left immediately by automobile to visit points in Florida.

We predict for this splendid young couple the best things in life and we are sure they have the best wishes of a host of friends.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Lincolnton, W. L. Harkey, Pastor, March 1. —Through the winter months our church work has been going on nicely and we hope with the coming of spring, our attendance, which has been exceptionally good, will inincrease to the extent of a hundred per cent. We are always glad to have visitors in our services, also.

Our Sunday school proves helpful and interesting from the devotional service throughout the lessons and the reading of the report when we reassemble—seeing where each class stands and the progress that's being made.

Our pastor fills each appointment with spirit-filled messages that prove uplifting and give us food for thought throughout the week to follow. We appreciate his every effort in our work.

The Christian Endeavor society has an average membership of 30 with practically every member active. Miss Juanita Harkey is president with Miss Thelma Jenkins secretary. A Young People's auxiliary is being organized under the direction of Mrs. Cass Leonard.

The Ladies' class is planning a social soon.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday night with a fairly good attendance.

Pray for us that our church might grow and be a blessing.

REPORTER.

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Henderson Church, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Pastor, March 7.—Comparatively few have the opportunity to do great things but to everyone of us is given innumerable opportunities to do the small things and small things multiplied produce splendid results.

Our church officers plan things for us to do and we wonder how we can ever accomplish the task, but by hard, consecrated work and self-denial we hope to reach the goal.

The Woman's Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. L. R. Gooch January 31, with a full attendance. Rev. J. P. Pegg was the speaker. All enjoyed his address very much.

The February Auxiliary was entertained February 28, by Mrs. J. M. Baity. Rev. J. Everette Neese, pastor of the Congregational Christian church, reviewed the mission book, "The Moslem World." All present voted Mr. Neese a fine teacher.

Circles met as follows February 14: No. 1 with Mrs. S. R. Watson; No. 2, with Mrs. H. O. Falkner; No. 4, with Mrs. L. J. Freeman. Mrs. W. B. Hight and Mrs. John Mundy have the great privilege of being the leaders of the Sunshine circle and the Precious Jewels.

On Sunday, February 20, Rev. R. E. Brown, pastor of the First Methodist church, taught the Men's and the Rosa Harris Bible classes. Both classes enjoyed hearing Mr. Brown as he described the ships sailing across the sea of life, namely: Ownership, stewardship, companionship, and worship.

The M. E. and M. P. churches enxchanged ministers at the 11 o'clock service on this date. The ministers preached from the same text and used the same hymns from the hymnal that has officially been selected for use by the United Churches of Methodism. The text was Mark 14:19, "Is It I?"

We were happy to have as our guests Sunday morning, February 27, Prof. Alvin Fountain and Mrs. Fountain from N. C. State college, Raleigh. Professor Fountain taught the Men's class. The Adult division and Intermediate department joined the Men's class at this time to hear Professor Fountain. The lesson was indeed interesting and very instructive.

The annual February Thank Offering service, in charge of the Woman's Auxiliary, was held at 11 o'clock and Mrs. Alvin Fountain who was formerly Miss Maxine Taylor, was the speaker on: "The Place of Missions in the World Today." The auditorium of the church was filled with friends and old pupils of Mrs. Fountain who have known and loved her for a number of years.

Sunday morning our pastor preached the first of a series of sermons on the theme, "The Mind of Christ in You." These sermons will extend through the Lenten season.

Sunday afternoon the M. P. church presented Mr. Henry G. Casby, of Burlington, blind organist in an organ recital, which was enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

The program was given in memory of the fiftieth anniversary of the first meeting of Helen Keller with her teacher, Anne Sullivan Macy.

We deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Daniel in the death of Mr. Daniels' sister, Mrs. Riggan. May our Heavenly Father hold the bereaved ones very dear.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grissom announce the marriage of their daughter, Alma, to Mr. John Heath, of Richmond, Va. We wish for them much happiness.

Rev. J. D. Cranford taught the Men's Bible class Sunday. The lesson was much enjoyed.

Our Sunday school is growing, which makes us very happy.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE C. LASHLEY.

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Rankin Memorial, High Point, March 7.—Everything has been going along fairly well at our church, with the exception of a deficit in some of our financial obligations. This, I suppose is due to the irregular work which lots of our members have been having. We hope that conditions will be such that we can catch up this deficit in a short time, and be able to report that we are on the level again.

The "baby contest," which was sponsored by the Philathea Sunday school class, proved a success; there was about $112 raised on the contest; and it is being used to finish up a class room for the Beginners' class, and for helping to finish up the basement of the church. George Edward Setzer won first place in the contest with a total of 3,352 votes. Aubrey Bowers came second with 2,169 votes, and Nancy Ann Rouse was third, with 2,168 votes. Each of these babies was presented with a prize.

Since our last report was sent, there has been a new Christian Endeavor society organized. Miss Kathleen Embler was elected president of this organization, and there is about 22 members already. Much interest seems to be manifested; and we believe that lasting good will come from this new society.

We are sorry to report that one of our faithful members, Mrs. W. L. Hooper is on the sick list. She has not been able to be with us for several weeks, but we trust she will soon be well and able to attend services again.

Our attendance at Sunday school continues to grow. There were 175 present on last Sunday. With spring about to open up, we hope that within a month's time we will pass the 200 mark.

We are glad that our pastor, Rev. Edw. Suits and his wife are about to get their home in shape again, after having been handicapped by the fire which threatened to destroy their home some weeks ago.

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Bethany Church, Randolph Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. G. L. Reynolds, filled his regular appointment Sunday morning.

We have an increase in Sunday school attendance. Ninety-four present Sunday. The last two Sundays in February the attendance was over 100. Elmer Ward, of Worthville, is teaching a singing class at the church two nights a week.

There has been a little more work done on the Sunday school rooms. One more room has been finished and a hall. We hope to get the other rooms finished this spring.

There has been two deaths in the community since last report. Mr. J. M. Aldridge, of Millboro, died suddenly of heart attack on January 17. The funeral was conducted the following afternoon at Pugh's Chapel, Asheboro. Interment was in Gray's Chapel cemetery.

Edith the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Johnson, died on February 2. Funeral and burial was at White's Memorial. We sympathize with Mrs. J. T. Brown in the recent death of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Pugh, of Gray's Chapel.

REPORTER.

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First Church, Danville, Rev. R. L. Vickery, Pastor. — We must say, "Hats off to the Whites!" We challenged them to bring in more Sunday school pupils than we, and somebody has certainly been working. The Reds aren't loafing a bit, either. In fact, they're enjoying the competition. Even though Miss Virginia Fowler did bring in a string of six or seven visitors with cute little white bows sticking on them, the Reds weren't downhearted. The Young People's class alone had 13 visitors, three new members, and 100% present last Sunday, which was the third anniversary of the founding of our church. The total Sunday school attendance was 102, including 27 charter members. We were certainly delighted to see our former superintendent and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lamb (even if we couldn't see around Mr. Lamb). A very interesting program was rendered, consisting of special music by the Marshall sisters, Jordan sisters, and a mixed group from our Sunday school. To all visitors, new members, and old members, we say with all our hearts, "We're glad to have you, we need you. Come out and join us in worshipping our Lord, and we won't even hold the little white bows against you.'

Our pastor, Rev. R. L. Vickery, and his family were absent from our services on February 27, and Mr. London, of Draper, brought us two fine sermons and several visitors. We were happy to have them with us and also happy to have Mr. Vickery and his family back, safe and sound after such a long journey through the Carolinas and Georgia. We have enjoyed having his father, from Georgia, with us during the previous week, and although his home is a long distance from us, we hope he will visit Danville often, and that God's richest blessings will be upon him wherever he is.

The Christian Endeavor society met at the home of Miss Ora Whisenant, March 5, and even though nine feminine members nearly talked one gentleman to death, we can at least say that those nine had a big time. The C. E. society is planning on imposing special duties on alarm clocks Easter Sunday morning, and getting the owners out at a Sunrise service. This has been one of our most enjoyable services for the past two years, and it would be well worthwhile for everyone to attend that possibly can.

Our hearts are filled with gladness that we have a new church member, Mr. Henry Simpson, a new convert, Mr. Lowell Vickery, and a much shorter sick list. Miss Lea Golson is recovering from a nervous breakdown and we're all looking forward to seeing her back among us at church. May God bless each of them, and cause His face to shine upon them, and give them peace, as they journey along life's highway heavenward.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

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Kernersville Church, Kernersville-South Winston Charge.—A new society of boys and girls was organized in our church Saturday, February 26, with 19 members. Officers were elected as follows: Louise Way, president; Lois Rich, secretary; Gladys Cohen, treasurer. The different committees were appointed. Mrs. C. B. Way is adult leader.

The first regular meeting of the society was held at the parsonage last Friday afternoon with a large number of boys and girls present. The total membership is 32. An interesting program was rendered, directed by Gladys Cohen and Sue Butner. A very pleasant feature of the program was the music by Horace and Craig Parrish with their guitars.

We were delighted to have as visitors Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lemons, of Stokesdale. Mrs. Lemons assisted in serving refreshments. At the conclusion of the program an interesting contest was enjoyed.

The next meeting of the society will be held on Friday, March 19, at 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Butner, with Sue Butner as hostess.

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Moriah, J. Leo Pittard, Pastor.—On the fourth Sunday morning of February our pulpit was occupied by a visiting minister, the Reverend David Reese, a student of Duke university. Rev. Reese brought an interesting message which was well received by the congregation.

The Woman's Auxiliary held their regular meeting on the first Thursday night of this month with good attendance. On Sunday, March 6, several members of the Auxiliary gave a short sketch, "Not Exempt," as a part of their Thank Offering program. The Offering for this service amounted to $12 and it is pleasing to report that the Auxiliary budget is paid in full.

The Young People's Bible class held their monthly meeting on last Friday night at the Jefferson Standard City club room. The president, Miss Belle Lewis, presided and refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Sherrill. The chief project of the Bible class members at present is that of redecorating their Sunday school class room.

The church and Sunday school attendance has been at a fairly good average for the winter.

The Junior Bible class, taught by Mrs. A. V. Kirkman, is planning a 5c supper for the night of April 1. Come one, come all.

POLLY UNDERWOOD, Reporter.

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Kernersville Church, Kernersville-South Winston Charge, C. B. Way, Pastor.—Everything at our church tells us that spring is almost here. Baskets of spring flowers adorn the church auditorium each Sunday. We are having larger congregations out for service than was previously reported. Our Sunday school is doing fine. Each Sunday the attendance grows larger, we are delighted that we have the largest enrollment we have had for a long, long time.

Mrs. Way has organized a Young People's society and the children are all excited and overjoyed as they chatter about their new work.

Practice for the Easter program will begin soon. Sunday morning Supt. Paul Butner appointed a committee to act in this capacity. They are: Mrs. C. B. Way, Miss Hazel Hendrix, Mrs. A. N. Linville and Miss Meta Ragland.

Circles 1 and 2 of the Ladies' Aid society, met at the parsonage in joint meeting with Mrs. C. B. Way as February hostess. The members planned a supper to be held at the "Community House" in the near future. Circle No. 2 welcomed Mrs. Odell Corum as a new member. During the social hour Mrs. Way served refreshments to ten members and four visitors.

Our Sunday evening services begin now at 7:30 o'clock instead of at 7:00 o'clock.

Prayer services are held at the parsonage each Tuesday evening.

Choir practice is held each Tuesday evening in the church auditorium under the direction of Miss Hazel Hendrix.

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First Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—"Ole" Charlotte is back again this week with more news. We can't afford to miss one issue of the M. P. Herald because things are happening every day that we want other Methodist Protestants to know about.

The Young Girls' class held their business meeting last Friday night. They are planning to have a Benefit party Thursday night, March 10. A special program is being planned by Miss Gray Stiles, chairman of the committee. The class pledged $20 on the church debt and the proceeds of this party will be applied on this pledge. The admission fee will be determined by height, each person attending will be measured and charged 5c per foot for every foot tall she or he is. A prize will be given to the tallest person present. A grand program is being planned for the entertainment of those attending.

The Young Married Ladies' class will hold their monthly business meeting at the home of Mrs. R. S. Garmon, Friday night, March 4. Mrs. A. L. Alexander is president of this class.

The Young People of our church are more than willing to do their share to make our church progress. Our Young People are active in every phase of the work of the church, they hold their regular Senior C. E. society meeting on Sunday evening, conduct the weekly prayer meetings on Wednesday evening and attend the Sunday school and church services regularly. When the pastor wants anything done he calls on the Young People and they are ready and willing to do anything for the advancement of our church program. Come on older folks, we need your help.

We had a very pleasant surprise in our C. E. meeting Sunday night, Mr. Luther R. Medlin, field secretary of the Mecklenburg County Union, and Rev. Kendall Shoffner, president of the North Carolina C. E. association, slipped in unexpected. We were indeed glad to have them and extend to them a welcome to attend our meetings at any time they are in our community.

The Senior C. E. society held its monthly business meeting, Monday night, February 28 at the church. A general discussion was held for the advancement of the church program. A committee was appointed to plan the Easter program and music for our church services on Easter Sunday.

We ask the prayers of all that we may continue to grow in grace and be an influence to those whom we contact daily.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

Received too late for publication last week. (Editor.)

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North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, March 7.—On Wednesday, March 2 at 1:30 p. m. the Canaan Ladies' Aid society met in the home of Mrs. Victor Motsinger with 17 members and four children present. Mrs. Nell Linville had charge of the program. The society joined in singing "Higher Ground," after which Mrs. Mack Smith, the president, read Psalm 42 for a scripture lesson; Mrs. Minnie Berrier led the first prayer. Readings were then given by Mesdames Ethel Miller, Valli Berrier, Vertie Lee Hines and Gertie Primm. Mrs. Neese led in prayer. The president then took charge and the business session was entered into. Seventy-one calls to the sick were reported and fruits and flowers had been sent to 12 people. As a forward step the society voted to use the new Auxiliary guidebook for the coming year and authorized this writer to place the order for 18 books. It was decided to serve a "hot supper" on the evening of March 26 to which everyone is invited. At the close of the business hour the members joined in two contests. Mrs. Mack Smith was winner of the "jumbled telegram" contest and Mrs. Emma Clodfelter and Mrs. Clarence Hines tied in the "vegetable seed contest." The hostess served delicious refreshments to all present. We feel that much good is accomplished in our meetings, we as a society feel drawn closer together.

Sometime ago I reported that the Young Men's class and Young Ladies' class at Spring Hill had contributed to "The Prayer to Share Plan." Well, yesterday the Men's class at Spring Hill decided they wanted to help, too. They gave $1; the Men's class at Canaan gave $1; and the Young Men's class at Canaan gave $1.50, that with the $1.61 the Young Men's class at Spring Hill gave and the $1 the Young Ladies' at Spring Hill makes it possible for me to send $6.11 to Mrs. Kearns this week to apply on Rev. J. F. Minnis' salary.

Some time ago a good friend of Spring Hill presented the Sunday school with a beautiful Sunday school banner. This banner is to be given each Sunday to the class having the largest attendance. (I think that is the rule.) Yesterday when the Young Men's class marched into the auditorium from their class room they were in possession of the banner and I'm thinking they will keep it unless some other folks get busy and beat them to it. They have a live Sunday school at Spring Hill with Mr. George Craven as superintendent. The first of the year there were 190 on roll; they now have 241. We expect to see them keep growing.

The people are still remembering us with good things to eat. Miss Bessie Swaim, Mrs. G. W. Hayworth, Mrs. Alfred Craven, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Payne, Miss Annie Payne, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Berrier, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Berrier and Mrs. P. C. Reid are the latest donors. Many thanks.

On next Sunday night a special Thank Offering service will be held at Spring Hill at 7 p. m. Special music will be one of the main features. Every one is invited.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

Salem, Saxapahaw Charge, E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—We are very glad to report that both our church and Sunday school work are moving along very nicely. The Sunday school attendance has been fine. But it should be much better.

We were very glad to welcome Rev. Mr. Garner, of the Mebane charge, to preach for us the fourth Sunday afternoon in March. We enjoyed his sermon very much. We hope he can come again.

A committee is at work on the Fellowship Crusade. We hope we can do our part in this work. We can with the cooperation of the members.

On February 13, the Ladies' Auxiliary met in the hut with a shower along with the meeting. There were many useful things given. We were very glad to get so many nice things from people outside that are interested. We thank them so much. We hope to soon be able to buy chairs for the hut. They are very badly needed.

Mrs. P. E. Smith, who has been sick for several weeks, is some better now. We hope she will soon be able to come back because we miss her very much. She has been a very faithful member.

MRS. J. P. CRUTCHFIELD, Reporter.

Hollister, Halifax Charge, Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor, March 7.—We are happy to report all the different organizations in general of the church are on the upward trend. The attendance and interest in the Sunday school are increasing each Sunday. A contest is now being held, to help increase the attendance and interest. The Sunday school has been divided into two groups: the "Reds" and "Blues." The Blues are ahead of the Reds so far in having the largest attendance. At the end of the quarter the losing side will give the winning side a supper.

Our pastor continues to bring us interesting and instructive messages at each service and we enjoy them lots. We very often hear the expression, "We like Mr. Howard better every day" or "We think Mr. Howard is a splendid pastor," etc.

On the fourth Sunday morning in February the Woman's Auxiliary gave its semi-annual Thank Offering program under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Knight, the president. The Auxiliary has done very good work during the past year. We are hoping to finish paying our budget now soon. The regular monthly meeting of the Auxiliary will meet in the home of Mrs. Mae Alston on Tuesday afternoon, March 15. We hope to have a large crowd present, as the officers for the coming year will be elected at this time.

We will observe "Young People's Day" next Sunday evening, March 13, at 7:30 o'clock. The pageant, "This War," will be presented with Mrs. J. J. Williams as director. You are cordially invited to attend this service, especially the members of Halifax charge.

MISS KATHLEEN SHEARIN,
Assistant Reporter.

Granville Charge, J. P. Pegg, Pastor, March 9.—The Union Chapel church has lost by death two faithful members in recent weeks: Mr. Fred Finch, and Mrs. Sedia Stone. These died in the faith, and may God's blessings rest upon the surviving families, causing them to rejoice in the victory of those they have lost for a while.

Mrs. Willie Grissom, of Rehoboth, is home from the Henderson hospital. She is recovering nicely from an operation.

The Auxiliaries are looking forward to the Branch Meeting in Burlington. We have a consecrated group of women at each church. The February meeting of Mt. Carmel was held in the home of Mrs. Ernest Smith. The Rehoboth meeting was with Mrs. William Floyd. The Union Chapel women convened at the parsonage. It is a privilege and joy for us to give what help and encouragement we can in this work.

We are hoping to begin collections for the Fellowship Crusade the last of this month. A hearty response by our entire membership, I trust, will be given to this phase of the Crusade.

Gifts have come to us almost daily since we came to this charge. For this generosity on the part of our members and friends, we thank you—one and all.

PASTOR.

Draper, J. L. Love, Pastor, March 7.—Young People's Day was observed yesterday with a good attendance at both services. Sunday school is still growing. We had quite a number of visitors in the morning service, also special singing. Our pastor preached a wonderful sermon; one young lady was reclaimed.

The Christian Endeavor society had a fine program. Mr. Ernest Page is our new president, and Ernest and his sister were both converted about a month ago. They are fine young people, both still in high school and we feel they will be a great help working with the young people.

The Candlelight Communion service was held in the evening and was most impressive and carried out very effectively.

We are also having cottage prayer meetings every Friday night. Last Friday night was at the home of Brother Albert King; a large crowd was there and they had a fine service. The community prayer meeting met in our church Saturday night. Rev. Gravely, pastor of the Christian church, had charge, and made a very interesting talk.

The Ladies' Aid will meet tonight with Mrs Dewey Barker. Mr. and Mrs. Barker have only been with us a few months, but since joining our church they have already showed their love for the church and its work. They are always ready and willing to do their part.

A committee has been appointed to secure subscriptions for the Herald. We hope to raise our quota soon.

The Fellowship Crusade has been explained by our pastor. He has given out papers to be read, also asked the people to sign their pledge cards, and return them to him. I hope all the members will enter into this wholeheartedly, with a willingness to do their part. We should be thankful to God for this opportunity, it is a wonderful movement. May we all be faithful to God and do our part. Pray for us that our church might continue to go forward.

A MEMBER.

Flag Springs, Why Not Charge, Rev. C. F. Hill, Pastor.—The Ladies' Aid society of our church met at the home of Mrs. C. A. Lewallen on Friday evening, March 4, at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. C. T. Luck. Her subject was "Sacrifices." Thirteen members and several visitors were present. They will meet with Mrs. C. D. Cox on the first Friday evening in April at 7:30 o'clock.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment here on the first Sunday and preached an inspiring sermon, using as his text, Matt. 15:8: This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouths and honoreth me with their lips but their hearts are far from me. His subject being "Sincerity in Service." We were glad to have with us Rev. W. F. McDowell, of Asheboro; also Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hughes, of Asheboro, Star Route.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes gave their names as candidates for membership in our church and will be received into full membership on the next regular appointment, the third Sunday in this month. We are glad to have these people unite with us.

The work is moving on very nicely here, considering the fact that we have had quite an epidemic of measles in the community, which has cut into the attendance of our church and Sunday school to a considerable extent, especially among the young people.

Rev. W. F. McDowell will preach for us on the fourth Sunday at 11 o'clock.

We are sorry that Mrs. Hill, our pastor's wife, is in very feeble health, and we hope she will soon be well.

C. A. LEWALLEN, Reporter.

Corinth, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment yesterday at the 11 o'clock service, delivering a very inspiring message. At the close of service the Lord's Supper was observed. We were very glad to see so many partake of the elements.

We are very glad to report our church was the first one on this work to raise the annual conference claims.

The second quarterly conference will be held at the Littleton M. P. church Saturday, March 19, at 2 o'clock. All official members are requested to be present.

Sorry to report Mrs. G. D. Insco is on the sick list.

Miss Daisy Porter and Mrs. B. F. Morris spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Tommie Partin at Scotland Neck.

Since our last report our choir leader, Mr. Henry Morris, and Miss Tempie Carter were married in the M. P. church in Henderson, on February 12. They are both very active members of our church. On February 19, Miss Daisy Lee Carter, from our church, and Mr. Johnnie Vermillion, of Portsmouth, Va., were married at Portsmouth, Va. We wish for these young people much success as they journey through life.

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Price in the loss of their home by fire on February 24. They lost all the furniture and most of their clothes. At the present they are staying with Mrs. Price's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Morris.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

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Central Church, Asheboro, S. W. Taylor, Pastor, March 3.—A rare collection of old books was brought out by Bible Sunday, observed February 27 at the Central M. P. church here, under the direction of the pastor, Dr. S. W. Taylor. Among the Bibles displayed by members or friends of the church were Welch, German, Scotch, French, Hebrew, Greek, African, Catholic, Mohammedan and early English editions as well as a number of family Bibles containing interesting family records.

Besides bringing their oldest Bibles, the church members were also requested to report on the number of times they had read the Bible through, and to give their favorite passages. A portion of this unique service was devoted to reading a letter from Gov. Clyde R. Hoey, commending Dr. Taylor on his plan for honoring the Bible and bearing "testimony to the benefit which I have personally received from reading and studying the Bible."

Walter Nau, superintendent of the Balfour school, read the 23rd Psalm in the German and the French Bible. He also showed the African Bible, translated into Efik, which his father, Dr. Nau, of Greensboro, used while he was in Nigeria, West Africa, as a missionary.

Robert Lloyd, an ex-soldier, read President Wilson's message which was printed on the fly leaf of the little khaki Bibles carried by the American soldiers during the World war.

The oldest Bible displayed, now 221 years old, was a Welsh Bible belonging to the Worth family.

The Bunch family Bible, printed in London in 1767, is now 171 years old. It contains records for the Bunch family covering a period of 216 years and five generations. David and Mary Bunch head the family records, first entered in 1722. David was the father of William Bunch, who is the great-great-grandfather of Walter, James, Robert, Henry and Miss Lillian Bunch, of Asheboro.

Dr. J. H. Soady brought a Bible 137 years old which was brought from Yorkshire, England, in 1850, by his great-grandfather, J. H. Thackeray. Dr. Soady also has a French Protestant Bible printed in 1885, and a New Testament printed in 1832 which was owned by his grandfather, James Soady. Among his collection Dr. Soady also has a Koran, the Bible of the Mohammedan or Moslem church. This was published in 1806.

Other family Bibles were those of the Crowsons, the Parrishes, the Lowdermilks, the Hammers, the Copenhavers and the Reddings. This latter Bible begins as far back as 1819 with Thomas Redding and his wife, Eliza L. Redding.

A Scotch Bible, dated 1822, was brought by E L. Ray. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brault lent a Catholic Bible, a translation of the Latin Vulgate.

Dr. Taylor found that Mrs. Houston Trogdon, of Seagrove, had read the Bible through 40 times in the past six years, and that Miss Hope Hubbard, of Farmer, had read it through 16 times. Mrs. S. L. Hayworth and Mrs. S. W. Presnell have read the Bible through twice, and others who have read the Bible through recently are Mrs. D. A. Henley, Mrs. W. B. Lamb, Mrs. Dephis Smith, Mrs. Simeon Parks, Mrs. J. H. Elliott, Mrs. J. R. Lutterloh, Mrs. J. S. Lewis and Mrs. John Swaim.

The program was such a success, and created so much interest, Dr. Taylor plans to make Bible Sunday an annual affair and to keep on file data about old Bibles in the county, and the names of those who have read this, the oldest and most popular book, through a number of times. He also plans to organize a Bible Readers' Fellowship in the local church soon.

CLETA RICH, Reporter.

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Union Grove Church, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, March 7.—Since our last report our pastor has filled his regular appointments; first, the third Sunday afternoon in February. At this time we had a student from Duke university, Junichi Nakamura, of Japan to speak to a large congregation, and the other appointment the first Sunday morning in March.

Our work is going on very nicely. We have most of our Annual conference claims raised, which we are glad to report.

We are glad the sickness in our community has improved and we wish the others a speedy recovery.

FLORA RILEY, Reporter.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, March 7.—Our work here is moving along very well. Our attendance has been very good all winter. It is evident that there will be an increase in the attendance as the weather permits even though it has been good. Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday and preached a very forceful sermon from the text, Mark 5:17, "And they began to pray to him to depart out of their coasts." As the people told Jesus to depart then, so we find it today, in the life of those who determine to have their drink, their pleasure, their money. He stressed very forcibly the fact of so much Sunday business, which gives the impression that people are saying that they will have their money regardless of the cost to the morals of the individual or surroundings, thus putting business and gain ahead of Christ. Do people realize the value of one soul? "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" What would you give in exchange for your soul? We should realize more our responsibility of saving the best and preserving the morals of our people. After all "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things that he possesses." Jesus said, "I am come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly." Then don't give Jesus second place because he doesn't want it. He wants the best or none. He is no intruder, so be careful that you don't turn him away unaware. We ought to say, You may have all the world, but give me Jesus. We hope that our people will heed these scriptural messages because if they are rejected, I believe that they will be a testimony against us at the judgment.

The Woman's Auxiliary gave their Thank Offering program Sunday night. A very good thought was presented on "Little Altars of Thankfulness." The offering amounted to $15.35, for which we are very grateful. The Auxiliary is ending a year which has been very successful, and we hope that our interest shall increase in the mission work because it is a most worthy cause.

Our mid-week prayer services are being continued with very good attendance and interest. These services tend to upbuild the spiritual side of the church and we hope that through these, we may receive a fuller vision of our need of the Christ in the fullest measure, to our success in any undertaking of Kingdom's building. Continue to pray for us.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

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Baltimore Church, G. B. Ferree, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday morning. "An Imperative Command," Genesis 19:1-17, was his subject. The two angels came and warned Lot of his danger. He was saved "so as by fire," and his "stuff" was burned. With his life alone, he got out. He lost his home, wife, and all his property. Sodom real estate and bank stocks were not insured against fire and brimstone. There are many Lots today 'tenting toward Sodom." God's people are "tenting toward the highlands."

Jesus bids us to remember Lots wife (Luke 17:29-32). She perished because she looked back at the wicked city and her possession there. Her heart was still in Sodom. But nothing she looked for could be seen; there was smoke and confusion. "Look not back," Jesus would say. "Make no steps, no delay, in escaping from sin." Then, stay not at all in the plains; get to the mountains as far as possible away from sin."

"There are those who, like the seer of Old,
Can see the helpers God has sent,
And how life's rugged mountain side
Is white with many an angel tent."

We had 94 present for Sunday school Sunday morning. People seem to be taking better interest in our Sunday school.

There were six members of our church who signed pledge cards of The Fellowship Crusade.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is doing fine having 13 active members.

JOSEPHINE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

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Community Church, Thomasville.—Several Sundays ago we were favored by a program by the High Point college choir. Their program was one of the best of its kind in the history of our church. After the service members of the choir were invited to the basement where a picnic lunch was served by the Auxiliary.

Our Auxiliary has been doing quite a bit of work this year. During January and February we cleared around $100.00.

Last Sunday evening we held our Thank Offering service which was under the direction of Miss Lele Maude Boyles. Mrs. J. Clyde Auman spoke on her experiences as a missionary in Japan. After her splendid talk the roll was called and the Auxiliary president, chairmen of the different circles and a delegate from each class came to the front and presented their offerings. Each had a candle which was lighted from the leader's candle. The church was effectively lighted with candles.

We have done quite a bit of work on our church property. The church has had a new roof, the Sunday school rooms are being repainted and floors that have been cracked or are otherwise unsatisfactory are being torn up and relaid. The pianos have been tuned recently also.

We are working on the Fellowship Crusade and we are planning a revival for the Easter season.

MRS. H. B. GREEN, Reporter.

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Flag Spring Church, Why Not Charge, C. H. Hill, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday morning, March 6, and brought a most helpful message, taking his text from Matthew 15:8, his subject was "Sincerely." We were also glad to have with us Rev. W. F. McDowell, of Asheboro. He is to preach for us the fourth Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in this month.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. C. A. Lewallen March 4 at 7:30. Mrs. C. T. Luck had charge of the devotions, the president, Mrs. E. C. Cox, had charge of the business meeting. Twelve members and three visitors were present. An interesting program was carried out, after which the hostess served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Clarence Cox on April 1.

We are sorry to report our pastor's wife is not so well at the present. We pray for her a speedy recovery.

MRS. C. D. COX, Reporter.

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New Hope, Why Not Charge, C. H. Hill, Pastor, March 7.—There has been no report from this church for several weeks, but we've been having services just the same.

Our community has been visited by an epidemic of measles which has kept a lot of our folks out of Sunday school. But most of them were able to be back at church last Sunday.

We are still having two preaching services each month. Brother Hill was present last Sunday morning with a very good crowd present.

We are very sorry to report our assistant pianist, Mrs. Jesse King, who has been in declining health for several months, will enter a High Point hospital this week for treatment. We hope and pray for her a speedy recovery.

Miss Eva Williams, of Haw River, who has been a faithful member of our Sunday school for the past two years has returned to her home.. We were sorry to have her leave our classes.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Stuart, of Burlington, visited Mrs. Stuart's mother, "Aunt Betty" Williams Sunday. Aunt Betty is one of the oldest members of this church, being past 80 years, but she is very active for her age, and always cheerful in spite of her aches and pains.

REPORTER.

BETTER PASTORAL SUPPORT

Address Delivered at the Quarterly Assembly at Lebanon Church by Rev. W. H. Neese

Personally, I would prefer to hear this subject presented from the standpoint of a layman, rather than to discuss it myself. We pastors are already well informed as to the necessity of better support from those we serve. A salary inadequate to meet the daily requirements of a pastor, embarrasses him and impairs his usefulness.

It is not my purpose in this address to deal exclusively with the financial side of pastoral support.

Before considering the financial phase of our theme, I want to call attention to the fact that certain other phases of the subject are of paramount importance.

One time a certain minister who had been very influential and successful noticed that his church was slowly slipping backward. He thought best to resign, and so expressed himself publicly. A business meeting was called with the hope that their pastor might be persuaded to remain with them. The minister, in his remarks, explained that the reason for his contemplated resignation was due to his having lost his Prayer Book. He further explained that his many years of usefulness as their pastor was due to the fact that back of him was a praying church. But now a period of recession has set in because the church has ceased to pray. From this meeting the church became a praying church. The pastor stayed, the church grew mightily and prospered.

During the persecution of the early church we are told that Peter was put in prison. Herod intended to punish the minister, and curb the church's progress. The church back home immediately went to prayer for his release. They met, presumably, in small groups, and prayed; individuals, alone, also prayed. We all know the happy result of this praying church.

By reason of advanced age, and the exacting demands of his day, Moses, the servant of the Lord, grew weary in the heat of battle. Standing alone without proper support, Moses would have failed. Helpers, supporters, came to his rescue in the persons of Aaron and Hur. Sensing Moses' need, they provided a seat, even a stone, for the venerable servant of God. Standing, one on either side, they held up his hands with a tenacious and unfaltering grip.

Aaron and Hur loved and respected Moses, to be sure; but the prime motive back of their support was the position Moses occupied, and the cause he represented. The same support given to Moses would have been given to any other servant commissioned by Jehovah as his representative.

A church may be too critical of their pastor as a man. The cut of his hair, his manner of dress, the car he drives, may not appeal favorably to everyone. As are result, the pastor becomes an unsupported victim of a low concept of his exalted position. One thing the church needs to learn, or relearn, is that the cause represented by the pastor and the position he ocupies, is a fundamental reason why a church should support its leader.

Many a pastor has gone from his pulpit to the parsonage, with heavy hands and a broken heart, because neither Aaron nor Hur would stand by his side and hold him up.

We pastors are familiar with the following expression, "The pastor is the key man"—the key man to this situation, and to that. In a sense this is true, but I don't like the general and indiscriminate implication. The pastor is the key, I grant. But I know of nothing more helpless than a key, until an Aaron or a Hur has put forth his hands, giving loyal support.

I have in mind a church that I served for four consecutive years, several years ago, that graced every honor roll every year. I

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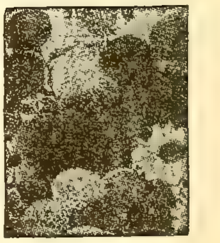

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am of the opinion that it has not broken this record. In this particular church, every special day was observed, and every financial obligation was met. I never mentioned special days, salary, or conference claims. No need to. Loyal laymen looked after these interests. It was not because this speaker was pastor, but it was the natural, normal expression of loyalty to the cause they loved.

I wish that I might be able to say something that would fire the souls of those with whom we serve, with a passion for supporting-service, in the cause we represent. We pastors need the prayers of the church, words of encouragement, and cooperation. We will fail to reach our high objectives without it. For the matter of real pastoral suport, it makes but little difference to the church, and to the individual, who the pastor is. No pastor will lack proper support whose church sees further than the man, and magnifies the message, and glorifies the cause.

Examining table four in our last conference Journal, I discovered that more than 30 charges did not exceed $1,000 salary paid. Many above these figures are far too low. Oftentimes a charge is rated according to the salary paid, and the pastor measured by the salary he receives. A small salary is not an infallible index of a charge's financial ability. Receiving a meager salary is no reliable gauge as to the measure of the man receiving it. Many charges that pay a small salary do so more from custom and habit, than from actual poverty. Many churches and many charges have been stunted and their growth retarded, because they would not provide ample financial suport for their pastor. In turn, the underpaid pastor is measured by the public, and labeled "below the average." Else, they say, why not better suport? When our conference measures a man, and finds that he meets the specifications required, and then sends him to a field for service, he is worth the very best financial aid that his charge can supply.

Mr. Carey, with a consuming passion for a lost world, threw out to his brethren this personal challenge, "I'll go down into the pit, if you will hold the ropes." This challenge is duplicated today, every time a man offers his soul upon the altar, as a minister of Jesus Christ. A pastor's financial success or failure, as well as success or failure in administering in the deeper things of the kingdom, depends upon those who have agreed to hold the ropes.

Every pastoral charge must provide a salary commensurate with the essential needs of pastor and family. No pastor can meet the demands of his people, and render maximum service, when weakened by a lack of financial support. The church must not rest at ease even when current necessities are provided for. A wide-awake church with a vision will provide for a surplus, so that the accumulations of the years of activity will take care of the supperannuate's needs during the period of inactivity and inability. The church will never stand acquitted before itself, nor before the bar of public opinion, nor before the bar of God, until it exalts more highly the pastors and its superannuates. The measure of material support given by a church, or by an individual, to these two types of men, is an unmistakable revelation of their conception of, and their appreciation for the church that was ordained to save the world.

It is this speaker's opinion that we are nearing the day when the church must enlarge its support, financial and otherwise. It MUST do better, or it WILL do worse. I shall not attempt to paint a picture of the result of following the latter course. The mere contemplation of such conditions would stagger even the strong. But let us take the optimistic view and expect a better day; a day of increasing interest in every phase of pastoral support.

I am going to close this message stating the practical way that I as pastor desire to be supported. I believe that each one of you pastors will share with me in this craving. In the first place, I would like to see the whole church in Sunday school, plus all the unchurched in the community. I would like to be held up in prayer in this service. In the service that follows I crave the presence of the whole group—everybody remaining for the preaching service. I desire to be supported by congregational singing, and the use of standard hymns, by reverence for the House of God, interest in the message, backed by ferevent prayer. I would like for every member to give of his means according as God has prospered him. If I help anybody, I would like to be told about it I would like to know. I crave to have all members like Aaron and Hur, who will back me up in every good work that I as pastor may undertake to put across.

Whenever we pastors receive the support suggested in this address, we will rejoice in the spiritual results, our financial problems will be solved, and the period of superannuation will be looked forward to as a haven of rest. God speed the day when such well deserved support shall be yours and mine.

THE INFLUENCE OF FLOWERS

We are so glad that so much interest is being taken at the different churches to beautify the church grounds. We shall never know how much it means to the church and neighborhood to plant shrubbery and flowers also at the church.

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But what of the one who gave that plant? Was he or she not a benefactor? And could you not do as much by encouraging the love and culture of flowers in your neighborhood? No more effective missionary work can be done in any place. So may we do the little things in the daily walk of life, for they are the things that will become big things.

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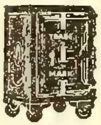

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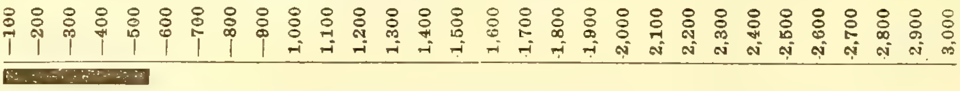

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REV. N. G. BETHEA
Subscription Booster

The writer of this column is inclined to think that things would go on better if he would stay away or leave this corner to something more important. Just look what healthy lists have come in lately! That is fine to see them growing in that way. Not big ones likes we have some times, but a steady growth from so many means much in the aggregate.

Here comes Dr. Bates with a fine list for week before last. He tops the rest with more money. He has a system, and he works his system to that degree that success comes. Look up his record for last year, not only for the Herald but for all claims. Who says business methods will not work in the church as well as anywhere else? Thank you, Doctor. And then a great big "thank" you, to the felks who helped you do it by responding.

I have been down among the oranges, in fact brought a bag back with me, given me by my brother, but they do not look as good to me as that big batch of subscriptions which put Morris ahead from Orange charge last week. Fine for you, young fellow. That young man has lots to encourage him to get things done. Got some of the best people we have to work with, and a fine young wife to keep him going. All new! Why shouldn't a fellow succeed. But some have all that and fail to get much done. Wish you fellows that have such a knack at getting these things over would tell us how to do it by writing a short article of about 300 words. Send to me and I will be glad to give as many as will do it my corner for awhile. Not tired of my job, but that might induce some to make an effort that have so many blank spaces, especially on the subsidy side. And by the way that leads me to say that the amounts from Davidson charge and Friendship church kept us from having two weeks blank on subsidy. Thank you very much folks.

I am glad to be back on the job and if I did write a few more words than I am supposed to, remember it's two weeks crowded into one this time.

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Nisson Whitfield Gordon

Nisson Whitfield Gordon was born in Guilford county, N. C., on the 18th day of February, 1856, and died on the 9th day of February, 1938, lacking nine days of being 82 years old.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Pegram Gordon; two sons, W. N. Gordon, of San Diego, Cal.; and R. C. Gordon, of Summerfield, N. C.; three daughters, Mrs. Lillie Pegram of Stokesdale, N. C., Mrs. J. B. Harrison of Kernersville, N. C., and Mrs. V. O. Jones of Kernersville, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. James Angel, of Winston-Salem, N. C.; 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Brother Gordon was born and reared on the farm where he spent his life. He and Mrs. Gordon had been married about 52 years, having celebrated their golden wedding anniversary about two years ago. Brother Gordon had been a member of Bethel M. P. church for 62 years. He gave himself unstintedly to the service of Christ. In his passing our loss is only physical because we still have with us in tender memory our dear friend, beloved neighbor and the great tower of moral and spiritual strength which his life and daily Christian being exemplified.

The funeral service was conducted in Bethel M. P. church by J. A. Burgess; Rev. J. C. Preston, of the Christian church; J. R. Hutton and C. B. Way, former pastors and his body laid to rest in the nearby cemetery.

J. A. BURGESS.

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The Willing Workers

I have often seen the name, "The Willing Workers' Class," and I always thought it must represent a fine group of workers. Let us think of the willing workers who may be found in our Churches and of those who ought to be there. In the fortieth Psalm the author interprets for us the true spirit of these willing workers when he says, "I delight to do thy will, O my God; I have preached righteousness in the great congregation; lo, I have not refrained thy lips, O Lord, thou knowest. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation. I have not concealed thy loving kindness and thy truth from the great congregation." Have you ever witnessed or read a more wonderful testimony? I have read no book on preaching that presents a greater challenge to the preacher to do his best. I have seen no teacher training course that offers the would-be teacher a finer way to become a successful teacher. Here is the recipe, "I delight to do thy will, O my God." If any one is without such a desire, there is no course in theology, or psychology or pedagogy—no teacher training course can suuply what he lacks. All of these cannot substitute for the spirit which moved the Psalmist in his service to the Lord.

Recently a young man was asked why he did not select his life work and begin to live in earnest. He replied, he would be glad to do it, but he did not know of a trade or a profession that he wanted to follow. How pathetic; it is really tragic. But would it not be even more tragic were a minister who had been ordained to the ministry to find himself without the desire to perform the duties required by his ordination? And how unfortunate it would be for one who is chosen to teach, to have no real love for the truth he is expected to teach; and for a member of the Church to discover that he did not want to live the Christian life his Church required of him. How stale the sermons, how dull the service, how uninteresting the Church people to such a one.

But to find those who delight to preach, who delight to teach, who delight to serve; how dynamic such a life becomes. And how unquelchable is he who can say with the Psalmist, "I have not refrained my lips, O Lord thou knowest." It surely requires great courage to speak the truth sometimes. There is now in some German prison a preacher because he did not fear to speak the truth. He most likely will be put to death. But whether Martin Niemoeller is put to death or is set free, he will be held in high honor and placed by the side of another Martin who defied the powers that be for the sake of truth. And after all, should not our service be evaluated by the spirit which motivates it? He who delights to serve is a better servant, although his technique is no better than those who serve through compulsion. And he who delights to preach, to teach, to worship will surely excel those who do it because it is allotted them to do. Let us all try to find, try to develop, more workers who delight to do the will of the Lord, and form of us who, although scattered over the country, a Willing Workers' class. And the best way for this to be done, is for me to join that class, and for all the other preachers to become members, and then—ah, then; yet lots of others will want to join.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Consecration :: Co-operation :: Consolidation

CONSECRATION—let us devote our energies and talents to the work to which we are called.

CO-OPERATION—let us willingly, gladly, work with others who are likewise called to do the work of the Lord.

CONSOLIDATION—while our individual tasks may be small and insignificant, yet when joined with others they are of greater value.

WWBF—We Would Be Faithful

The Children's Home Offerings

So far this Conference year I have not said much about finances for the Children's Home for the reason that there were so many other things to claim my attention. But no one who is interested in the Home could read Dr. Dixon's letter in the Herald last week without feeling considerable concern about the situation. This letter stated that many Sunday Schools had greatly reduced their offerings to the home and that as a result the income is not sufficient to meet the operating cost. While it is true that some of our people are out of work and do not have as much to give as they once had, it is also true that a great many people are still in comfortable circumstances. I am wondering if the fact that the Home got out of debt last year did not give a great many people the feeling that it was not necessary to give as much as formerly and I am wondering if pastors and others have not ceased to some extent to appeal for a liberal offering for the Home because it has been out of debt. But whatever the reason, it behooves all of us to see to it that this institution which has meant so much to our Church and to orphan children does not suffer. Get out the Herald of last week, look up Dr. Dixon's article and then do something about it. A liberal offering from every Sunday School will help.

A Day on Chatham Charge

Last Sunday was spent on Chatham Charge with Rev. Charles Sharpe, Jr., as pastor; the 11 o'clock appointment being at Hickory Grove, the 2 o'clock appointment being at Flint Ridge and the 4 o'clock appointment at Zion. The unusual thing about these three Churches is that while they are not many miles apart they are in three different counties. Hickory Grove is some two or three miles southeast of Liberty in Randolph County. My real purpose in going to these Churches at this particular time was to administer the Lord's Supper. In as much as Brother Sharpe, the pastor was licensed to preach after the last session of the Annual Conference he has not been licensed to administer the ordinances. Hence my visit.

We arrived at Hickory Grove in time for Sunday School. There were sixty-seven present and the most of them entered heartily into the service. This Church does not have separate Sunday School rooms but all the classes are in the auditorium. Two of our ministers, Rev. W. M. Pike and Rev. A. O. Lindley live in the community and both were in the Sunday School and Church service, Brother Lindley assisting in the communion. In so far as I was able to judge the entire Sunday School remained for the Church service. It was a pleasure to preach to them and they were attentive to the message.

Moving on over to Flint Ridge in Alamance County for the first of the afternoon appointments, we found a very small congregation, in fact the smallest that I have preached to this year. Of course the fact that it was an extra appointment and very early in the afternoon had something to do with it. This was the largest Church building visited during the day and the Church is located in a rather attractive grove. The building consists of an auditorium and two Sunday School rooms, however, no Sunday School is being held there now and the membership is somewhat small, only about twenty-five being on the roll. This Church formerly belonged to the Alamance Charge. While the congregation was small and was made up entirely of men, I brought to them the most encouraging message I could and I hope it will be helpful.

Arriving at Zion Church at 4 o'clock we found that the burial service for Mrs. Hoke Siler, one of the most faithful members of the Church, was still in progress with a large throng of people present. It was necessary for us to wait until rather a late hour to begin the service here, however, a fair sized congregation remained and it was a pleasure to speak to them. Here, as at the other two Churches the Communion service was held. This Church is located in Chatham county rather between Staley and Siler City. While the membership is not large yet they do have some very faithful ones. The pastor testifies to the fact that they are always very ready to cooperate in everything that is for the good of the Church. At each service I presented briefly the Fellowship Crusade before preaching. Cards had already been given out by the pastor and these are to be returned at an early date. This is Brother Sharpe's first year in the pastorate and he divides his time between Shady Grove and Chatham Charge. The people speak highly of his efforts and he seems to be held in high esteem. It was a pleasure to have him as my traveling companion during the day. This explains why I have used the expression, "we" several times in this article. When I was editor of the Herald I made up my mind that when I got rid of the paper I was going to leave the editorial "we" to the editor and say "I."

Easter Services

It is only a few weeks until Easter will be here. Let each Church do its best to have an Easter ingathering and an Easter service with a good offering for World Service. Better order the literature now. Send order for Easter programs to Dr. G. W. Haddaway, 516 North Charles street, Baltimore, Md., at once.

Appointments

Sunday, March 20—Union Grove at 11; State Street at 7:30 p. m.

Monday, March 21—Central Pastors' Federation at Tabernacle at 10:30.

Tuesday, March 22—Western Pastors' Federation, Bess Chapel, 10:30 a. m.

Sunday, March 27—Mecklenburg Charge: New Hope, 11; Antioch at 2:30 and Stallings at 7:30 p. m.

J. E. Pritchard.

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The Central Pastors' Federation is to meet at Tabernacle Church, Monday, March 21. Rev. R. C. Stubbins, president.

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A Message in Verse

THE DAY IS COMING

Come then, since all things call us, the living and the dead,
And o'er the weltering tangle a glimmering light is shed.
Come then, let us cast off fooling, and put by ease and rest,
For the Cause alone is worthy till the good days bring the best.
Come, join in the only battle wherein no man can fail,
Where whoso fadeth and dieth, yet his deed shall still prevail
Ah! cast off all fooling, for this at least we know;
That the dawn and the day is coming, and forth the banners go.

—*William Morris.*

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Slain by Fag

People who cannot face a dark outlook with faith, who are unable to meet discouraging situations with courage; people who give up, quit, when the task gets difficult to perform; these are they who are slain by Fag. There are many among us who can better meet bitter opposition than they can endure the silent, monotonous days of changeless toil. To go from day unto day laboring, enduring, may be suffering, and see no change, requires a faith, a courage, far greater than to meet a foe who dares and taunts us like Goliath dared the shepherd lad. Many of us may need to have daily evidences of victory, to be frequently reminded of the certainty of success, to urge us on in our tasks. But when we plod we faint. In other words, the assignments for service given to many of us must be such that we cannot fail at. Let us turn that short Epistle St. Paul wrote Titus. Titus had been left at Crete to work among the natives there, and Paul writes this line about the folk he is to work with, "The Creatans are always liars, evil beasts, idle gluttons." What a description of Titus' task. But this young man could stand a lot of drab monotony; fag did not seem to phase him. He could walk and not faint. So when you are tempted to quit because you cannot see any signs of progress; when the worst day of the worst task comes, remember that what we possess today that we really prize came as the results of men like Titus whose tasks were never so dull that they quit. Like Judson preaching and teaching in Burma for seven years before he saw his first convert. And like Bunyan staying in jail for twelve years for the privilege of preaching. How much alike must have been those dreary days to him; but he failed not. Most failures occur to those who are unwilling to keep on even though failure seems imminent. Just now there are many evidences of the religious teacher and worker having to do his work all over again. Shall we? Or will we surrender to fag? We are a restless people; must see results at once or we quit. Think of the past. The greatest gift those heroes had was their faith. It is to their credit and to our good that they endured. Suppose Abraham had ceased the quest for the Promised Land after a few weeks of travel. Suppose Moses had been as impatient as most of us? Suppose the early disciples had been like us—expecting the people to cooperate with them as soon as they landed on the field? Well, there would be no Christian Church today. Who wants to have written on his tombstone, "He died of fag? He grew weary at the long days of wearisome toil and fainted?"

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RESOLUTION ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Adopted by High Point Ministerial Association

Whereas, We are opposed to the discrimination against certain corporations and industries in High Point; and

Whereas, We do not favor compulsory religion in any form and we do not believe that the proposed blue law has this purpose; and

Whereas, We consider it our privilege and duty to take a stand against the desecration and commercialization of the Sabbath; and

Whereas, We feel that our group is representative of the religious mind of High Point College;

Therefore Be it Resolved, That the Ministerial Association of High Point College goes on record in favor and support of the original resolution made by the Farris-Andrews Bible class for a proposed Sunday blue law.

Unanimously adopted.

A. C. Lovelace, Jr., *Secretary.*

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WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

We are very grateful to our friends in North Carolina who have contributed to our work. There are others, we know, who expect to make contributions. It is hoped that this may be done at an early date. Our school year is fast drawing to its close. In fact, it closes on April 30. Please get your contribution to us on or before that date. To date, March 12, the following amount has been received:

Previously reported	$243.70
(See Herald, March 3, Page 4)	
Bethel, Alamance Charge	2.00
Kannapolis	4.25
Asheville	5.00
	$254.95

Send your gift to C. E. Forlines, Westminster, Md.

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Pastor Troxler is reported seriously ill. A card as we go to press says that he has been carried to Duke hospital for observation and for treatment. Let us all pray for his complete recovery.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Aldersgate and the Students

The subject of Wesley's Aldersgate often comes up in class. I am well impressed with the attitude taken toward the matter, and wish to write a few points regarding the same.

First. I am impressed with the understanding students have of the Aldersgate event. They seem to know at once what is meant when you mention the incident and speak of Wesley's "heart warming experience." Evidently many students have read a good deal about the affair. So much literature has been distributed on the subject, especially among Methodists, that young people have caught the significance of the term. A reference to Aldersgate has come to be about as familiar as Plymouth Rock, Valley Forge, or Yorktown. Aldersgate of 1738 is rapidly taking its place among the other turning points in world affairs.

Too, I am impressed with the way students interpret the Aldersgate experience. They seem to reckon it as truly a spiritual visitation—a time when God broke through and took up His dwelling in a mortal man. Wesley's experience proved that the Eternal could and did possess a human life and employ that life to advance His glorious work. Even though John Wesley was highly educated, it was not his education from the minds of men that brought the inner light. Education cannot create nor take away the comradeship of God. And so, students attribute the "heart warming" event to the higher realms of being. The genius of religion, oneness with God, was manifested at Aldersgate.

Again, I am pleased with the manner in which students participate in the Aldersgate celebration. They like to share a place on the programs commemorating the great event. The youth meetings held recently in various cities under the direction of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, demonstrate my point. Bishop Kern declares that these young people's meetings have been crowded to the doors. It was my privilege to attend the program here in High Point, and I found college students participating in the service. These Aldersgate meetings make an appeal to youth for two reasons. In the first place they are led by strong personalities. I think the Churches have selected some of her finest men and women to appear on these special programs. Then, another thing, these meetings get down to business. They quibble not over petty shades of moral meanings or opinions of the fanatics. Rather they stress the very heart of religious experience—the inner comradeship of the Holy Spirit. Little is said about lipstick or evolution while much is said about finding the reality of God.

And thus I feel impressed by the response our college students give the Aldersgate occasion, and I hope that every local Church in planning a program for the eventful commemoration will give a fair and reasonable role for the boys and girls.

KEEPING THE BODY STRONG

(A Personal Aspect of Temperance)

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, March 20, 1938

By REV. O. L. EASTER

Lesson Text — Mark 6:53-56; Judges 13:12-14; I Cor. 3:16-17; Romans 12:1-2.

Golden Text—"Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing."—Judges 13:4.

In the lesson this week we are confronted with a problem which on the surface seems to be one for society through science and medical skill to solve, rather than for the church in the name of religion. For in the working out of the problem of keeping the body strong we find ourselves concerned with such fleshly matters as bodily exercise, correct diets, proper housing, length of hours for human labor, etc. Now the question presents itself here to the Church and asks, Can the Church in the name of religion concern itself with such material and earthly matters when its mission is to deal directly with the soul of man? Our training in the Scriptures said words to the effect that the soul is a distinct entity from the body. Paul says that there are two realms of experience in man ,the fleshly and the spiritual. He goes so far as to say that not only are they separate and distinct but also they are at enmity with each other. For to be carnally-minded is death; but to be spiritually-minded is life and peace: because the carnal mind is enmity against God." Here we have our religious leaders anxiously trying to have us put first things first by minimizing the things of the body which seem to be the easiest emphasized and over-emphasizing the things of the spirit to the point that at certain periods in religious history the Church has been led astray from the full abundant life as brought by Christ. In the middle ages we had the Church reacting to this emphasis and sending its constituents into the desert caves to live as hermits from their fellowmen and to torture and starve their mortal bodies that they might give full sway to their immortal souls. In light of these lessons from the life of Christ, however, we see that it did so at the expense of both body and soul. For try as we may we are not able to ultimately separate the functions of the soul or the body from their mortal relationship with each other. We have, of course, recognized in death the power that forever separates their abode together on this earth, but even this does not sever the immortal relationship of the body to the soul. The Holy Scripture teaches that in that spiritual world into which our souls move that the eternal welfare of the soul will be determined by its account as the deeds "done in the body."

Jesus did not come into the world to be a divine social welfare worker, neither was He by choice a physician but in these studies we have seen Him feed the multitude, heal the sick on occasions that He needed to have been preaching the salvation for the soul, because He early realized that hungry and diseased bodies blocked His approach to hungry and diseased souls within them. Often the Church of Christ looks round about its borders today and sees men drowning their bodies in the present overflow of intoxicants turned loose upon them by their government, when it sees housing and labor conditions that are wrecking the physical and moral welfare of millions of human beings, when it sees immoral forces for the sake of money wrecking the Sabbath Day—I say when the Church of Christ sees this and ceremoniously shrugs her shoulders and raises not her voice and her forces against such evils then she is failing to put her hands to the plow in the name of Him who touched the unclean leper and met the fierce cries of the demoniac with healing for their bodies and peace and joy for their souls.

Many issues that have vital moral affects upon mankind in our country have been placed in custody of political machinery and the Church is harassed by those within and without her fold who cry out that religion must not be mixed up in politics. It may well be said here that politics should not be with religion but most surely religion in its highest sense should be mixed wtih political matters. If as Paul says we have heavenly treasures of the Spirit in earthen vessels of the body it is divinely important that we honor and protect this clay vessel for the treasurer's sake. The Church must forever hold before us in this life the fact that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. It should cry out to all men the words of Isaac Watts:

Great God! On what a slender thread
Hang everlasting things!
The eternal states of all the dead
Upon life's feeble string.

BROTHER J. D. MORRIS WRITES

As I contemplate the future I get afraid, as the Old Prophets did, for those who are so liberal in their young days always get to be the most Conservative in their older days, for if it were not so things would fly to pieces. A girl who flits and cares not for danger-spots while young, gets very careful for her girls when she is a mother. So with men. It is, as it should be. Since we have more active young people than older people, the thing seems to be running away you see; for they are all active and put out all they have, and the older have not the energy they once had to offset the effect. How shall we balance the thing to hold the Church and State? To keep making progress as we should and keep our National security, and our Church loyalty? Now we have been able to find the danger-point, so what is the remedy? We cannot ignore the energy of the young, neither can we ignore the council of the aged. Either one without the other, is illogical and unsound. There is no hope to balance this maladjustment with ignorance. There is hope in an educational program sponsored by both the young and aged, that respects the good intentions and energy of youth, and also respects the council and advice of the aged. A house divided cannot stand. In union there is strength. This is just as applicable in peace, as in war. There have been a few deserters in war, but they were the minority and not the majority—has always been so. There are some who will not accept this program, but not the majority.

Too many teachers are laying too much emphasis on youth assertion and not enough emphasis on youth direction. Others are laying too much emphasis on the old beaten paths that leave no hope for youth to explore the frontiers. They say our fathers wrought and achieved. They tell us they made many mistakes, but the achievement was worth the adventure. Youth says we want a chance on the frontiers, that we may achieve as our fathers did. But the voice ever comes back—it is for you to remain in the old beaten paths. It is impossible to remain in the old beaten paths and make progress in anything. Had that been so, the railroads would be narrow gauge yet. Or better yet, we would be transporting our freight on the backs of Coolies as China.

To save the state, in time of war, brains and experience must cooperate with energy minus fear. The aged have the first, youth has the second. An old man in his dotage is as disastrous as a young man in his nonage. An old man for advice, a young man for courage.

To save the Church the aged and the young must learn to cooperate and neither suspect the other. There should be both the aged and the young on every board. In some Churches, the old board has been re-elected till they can hardly see with magnifying goggles. In such Churches the youth feel that they have been ignored and shunted, and they have. Some Churches have practically all offices filled by the young. In such cases the aged feel they have been ignored and shelved, and they have.

I know Churches that have not a member of any board, or office under thirty years of age. There are some that have not an official over forty. In my opinion a very disagreeable maladjustment. A Church cannot succeed that shelves the older, nor can it succeed that disregards the younger. Why do the older want to forever hold every position in the Church I cannot understand. Why do the younger behave so as to cast a reflection on the older as though they were not capable of holding any office, the angels cannot understand. It is my opinion that the more agreeably the aged and the youth are mixed in an official capacity, the more sound and lasting progress will be made in the Church.

Why do so many Churches have a Sunday School crowd, and a different Church crowd? If a Church cannot mix its Sunday School crowd with its Church crowd it has a condition more lamentable than Jerusalem has with the Jews and Arabs. There is not a reason for this situation, but a very grave fault somewhere. Again, why do not the older folks come to Sunday School, and why do not the younger folks stay for Church? Evidently these groups are not cooperating. Just think if a Church as a whole cannot get its groups to cooperate, is it reasonable to believe that the Republicans and Democrats should do what the Church is unable to do. How about this effort that is being put forth to get the Jews, Catholics and Protestants to cooperate in fighting against sin in the social order, when our own groups—the Church group and Sunday School group are not cooperating in Church attendance. Better get out some motes from our own eyes, before we go a log-rolling to get beams out the eyes of blind government operation — Blind Nazism — Communism — Fascism. The Church must set an example of COOPERATION.

J. D. MORRIS.

YOUR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL FOR 1938

Many Churches are making plans for Vacation Church Schools. This is a great opportunity for the local Church to do a constructive piece of work. Many testify that ofttimes in an intensive Vacation Church School a student will learn more about the Bible than he learns in a whole year's instruction in the Church School.

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F. L. Gibbs,
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Dept. of Religious Education.

FOOT NOTE TO HISTORY

During the siege of Paris in 1870, the food problem became acute; and within a month of the investment of the city by the Prussians its inhabitants were doing their best to believe that horse flesh was beef, and that cat was rabbit. By the middle of November, a good fat cat cost 20 francs; the ordinary household cat sold for one franc, and a fat sewer rat fetched one franc 50 centimes. Calling at one house, Henry Labouchere, English politician and writer, reported that the sole dish was a cat, surrounded, sausage like, by mice. He writes:

"All the animals in the Zoological Garden have been killed except the monkeys. These are kept alive from a Darwinian notion that they are our ancestors. Yesterday I had a slice of Polluck, one of the elephants, for dinner. It was tough, coarse and oily, and I do not recommend it. But cat is delicious—either smothered in onions or in a ragout."—*Hesketh Pearson, in Harper's.*

STRANGE SORT OF A CLOCK

In a little American backwoods town is a clock with no machinery except a face, hands a lever. The lever is connected with a geyser which shoots out an immense column of hot water every 38 seconds, each spout moving the hands forward 38 seconds. Since the spouting never varies a tenth of a second, the clock keeps perfect time.—*Reader's Digest.*

Dr. C. W. Bates conducted a most worshipful devotion at High Point Aldersgate meeting of our Methodist brethren and Dr. Pritchard presided at the morning meeting of that day. Several pastors from our Church were in attendance and enjoyed the splendid program.

The Director of the Fellowship Crusade has some dates open in April and will be glad to visit any Church and speak on the Crusade. Drop a card stating where and when you want him.

The Western Pastors' Federation is called to meet at Bess Chapel, Tuesday, March 22 at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. C. R. Ridge is president.

If the Churches of the world would unite they could force disarmament. You never will get peace by declarations authorizing war.—*David Lloyd George.*

Missionary Column

MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL, Editor
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THANK-OFFERING CALL

When March 31 comes the books for the N. C. Branch of Women's Work will close and it is prayerfully hoped, that the goal of $700 will have been reached. A recent report shows, some distance yet to go, but the Herald of last week announced, in various reports, observances for Sunday which will help wonderfully. Although it is a little late for the preparation of Thank Offering programs, will not each church at a regular service, Sunday school or Young People's service, take an offering for which credit will be given on both the Auxiliary budget and World Service? This will be a fine way to help with local church budgets. In case there is not an Auxiliary in your church, send offering directly to Mrs. Coy Kearns, Denton, and report amount to local church treasurer. The fall Thank Offering goal was reached for the first time in many years. WE MUST NOT FAIL.

Here's Another—the Minnis Fund

Much has been said about the "Prayer to Share" plan for India. As previously stated this plan was designed, as a plan by which $750 might be raised to defray one-half of amount of salary paid Mr. Minnis, our own North Carolina missionary to India. Approximately $350 is in sight and it is hoped and believed the other will be sent in, whereupon credit will be given on local church budgets (not Auxiliary, because this allotment was not included in last year's budget.) Friends do your utmost and let's go over with it.

MRS. Wm. C. HAMMER,
Sec. Thank Offering,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.

M. P. WOMEN IN TENTH DISTRICT HOLD RALLY MARCH 10

At Mt. Pleasant M. P. church on North Davidson charge on March 10, the women of district were represented except the churches on Mt. Zion charge. All pastors in district were present except the Mt. Zion pastor. There were between 80 and 90 people present, showing by their presence that they are interested in the work the women of the church are trying to do. Mt. Pleasant church led in attendance with 23; Pleasant Grove came second with 19, and Canaan, third, with 16. Mrs. W. H. Neese, chairman, presided. She was re-elected for another year. Mrs. A. H. Ragan, of Thomasville, was re-elected secretary, also. Mrs. Jas. T. Bowman, of Thomasville, led the devotions; Mrs. Alfred Craven gave the welcome address, and Mrs. Fred R. Love, responded. During the day special selections were rendered by a quartet each from Canaan and Spring Hill churches and a chorus by Pleasant Grove circle.

Mrs. R. M. Andrews, of High Point, assisted by Mrs. Jas. T. Bowman, and Mrs. A. H. Ragan reviewed the study book, "What Is This Moslem World?" In the absence of Mrs. J. Clyde Auman, who was kept away on account of sickness in the home, Mrs. J. E. Pritchard conducted a round table discussion in a very interesting way. Mrs. Pritchard also spoke on missionary education.

We were glad to have the following ministers present and to have words of encouragement from each of them: Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of the Annual Conference; Rev. E. O. Peeler, of Concord; Rev. J. Clyde Auman and Rev. Jas. T. Bowman, of Thomasville; Rev. Fred R. Love, Pleasant Grove and Rev. W. H. Neese, pastor of the church.

Rev. E. O. Peeler, of Concord, brought an interesting address on "Spiritual Life"; Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, of Thomasville, chairman of districts, spoke of the work of the district chairman.

An interesting feature of the Rally was a song sung in Japanese by Rev. J. Clyde Auman. A number of interesting reports were given from the different societies in the district, showing that the Women's Work has really been going forward.

During the noon hour a sumptuous dinner was spread in the Sunday school rooms and everyone present seemed to really enjoy this part of the day. All in all it is this writer's opinion that the day was well spent and we all are looking forward already to another district rally.

Mr. L. H. Hilton, Mr. C. M. Yokely and Mrs. G. L. Hilton also spoke words of encouragement. I'm sure the Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary enjoyed having the Rally meet with them. They had worked hard getting ready to entertain the visitors, not only the ladies but the men also did their part. It was the privilege of those who attended the Rally to use for the first time the new pews. A number of the men worked hard on Wednesday evening, getting the pews in place, ready for use on Thursday. We appreciate very much every one's cooperation in helping to make the Rally a success.

MRS. W. H. NEESE, Distrist Chmn.
MRS. A. H. RAGAN, Secretary.

NOTICE, AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS

The Williamses will be in North Carolina only a short time. Do you want them—If so please let me hear from you, as it is my duty to arrange their itinerary. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Williams of course will bring a message that all should hear. Everybody can't go to Branch meeting—so let's take advantage of their visit to North Carolina, and use them—just take an offering at the service, without any stress on amount, all above their expense will be turned over to the Branch. What we want is to let our people see and know our missionaries and learn about the work in the foreign field.

They are scheduled as follows: April 24, morning, Tabernacle; April 24, evening, Thomasville, First; April 25, evening, Kannapolis; April 26, evening, Concord; April 27 and 28, Branch meeting, Burlington; 29-30, open; May 1, evening, Asheboro.

Thanks for requests promptly.

MRS. H. C. NICHOLSON,
Box 27, Thomasville, N. C.

TO ALL LOCAL AUXILIARIES

Report blanks to be filled out for the past year's work have gone out to all local Auxiliaries. Two were sent to each Auxiliary, one to be filled out and returned to me and the other to be retained in your Auxiliary. An Efficiency Chart was included also. This with the report blank must be filled out and returned to me by April 1 or your report will not be included in the reports for our Branch meeting. These must be returned at letter postage rate. Officers, won't you please see that your report blank is filled out and returned? If for any reason you have not received your blanks, please notify me and I will be glad to send you one. I have mailed one to each Auxiliary I have on my list.

I am looking forward to your reports and hope that each Auxiliary has had a very successful year.

MRS. JAMES T. BOWMAN,
Cor. Sec. N. C. Branch.
Thomasville, N. C.

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Amount previously reported	$298.60
Bethesda S. S. Classes Nos. 9 and 10	2.00
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Mrs. G. C. Halton, Denton Auxiliary	1.00
Friendship Auxiliary, Fallston	1.00
Enfield, Mrs. Geo. Parker	1.00
Enfield, Mrs. Stanley Whitaker	1.00
Enfield, Miss Mary Whitaker	1.00
Enfield, Miss Susie Whitaker	1.00

Enfield Auxiliary	5.00
Men's S. S. Class, Canaan Ch., N. D.	1.00
Young Men's S. S. Class, Canaan Ch., N. D.	1.50
Young Men's S. S. Class, Spring Hill, N. D.	1.61
Young Ladies' Class, Spring Hill, N. D.	1.00
Men's S. S. Class, Spring Hill, N. D.	1.00
Thomasville, First Ch., Auxiliary	15.00
Julian Auxiliary	5.00
Friendship Auxiliary, Shiloh	4.00
Total contributions to date	$403.46

Let me urge that every church in the North Carolina conference which has not already made a contribution to this fund do so before the end of this month.

MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treas.,
N. C. Branch, Women's Work.

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ALCOHOL

Man's Dearest Health Hazard

The following article may be suggestive for a talk on "Temperance," to be used March 20—"Temperance Sunday":

There is no story of man so old as not to contain some reference to the drunkard or to the abuse of alcohol by prince or pauper.

Poets, philosophers and priests have praised and blamed it as a cause of happiness and misery.

Governments have lived off revenues from the liquor traffic and gone into debt to meet the cost of its human wastage.

What then do we know of the bearing of alcohol on health?

First, it is not necessary in the process of normal growth or development of the human body or mind at any age. Since alcohol cannot be disposed of by storage in the body, as foods may be, and by physical growth, it has no nutritive properties in the honest sense of this term.

Second, alcohol acts almost exclusively not by a stimulant but by a depressant effect upon the centers of the brain and spinal cord as ether and chloroform do, and it is not recommended medicinally as a stimulant to the heart or circulation or for increasing the respiration.

The appearance of excitation which is apt to follow quickly upon the use of alcohol, especially when taken upon an empty stomach, results from a loss of the usual restraint which good sense and judgment, good taste and discretion, apply to our conduct. Alcohol removes the brakes or inhibitions which are man's chief safeguard against misbehavior and a brutish relation to his fellows. The effect of alcohol is not to stimulate but to permit one's reason to get out of control.

The effect of alcohol which is commonly sought by men and women, and which creates the chief temptation to its habitual use, is the sensation of escape from the ever-present hardships, anxieties, frustrations, and disappointments of life. The sensation is deceptive. The escape is not real, the difficulties remain and have to be met, and the user of alcohol is less able and ready to meet them after than before he drinks. This sensation is called *Euphoria*, an exaggerated feeling of temporary well-being; and it is due to loss of the usual consciousness of responsibility for oneself and due regard for others. The unsuccessful person, who suffers from a sense of inferiority or failure in his work, or family and social relations, when under the effect of alcohol seems to himself to be a person of ability and importance. For this reason, users of alcohol prefer each other's company, where all the world seems to them to be at its best, regardless of the facts of their particular situation, or of their own performance or limitations.

There are better ways of overcoming life's handicaps than by relying upon liquor, which deceives one by its drug effect upon the brain.

Third, alcohol in doses of whatever size improves in no respect one's resistance to infection whether to the common cold or to pneumonia or any of the infectious diseases.

Habitual users of alcohol, well within the limits of social moderation, are particularly susceptible to diseases of the respiratory tract, and stand the shock of accident and surgery badly.

The use of alcohol in moderation or otherwise does not prevent tuberculosis, does not favorably affect the course of this disease, and plays no part in the present-day successful treatment of tuberculosis patients.

Alcohol is a danger when used by a person exposed to severe cold weather, and aggravates the discomforts due to being overheated.

It is easy to show, however, that in the ordinary occupations and vocations of life the use of alcohol in amounts too small even to develop any appreciable outward effect nevertheless causes definite inferiority of performance, particularly in those reflexes of eye and ear and hand and foot upon which so much of life depends for its safety on the highway and in the factory.

The alcohol in one bottle of beer or in one cocktail is sufficient to cause a delay of 5 to 10 per cent in the normal reactions in the driver of a motor vehicle for the next couple of hours; a repeatedly verified fact which accounts for many of the tragedies of the road.

Alcohol is one of the few causes of illness and death which continue to rise in populous parts of the United States.

The admission rate of patients to hospitals for mental disease in New York state has been increasing steadily for some years past, and was never higher than at present.

The admission rate of patients suffering from acute and chronic alcoholism was never higher in New York city than it has been in the past year.

The death rate from cirrhosis of the liver, which is closely related to immoderate and long-continued use of alcohol, in all but a few cases, has been rising in various parts of this country since the repeal of prohibition.

All trades and occupations where alcohol is liberally used and particularly easy of access show mortality rates several times as high as those where alcohol is little or rarely used.

Quite apart from the economic wastage involved in the manufacture and consumption of alcoholic beverages there is a heavy and rising toll of lives damaged, lost and made unproductive or miserable by their use.

From 5 to 10 per cent of the income of the average wage earner in the larger cities of the United States is spent on alcoholic beverages. This amount, if diverted to food, clothing and shelter in these families, would prove a powerful incentive to general economic rehabilitation, and would go far to correct the errors of nutrition and environment from which the children of wage earners' homes so commonly suffer.

Alcohol is used less and less for medicinal purposes in our hospitals.

We still have to teach the man at the wheel of the motor car, as the locomotive engineer learned 40 or more years ago, that beer and whisky make the driver of powerful and increasingly rapid machines unsafe for the public highway.

It is well to remember that all nations have agreed to limit the sale and distribution of opium and cocaine to the needs of the sick for these drugs, and yet it is true that while the immediate effects of alcohol are less injurious and its habit-forming effect is slower and less universal than is the case with opium and cocaine, the aggregate of mischief being done to the health of the people of the United States each year is greater than that caused by all the other habit-forming drugs combined.

The Greeks had a system of life built around four cardinal virtues — wisdom, courage, temperance and justice. To these the Christians added faith, hope and love.

It is for our generation to deal honestly and effectively with man's self-chosen enemy, alcohol the depressant, narcotic, habit-forming drug, and to establish temperance, which is but another word for self-control and moderation in all things.

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HISTORY OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Once again I write just a note to urge all who read this to send 35c to Mrs. Mabel W. Russell, Box 1323, High Point, N. C., for a copy of the history of the M. P. Children's Home. Unless you have already done so. In that case, you might influence others to buy a copy. Mrs. Russell spent a great deal of time getting these facts together. You will enjoy reading it and it will bring to you more vividly the work being done by our Children's Home.

There are also several good pictures in the book which you will be interested in.

Mrs. Russell is planning to give to the Home all profits from the sale of these booklets.

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Kernersville S. S.	$ 4.60
Whitakers' S. S.	5.00
The Woman's Auxiliary, Whitakers, special for boys	10.00
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
Fairview S. S., Glen Raven	8.40
Moriah S. S.	4.50
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	3.93
Whitakers' Chapel S. S., Enfield	5.00
Tabernacle S. S., Tabernacle	10.00
Enfield S. S.	5.00
Mr. P. S. Bellamy, Enfield	5.00
Denton S. S.	8.55
New Hope S. S., Vance	2.00
State Street S. S.	5.20
Pleasant Hill S. S., Spring Church	2.38
Siler City S. S.	4.75
Sapling Ridge S. S., Alamance	3.70
Rehoboth, Granville	10.25
Love's Grove S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	4.80
Cedar Falls S. S., Richland, for quarter	11.15
Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.00
Macedonia, Seagrove-Love Joy	2.00
Friendship S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	6.00
Reidsville S. S.	10.20
Cedar Cliff S. S., Mt. Hermon	1.00
Ebenezer S. S., Greensville	5.00
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	4.59
Kannapolis S. S.	8.30
Mt. Pleasant S. S., Mt. Pleasant	7.60
Worthville S. S., Randleman	10.40
Stony Knoll, W. Forsyth, for quarter	9.00
Glen Raven S. S.	7.93
Concord S. S.	20.00
Calvary S. S., Greensboro	15.00
Concord, Saxapahaw	1.76
First Church S. S., Winston-Salem	7.00
Mt. Lebanon S. S., Randleman	4.00
Grace Church S. S., Greensboro	12.00
First Church S. S., Charlotte	5.02
Bethel, Randolph	5.00
Union Grove S. S.	2.55
Danville S. S., regular and birthday	3.50
Mizpah S. S., Haw River	1.56
Graham S. S.	8.96
Mt. Pleasant S. S., Mt. Zion	3.00
Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	8.84
Spring Hill S. S., N. Davidson	3.51
Pleasant Grove S. S.	15.00
Lebanon S. S., Spring Church	2.00
Mitchell's Grove S. S., Guilford	2.66

We are profoundly thankful for all help that comes, and we especially appreciate the increased and special offering which came during last week. Has our special letter reached your Sunday school yet? In that we said, "The depression hit us hard, but the recession has hit us harder. We have the children here, and we cannot send them away and yet we cannot support them on the present income." What are we to do about it? What will your answer be?

Clothing and Other Gifts

Young Girls' Mission club, Calvary, a package of crayons, 15 pencils, 4 tablets and 4 packages of notebook paper.

A friend, two suits for boys.

We are thankful for these gifts, and for the continued interest of our people in the Children's Home.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

A PERSONAL NOTE

One would be a very poor kind of a human being not to appreciate the many kind expressions of concern and sympathy that have come to me during the last week concerning the condition of my health. It is indeed heartening to know there are so many warm hearted friends throughout the conference who care. I thank you, and wish to say to you through the Herald that I am slowly improving, and am hoping soon to be back to normal.

The machinery of the body had run down until it refused to function properly. Several doctors have told me that I must slow up and rest a bit. At best that is going to be very difficult to do under the circumstances. Thirty years ago I had a complete physical breakdown in Henderson. It looked like the end was about in sight, but since then I have spent nine years in High Point as pastor of First church, five years as secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, five years as president of our Conference, one year as pastor of Liberty-Siler City, and nearly ten years here. All of which have been happy, but very strenuous years. I thank God for the privilege of service and the thousands of friends who have cheered along the way. God bless you every one.

Yours in His blessed service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

CLOTHING AND COUPONS

To the friends who are helping to clothe the children of the M. P. Children's Home:

First, we want to say thank you for all the gifts and any other help sent us last year. Especially for the school and Easter clothing sent for individual children. And just so gratefully for all the clothing sent undesignated. It all comes in so well. Then we want to say next that Easter is almost here again. And to say that the measurements sent you last fall will answer nicely for all for Easter. The clothing all fit so nicely, except a few were too long and we wrote about that to those sending them, that we are sure that the same measurements will answer. Will each one or each church, or Sunday school class or Auxiliary that is going to send us the Easter clothing just drop us a card saying that we may count on you. Then we will know what we will have to do. Thank you in His service.

Then we want to impress on each one that the coupons bring us a great deal of help. At the end of December I received a check for $91.95. This amount did not cost but an effort of a number of friends of the Home to gather together the coupons and send to me.

Up until the end of June the following are of double value: Octagon toilet soap, Octagon cleanser, Kirkman's cleanser, Kirkman's granulated soap.

I want to make a shipment about the middle of April, and am hoping that the check will be even larger, because of these double values. Your friends will be glad to give you these coupons if you will ask for them. The children of the Sunday schools will help and vie with each other if you tell them about these and how to go about getting them.

Let's see what a good hearty effort in cooperation will do during the year 1938. I believe we can make it the best year yet. We are going to keep account by states and the state sending in the most coupons during the year 1938 a friend has promised an award of $5 for whatever purpose the Branch wishes to use it. In a few days I hope to be able to send each Branch a letter explaining more about it. Meanwhile gather the coupons wherever you can get them, and have a good bunch to send in for the April shipment.

Thank you greatly.

In His name,
MARGARET K. DIXON.

WESTERN PASTORS' FEDERATION MEETING

Bess Chapel, Tuesday, March 22

10:30 a. m.—Devotional.

10:45—"The Place of Aldersgate in Modern Methodism," Rev. L. E. Mabry.

11:05—"Address," Dr. J. E. Pritchard, President of the Conference.

11:50—Business meeting; election of officers.

12:20—Lunch will be served by the ladies of Bess Chapel church.

Afternoon Session

1:30—Song service.

1:40—"What Is Right With the Church," Rev. O. C. Loy.

2:00—"The Fellowship Crusade," Dr. R. M. Andrews.

2:30—Round Table Discussion.

3:00—Adjournment.

Both pastors and people of this Federation are urged to attend.

C. E. RIDGE, Chairman.

GLEANINGS FROM ADDITIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY REPORTS

Tabernacle-Julian, Rev. Eugene A. Lamb, pastor. The day was observed in the Sunday school and morning service at Tabernacle; Sunday school and evening church service at Julian. Offering, $18.53.

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Thank-offering money sent in by March 31 will be credited on Auxiliary and World Service budgets.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Grace Church, Greensboro, J. Elwood Carroll, Pastor.—Considerable progress along all lines of church activities has been very noticeable since conference, and perhaps explains why no report has been sent in—we have been too busy to write. Our Sunday school, under the able leadership of Ernest Scarboro, has done exceptional work. The attendance for January was an increase of 38 per Sunday over the corresponding month of last year; and for February the attendance average was more than double. It read like this: Average Sunday attendance last year 82, average Sunday attendance this year 186, or an average Sunday increase of 104. The increase in attendance has been matched by a corresponding increase in offerings.

The monthly meeting of the Workers' Council has become the real planning session of our church school. We have a supper at 6:30 on Monday evening after each second Sunday. The attendance at Workers' Council runs from 20 to 30. This group has been functioning regularly for about three years and increases in work accomplished and planned.

Out of the Workers' Council came the plans for a stage to be erected in the Sunday school assembly room. The Woman's Auxiliary contributed $50.00 to the stage which cost approximately $150, and was built under the direction of our pastor. The stage workmanship and the beautiful curtains are in keeping with the remainder of the church plant. This addition gives opportunity for the presentation of plays and illustrated worship programs and fills a long-felt need.

All the Sunday school rooms have been renovated and beautified. All rooms have been painted, with the exception of a few which were painted a year or so ago. Each class has added pictures and many of them slipcovers for the chairs. Last Sunday was "visitation day" and the entire school went on a tour of the rooms. Awards for room improvement went to the primary department (Mrs. E. S. Wills, superintendent). Senior Girls (Mrs. W. E. Smith, teacher), and Junior department (Miss Brona Apple, superintendent.)

Our Sunday school worship programs for general assembly have been improved by the hard work of Superintendent Scarboro and the addition of an orchestra, under the leadership of Bynum R. Clapp. The orchestra has been organized about a month and has nine members. Congregational singing has improved with the purchasing of 50 additional hymnals, made necessary by our increased attendance.

Our church auditorium has been repaired and redecorated throughout. The draperies have been laundered and the woodwork thoroughly cleaned. Perhaps the shining brass chandeliers have created the greatest comment. This much needed renovation restored the church to its original beauty and is creating considerable comment about the city. Other general repair work on the building included replacement of a section of the roof over the organ room, and the installation of a main water line from the street to the church.

There are many incidents to report and personal items to narrate which are just as significant as the above, but we herewith sign off until next week.

Kannapolis, D. T. Huss, Pastor.—Our pastor sent in the report for last week, which was a very good one. As the reporter, I appreciate this very much and hope he will send in more during the coming months.

We are very proud to state that there has been $142.05 turned in during the past month from our various circles of the Women's Auxiliary. We feel very proud to have this amount of money turned in to the church budget. The girls' circle alone turned in $19.50. We are very proud of this group of girls who have indeed been a great help in the foundation of our church. The girls' circle will present a play for the general meeting of the Auxiliary, entitled "Local and Long Distance." This play is being directed by Mrs. G. L. Slawson, leader of the circle, and Miss Beatrice Cartner.

A large number of our children have been absent from our Sunday school for the past several Sundays, due to the many cases of measles and mumps. Some of our adults have been sick, also. We hope our entire membership will soon be up to its usual number.

Our pastor exchanged pulpits Sunday night with the Rev. E. W. Mills, pastor of the Midway Methodist church of this city, who delivered a very inspiring message.

OLLIE SLOOP, Reporter.

Littleton Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, March 7.—Due to the neglect of the reporter, no report has been made from our church for the past two months. But this does not mean that we are not accomplishing anything worth telling, for we as a body have never taken so much interest and cooperated as well before.

In our past two Auxiliary meetings there was a larger number present than usual, with the addition of several new members. And our Sunday school has increased considerably, with the congregation for church growing also as Mr. Trolinger from time to time delivers inspiring messages at the appointed hours.

At the present time our Auxiliary has taken on new life, with all the members interested in the work, plans and problems. A called meeting was held at one of the member's homes last Monday afternoon for the purpose of making plans to serve supper to the Lions club of this town. Everyone responded gladly to help with the supper. We hope to make this a success. The funds obtained from the supper will go on the painting and repairing of the church.

Along with our plans, the beautifying of the church grounds still holds an important place in our minds. Now that spring is nearly here, we want to get some shrubbery planted and other improvements made. I think this subject may be discussed at our next meeting, which will be Tuesday after first Sunday.

The president of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Williams, has been sick for some time and has not been able to attend the meetings or church or Sunday school, but is feeling much better now, and by the help of the good Lord, we all hope she may soon be well again.

In our last meeting, Mrs. King, Mrs. Morris and Miss Annie Perkinson were appointed as the special committee to visit the sick and make a report every month.

Our Sunday school now has a contest on to increase the membership. And it is a pleasure for everyone to see how the school grows from one Sunday to another. This past Sunday there were more present than have been since the drive began. The Sunday school was divided into the "Blues" and the "Reds." At one time the Blue side was ahead, but at the present time the Red side is leading. The defeated side is to give the winning side a social as a reward.

The past third Sunday morning we received two new members into the church. They were members of Weaver's Chapel.

With the help of God and His people, we hope to accomplish much good, and make this one of our most successful years.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

First Church, Thomasville, James T. Bowman, Pastor, March 14.—Our work continues to move along very nicely. Attendance at all services is good. During the past month we have received two new members into our church.

On the fourth Sunday evening in February the Woman's Auxiliary held their thank-offering service. At this time Mrs. H. C. Nicholson brought a splendid message on the work of the Auxiliary. The offering for this service amounted to over $40. This department of the church has done a fine piece of work during the past year and expects to go to the branch meeting with a good report.

Yesterday seemed to be an unusual day for us. During the Sunday school hour the men's and women's Bible classes were combined and taught by Rev. John M. Hayes, a Baptist minister of this town. His message was very effective and inspirational. We were glad to have him with us and teach these classes for us at this time. During the morning services our beloved superannuated minister, Rev. W. F. Ashburn, arrived to worship with us. He came in too late to bring the message at the morning worship hour, but stayed with us and at the evening worship brought a splendid message. It was a great joy to have him with us in our church services and in our homes.

JAMES T. BOWMAN, Pastor.

Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, T. M. Johnson, Pastor, March 13.—Rev. T. M. Johnson filled his regular morning and evening appointments, bringing very helpful and inspiring sermons. Personally, I think each message grows better. We know he is a man of God, and it just inspires our soul so much to have such a fine man with us.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Bennette gave a singing Saturday night, March 5, in honor of their son, Manley's, birthday. There was a large host of friends gathered to join in the singing. We had the new church hymnals so that we might practice some of the new songs. There was some special music rendered by the Foster sisters and Brannon sisters. All present reported a very nice time.

The Christian Endeavor society is practicing a pageant for Easter.

The Willing Workers' class is still working hard in the contest they are having. The teacher, Mrs. C. W. McClimon, started this contest some time ago to build up our Sunday school. The class is divided into three groups. Each group has a captain, as follows: Mrs. Harold Burnette, group No. 1; Mrs. R. T. Bennette, group No. 2, and Miss Hortense Foster, for group No. 3. Every new member counts two stars, and visitors count one star, and all of the same group being present with 100% receives a star. Our teacher and group captains are working hard and pushing forward, and we hope the rest of the members will continue to help them. The side that has the most stars at the end of the contest will be given a party by the two losing sides. The class set aside the second Sunday of March to see if they could get 40 in roll. Did they? They really got 41! The room was filled to its capacity. Our teacher, Mrs. McClimon, brought the gospel trio from the Church of God of Greer to bring us a message in song. We really did enjoy the singing. Also we had another treat. Our teacher brought Mrs. Louie White, of Greer, to teach this young band of girls. We feel sure that everyone enjoyed this message. The class has been taking up a special offering each Sunday to help fix our room up and other things if necessary. Pray for our class that we might be shining lights for our Master.

Rev. T. M. Johnson was dinner guest Sunday, March 13, with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Foster and family.

The regular prayer meetings are still held on Wednesday nights of each week. On March 2 Miss Hortense Foster led. We were glad to have Mrs. J. K. Poole back in prayer meeting after being confined to her bed for some time. We had several visitors with us that night. Our pastor, Mr. Poole, Mrs. Foster, Mr. W. M. Compton, and others made some very interesting talks on the subject. On Wednesday night, March 9, Miss Elaine Harrison conducted the prayer service. On Wednesday night, March 16, the Ladies' Aid will have charge. Mrs. Nick Smith will conduct this meeting.

Miss Elizabeth McClimon has been confined to her bed with measles, but is able to be out again and back in her school work. Several others in this community have the measles. We wish each one a speedy recovery.

Spring weather is now scattering sunshine around the church of Liberty Hill, and the people are trying to improve in every phase of our church work. The spiritual atmosphere among our members seems to be fine. This evangelistic campaign was started by our pastor, Rev. T. M. Johnson, with the help of the members. We are making a special drive for the entire month of March to get people in Sunday school who do not attend church anywhere. There were 117 present the first Sunday in March, and we are so happy that the loyal group worked with our pastor so well in this campaign by visiting homes and writing around 75 postal cards and letters inviting them to our church worship. There are many indications that the blessings of God are upon this movement.

Finally, I want to emphasize this fact—that this special drive we are making is uniting religion and life more closely. Always our church has felt the need of making true religion more effective in the daily conduct of our community. Sunday worship of course is greatly needed, but is too much separated from, or at least not enough bound up with the day-by-day life of the home. This work in the week-day deepens the sense of Christian duty to children and the old, and will bring the consciousness of God's blessing to their minds.

In closing, may I write this poem:

We Thank God

We thank God deep in our hearts
For the great drive He has sent,
And for the good it has done,
And the happy moments we've spent.

This drive was for no other purpose
But to save some straying soul,
And call the weary ones unto God
So they might be made whole.

May this drive be a great blessing
To the hearts of one and all
That have gathered to praise God's name,
And pay heed to His call.

We pray a blessing for the minister
Who worked with us so kind;
In the path that now lies ahead
We hope this blessing each one will find.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

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St. Paul's Church, A. D. Shelton, Pastor.—Maybe we haven't had a report lately, but we haven't been asleep. Our services have carried a particular note of spirituality recently. Attendance has been good at morning and night services, as well as at mid-week prayer meeting. Last Wednesday night Mr. L. E. Parr, one of our laymen, conducted the prayer service. Our pastor, Mr. Shelton, went to Washington this week on account of the illness of his niece. Dr. Pritchard, president of the conference, is to be with us next Wednesday night. We are all looking forward to a good hour together.

The special meeting for spring for our church is scheduled to begin next Sunday. Rev. J. W. Gross, from High Point, will be here to assist Mr. Shelton. Mr. Gross, we understand is a very good revivalist, and after all what we are looking for is a genuine spiritual revival. We take this means of extending an invitation to all who will, to come to our meeting every time it is possible to do so. We have prayed long and earnestly for a revival and are hoping it will come. The meeting will be in progress two weeks and we say again—COME!

REPORTER.

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Pine Bluff Church, C. G. Isley, Pastor, March 14—The Ladies' Auxiliary of Pine Bluff church had a very interesting meeting with Mrs. Sidney Linker on last Saturday evening. The members reported 160 visits made since the last meeting, one month ago. Mrs. Joe Jenkins was elected delegate and Miss Annie Belle Linker, alternate to the Missionary Rally, to be held at Burlington on April 27 and 28. The Auxiliary was glad to have as honorary member our good Baptist friend, Mrs. R. W. Simpson, from Locust. The next meeting is to be held with Mrs. Grady Tucker of Locust, on April 9.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will have a birthday party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jenkins on Saturday night, March 26. All members of the church as well as all friends are invited to this party. Each one present is expected to pay a penny for each year of his age.

Our pastor, Mr. Isley, preached a splendid sermon on last Sunday to a good sized congregation, larger than usual. We were delighted to have Mrs. J. T. VonCannon worship with us Sunday. She has been a very faithful member of the church, but she has been able to attend only one service at the church since she was stricken last June. All who know Mr. and Mrs. VonCannon will be glad to learn that her condition is greatly improved.

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Hawkins' Chapel, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, March 13.—Fourth Sunday evening Mr. Trolinger filled his appointment and second Sunday morning he preached from 91st Psalms a wonderful sermon that brought tears to the eyes. We were glad to have Mrs. Willie Gray Mitchell sing "Living In Jesus," she was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Baldy Green.

We are glad to note our Annual Conference budget is paid in full.

On the first Sunday morning Mr. C. F. Hawkins, the class leader sure brought to us a picture of Jonah; how he was running from God, but by the prepared fish he was saved, which caused us to think, are we running or living a life to be cast down to eternity's darkness to rise no more.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Trolinger and Mrs. M. J. Morris were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hawkins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carpenter are the proud parents of another girl, Hazel Virginia. Mr. Carpenter is the teacher of the Men's class and folks I think they have something to be proud of because they can say something most of us can't. Mr. Carpenter has been to the place Jesus was crucified and saw the remains of the cross on which Christ is said to have been crucified. He also visited the Garden of Gethsemane and many more places.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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First Church, Charlotte, T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—We had in our congregation Sunday a delegation of ladies from First church, High Point. We were indeed glad to have them and extend to them an invitation to come at any time.

We are very fortunate in having in our congregation Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Johnston, who have recently moved to Charlotte. We hope that they will continue to come and worship with us. It has been our privilege to have several new members in our congregation in the last month, we extend to them a cordial welcome and we are very anxious that they become active in our church program.

We have started cottage prayer meetings, which will conclude with a revival beginning April 14. Rev. Joe Parsons will hold the services and we hope to be successful in winning many souls to Christ as well as have a good "old time revival" among ourselves.

The C. E. society of our church attended the mass meeting of the Mecklenburg County Union at the Hopewell Presbyterian church, Sunday, March 13. An invitation was extended to the Union to hold their May meeting at our church. The C. E. societies here are very enthusiastic about the convention which will be held at Queen's Chicora college June 16 through June 19.

Mr. Fleetwood Green has graciously consented to direct our Young People's choir which was organized Wednesday night after prayer meeting. All Young People of the church are urged to come and take part. Mr. Green is an exceptionally good musician and we want to show him our appreciation by giving our loyal support and attending each rehearsal.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is doing a great work. They have sold two gross of flavoring and have started on the third one since February 20. What it takes to put anything over the ladies of our church have it.

The Young Married Ladies' class are selling metal sponges and they have had quite a success so far.

We deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Gibson in the recent death of Mr. Gibson's father.

We were very glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Young, of Lowell, worship with us Sunday but were very sorry to hear that their house had burned up.

After all is said and done and considering the handicaps that our church has had we are indeed proud of our success. We are very proud of our pastor who drives 80 miles to and from High Point every week-end and delivers such inspiring sermons. May the Lord bless him.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

Fountain Place, Burlington, R. E. L. Moser, Pastor, March 13.—The Ladies' Auxiliary of Fountain Place church will hold its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. A. V. Amick tomorrow night, March 14, at 7:30 o'clock. The Auxiliary has paid its budget in full and $6 extra has been paid for the Minnis' fund. The Precious Jewels, Sunshine circle, and Mission Band have some money on hand which they expect to give to some of the church mission fields this month. Recently they helped collect and pack a 75-lb. box of used clothing for Pine Ridge, Ky. Plans are being made to hold a Thank Offering service during this month.

The Christian Endeavor society is awake and doing things under the leadership of the president, Deloris Nicholson. Today they held a devotional service at the jail. This is the second time in the last few months that we have held such a service. A little over two weeks ago Fountain Place Christian Endeavor was host to the Alamance County Christian Endeavor Rally. For the program the young people gave the pageant, "Speak Through the Earthquake," which was very impressive and well received. Following the business session a contest was held between two Christian Endeavor choirs and then an informal social hour was enjoyed in the basement. At this time the people mingled and became better acquainted and refreshments were served.

Recently our Christian Endeavor society was surprised at their Sunday night prayer meeting by a visit from Shiloh Presbyterian Christian Endeavor society. This was a return visit because our society surprised them some time ago. I think this is a splendid plan for Christian Endeavor societies. It helps to have fellowship with other societies and makes programs more interesting if we think that company may drop in at any time.

Young People's day was held at Fountain Place January 30. Rev. C. G. Isley, pastor of our church in Albemarle, brought the message. Mr. Isley was a charter member of Fountain Place and conducted Sunday school the first Sunday it met. It was a pleasure to have him with us and he brought a soul-stirring message.

Two weeks ago Dr. J. E. Pritchard visited our church. In preparation for his visit, at which time he presented the Fellowship Crusade, the pastor had two members of the church present the first two goals: Mr. C. L. Jones, the first, and Mrs. A. V. Amick, the second. Dr. Pritchard brought us a good sermon as is his custom and when he presented the plan of the Crusade the pledge cards were distributed and are being collected now. It's my belief that a church is benefitted when the conference president visits it and I believe Fountain Place was helped.

Last Sunday Rev. Mr. Hedgepeth, a student of Elon college, preached at our morning service. Our pastor was present but unable to preach because of throat trouble. Mr. Hedgepeth came with the outlook and enthusiasm of a Christian youth and we were helped, or should have been, by his message.

Today after Sunday school church was dismissed so the people could go to the First Methodist Protestant church to hear High Point College's A Capella choir. Many of the people went and I am sure everyone enjoyed the privilege of hearing them.

Miss Emma Balding, who has been absent for several weeks on account of illness, is able to be at her usual place again and we are glad because she has been missed.

MRS. A. V. AMICK, Reporter.

West End, Greensboro.—We are glad to say that Dr. Bethea is with us again after an absence of ten days. He seems greatly rested, and is now making plans for our spring revival which is to be in May.

The Sunday our pastor was away Dr. R. M. Andrews, of High Point, was in charge of the morning service. He presented "The Fellowship Crusade" and explained each part of it thoroughly. Dr. Andrews' message was enjoyed very much by all who were present, and we are looking forward to having him with us again.

I sometimes wonder what we would do without our good old gospel hymns. A week ago last Sunday night we had a singing service at our church. We left the entire evening program open for the singing of old hymns. Everyone sang and made a joyful noise unto the Lord and had a good time.

On Thursday, March 10, the Young Ladies' circle held its meeting at the church. The purpose of this meeting was to elect new officers for the coming year. Those elected were: Mrs. Douglas Fuquay, chairman; Miss Jane Gillis, secretary; Mrs. Ray Routh, treasurer; Miss Verla Mae Leonard, devotional leader. This circle has been organized for sometime and is trying to carry on an active program. They expect to do a big year's work in the next 12 months.

REPORTER.

Friendship, Mt. Hermon Charge, J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—Our church members are very grateful to all who helped extinguish the fire that started near the church and swept on to surrounding homes. We are very thankful that no homes were destroyed.

We are very fortunate in having Miss Edith Guthrey to speak to us for our thank-offering service. All enjoyed it to the utmost. Our special music was a duet by Miss Ruth Lee Isley and Miss Edna Isley, and the Isley quartet. The collection amounted to $12.47. Officers were elected for the Auxiliary, as follows: President, Mrs. J. R. Anderson; vice-president, Mrs. Herman Isley; recording secretary, Mrs. Coll Eulice; treasurer, Mrs. D. I. Offman.

Sunday, March 6, our church members, at the request of our Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Knox Lamar, visited Mr. Joel Sharpe, who is confined to his bed. We had a short worship service and several old hymns were sung, which were enjoyed by all. Our friends Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe were very grateful. Plans are being made for an Easter program.

The church members voted to have night service on the third Sunday, as it is more convenient for our pastor.

Circle No. 1 will meet with Mrs. C. M. Mann, Saturday, March 19, at 2:30. Circle No. 2 will meet with the Misses Nettie and Minnie Shoffner, Friday night at 7:00.

MRS. W. D. MANSFIELD, Reporter.

Spring Hill Ladies' Aid, North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, March 14.—The Spring Hill Ladies' Aid society held its meeting March 12 in the home of Mrs. Jule Swaim with Miss Bessie Swaim as joint hostess.

Mrs. Carl Swaim, president, presided over the meeting, following the program laid down in the Guide Book. The president read the "Call to Worship," after which Miss Bessie Swaim, Mesdames Julius Craven, and H. C. Kennedy read scripture passages. Miss Lois Swaim read a piece on "Meditation," after which Miss Janie Jewel Craven read the story of "My Old Grey Coat." Appropriate songs were sung. Rev. Mr. Neese closed the program with prayer.

During the business session Mrs. Neese read an article, "Cancelled Prayer," opening the doorway to the election of officers. All officers of the society were re-elected, as follows: President, Mrs. Carl Swaim; vice-president, Miss Bessie Swaim; secretary, Miss Lucile Craven; assistant secretary, Mrs. Wayne Swaim; treasurer, Mrs. Mae Haynes.

The president reported that the shrubbery had been purchased, paid for and planted on the church grounds. This has added considerable to the church grounds. We are hoping to make more improvements in the near future.

Each society longs to see that it is making progress and its work bear fruit. Saturday's meeting proved that our society is still alive and rapidly progressing under the capable leadership of our president.

We were very glad to have Mrs. S. V. Swaim and Mrs. Clay Swaim join our society. We give both of these new members our hearty welcome into our group of workers. We were glad to have Miss Inez Wear visit our meeting.

Heart Sisters were revealed and each one there had lots of fun as the members guessed who had slipped things into their cars during the past three months. Names were again exchanged.

As an appreciation for her work during the past year, for her work of the two preceding years, for the love and esteem each member holds for her, and for her much needed service during the coming year, the society presented the president, Mrs. Carl Swaim, with a miscellaneous shower.

The hostess, assisted by Mesdames Robert Swaim, Julius Craven, H. C. Kennedy, Clyde Hedgecock, Misses Janie Jewel Craven and Inez Wear, served delicious refreshments to all present. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Clyde Hedgecock in High Point.

On Sunday night, March 13, the spring thank-offering service was held at Spring

Hill under the sponsorship of Mrs. W. H. Neese.

Mrs. J. Clyde Auman, of Thomasville, returned missionary to Japan, addressed the largest congregation this church has ever had for a thank-offering service.

Mrs. Auman was dressed in Japanese costume and rendered an inspiring and uplifting message to all those present. She related many of the Japanese customs, and displayed to the attentive and eager audience, pictures of the Japanese and articles that are used by those people.

In closing her splendid talk, Mrs. Auman spoke a few words in Japanese, and sang two songs in that language.

The offering amounted to $7.00, this being the largest amount ever given at this church for a thank-offering service.

At the conclusion of the offering, a candlelight service was held. Mrs. Auman gave lighted candles to the following: Rev. W. H. Neese, Mrs. Neese, Mr. George Craven, Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. Carl Swaim, president Ladies' Aid; and the following Sunday school teachers: Mr. Milford Byerly, Mrs. S. V. Swaim, Mrs. Raymond Craven, Mrs. Wayne Swaim, and Mrs. Richard Byerly. Mr. Wayne Swaim substituted for the teacher of the men's class, and Miss Lucile Craven for the teacher of the girls' class.

We were very glad to have Mrs. H. C. Nicholson of Thomasville on the program.

Special music was furnished by Mesdames Julius, George, Raymond, and Belvin Craven.

The congregation sang the Doxology, after which the pastor pronounced the Benediction.

SARA MARIE NEESE.

Mt. Lebanon Church, Randleman Charge.—On March 8 the Missionary Auxiliary of Mt. Lebanon church met with Misses Esther and Mrs. D. L. Brady as joint hostesses, with nine members present. Mrs. A. J. Daniels had charge of the program. Our Auxiliary just organized, we had no report to make. The topic was missions on foreign fields. The question box in the Missionary Record was discussed. The society decided to use the Guide Book for the coming year. Mrs. D. L. Brady and Mrs. J. L. Hall were elected ways and means committee. A committee was appointed to keep flowers in the church every service. After the meeting the hostess served a delicious ice cream and cake course. The next meeting will be with Mrs. L. R. Hughes on April 7.

MRS. O. R. TROGDON, Cor. Sec.

First Church, Burlington.—Sunday was a very beautiful day and we had a good attendance at both the Sunday school and 11 o'clock service. I noticed that our attendance for Sunday school was increased about 100 over last Sunday. That's fine, folks, let's increase it another hundred next Sunday. We had a very special treat at the 11 o'clock service. The A Capella Choir from High Point College was present and the entire service was turned over to them. We were very glad to have them and feel that everybody enjoyed their singing. After the service lunch was served for them in the hut. We will be looking forward to having them in our midst again next year.

We had no evening service due to the fact that we joined with the city-wide revival which began in our city last Sunday. This revival will continue for a month. Rev. George T. Stephens is doing the preaching, and Mr. Harry Storrs leading the singing. I feel that it is going to be a great revival. Every seat was filled last Sunday night and 300 were assembled in the choir. It seemed as if people were hungry for a revival. It was thrilling to be there and take part. Rev. Mr. Stephens' sermon subject was "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord." "The Lord is standing on the threshold of American life, ready to give us a blessing; but we cannot enjoy that blessing unless we first prepare for His coming," declared Mr. Stephens. And that statement is true in my estimation. If we are not prepared for a revival we certainly cannot expect one. We as church members are, I am sure, expecting great things from this revival. Let's attend as much as possible.

REPORTER.

Love's Grove Church, Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—Mr. Cook filled his regular appointment Sunday; his subject being, "Loyalty."

On Friday night, March 11, Circle No. 1, of the Auxiliary, held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Doc Furr. There were 23 present and a very interesting program was rendered. During the business session we elected new circle officers; they being as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Henry Tarleton; secretary, Miss Virginia Smith; and treasurer, Miss Mildred Furr. Flower committees were Mrs. Callie Smith and Miss Lucille Little. After the program a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served to those present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Henry Tarleton on April 8, 1938. We are looking forward to a still greater year in our Auxiliary.

Our joint meeting was held Sunday evening at 2:30 o'clock with 12 members present. Mrs. Will Little, our president, gave a synopsis of our past year's work and what our Auxiliary money was used for. We are really proud of our Auxiliary and may God help us to make it better year by year.

VIRGINIA SMITH, Reporter.

Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Again death has entered our community and taken Floyd M. Spoon, aged 49 years. Mr. Spoon was a well known Guilford county farmer living on the Kimesville-Liberty road. Although he had been in failing health for some time, his death came as a shock to all. The day of his death he worked about his home. He is survived by his wife, the former Mana Ledmun, and two sons, Carl M. Spoon, of Kimesville, and Paul Spoon, of the home; a daughter, Helen Spoon, of the home; four brothers, L. L. Spoon of Kimesville, Fred F. Spoon of Burlington, Dr. Eugene Spoon of Winston-Salem, and Carl Spoon of Durham; and three sisters, Miss Effie Spoon of Winston-Salem, Mrs. A. D. Beal and Mrs. M. M. Cornwell, both of Fort Myers, Fla. That he left many friends was shown by the large and beautiful floral tributes and the crowd that filled the church and grounds. The family has lost a kind and loving father and husband, and a loving brother; the community, a man that was always ready to help, and a true friend to all.

Services were held at Mt. Pleasant church, Sunday, March 13, at 2:30, and burial was in the church cemetery. Rev. Mr. Braxton and Rev. Mr. Pollard of Smithwood Christian church, and the pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian church, near Burlington, had charge of the service. The Junior Order of Liberty, of which the deceased was a member, had charge of the service at the grave.

Music was furnished by Mt. Pleasant choir and a quartet composed of Ione Clapp, Ruby Patrum, Lucille Philips, and Billie Roberson; and a solo by Mrs. John Curtis, of Liberty.

> So as the night began to fall
> Death's angel silently came
> And touched the hand of one we loved;
> Our loss is Heaven's gain.

The Baby Contest closed Saturday night, March 5. A large crowd gathered in the Sunday school rooms to see the winning babies. Music was furnished by Clyde Hudson and sons, Robert and Howard. The winning babies were: (1) Emily Louise Stafford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Stafford, of Julian; (2) Judy Starr Bowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bowman, of Graham; (3) Billy Ann Graves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Graves, of Burlington; (4) Gordon Causey, son of Mrs. Mozelle Holt and the late Gordon Causey, of Liberty. Refreshments were sold and a good time was enjoyed by all. About $180 entered our Auxiliary through this contest.

The regular Workers' Council was held at the church Monday night, March 14. The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. A. Stafford. Mrs. Carl Curtis had charge of the devotionals. Rev. J. W. Braxton had charge of the discussion which was "Ways to Make Our Sunday School Better and to Contact and Train More Workers."

Our attendance at Sunday school for the last two weeks has been over 200. Last Sunday morning, to a well-filled church, Rev. Mr. Braxton gave us a splendid message on the subject, "Dare We Look at Our World?"

REPORTER.

Reidsville, Geo. R. Brown, Pastor.—The powers that be assigned us to Reidsville for the twelfth consecutive year. Entered upon the work immediately. We were pounded and given an enjoyable reception. Our friends here and elsewhere were exceedingly kind to us at Christmas, and we have been grateful ever since.

The work of the church is being done with some degree of effectiveness. No one so far has died from overwork. We have not caught anyone breaking the speed limit trying to get into the Kingdom. Congregations, especially at the morning service, are good. Wish we could say as much for the night congregation. We maintain two Christian Endeavor societies. The average attendance at Sunday school is slightly better than it was last year.

Our women work like bees. They meet all of their obligations, and a little more. As this is being written they are in another room balancing their budget for this year. Heaven's richest blessing rest upon them!

We are all indebted to Mrs. J. A. Gunn for donating ten beautiful boxwood shrubs for the front walk. They add beauty to the lawn. I may say here that Mrs. Gunn and daughter, Cordell, are spending some time in Lakeland, Florida. We miss them from our services.

The women of the church have had a fine cement walk put in at the parsonage. It is paid for. They have also paid for an electric range for the parsonage kitchen. If you keep your ears tuned this way, you will likely hear other things that will warm the cockles of your heart. Are you listenin'?

PASTOR.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

N. W. Gordon

Final rites for Mr. Gordon, 82 years of age, of near Stokesdale, were held at Bethel Methodist Protestant church on Thursday, February 10, at 2:30 o'clock.

Rev. J. A. Burgess, pastor of the church, was in charge of the service. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Gordon was a life long resident of the Stokesdale community. He had been active until a few days before his death, which was attributed to an emergency operation. He had been a member of Bethel Methodist Protestant church for 62 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Martha Pegram Gordon, who had been his companion for 52 years; two sons, W. N. Gordon, of San Diego, Calif.; R. C. Gordon, of Summerfield, N. C.; three daughters, Mrs. Lettie Pegram, of Stokesdale; Mrs. J. B. Harrison, of Kernersville; and Mrs. V. O. Jones, of Kernersville, route 1; one sister, Mrs. Jim Angel, of Winston-Salem; 18 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and a great number of neighbors and friends.

MINNIE PEARMAN, Reporter.

Coe

Mrs. Mary Ann Staley Coe, born February 21, 1851, departed for her eternal home February 16, 1938.

The deceased was born of Abraham and Mary Kime Staley, near Liberty, N. C., but after her marriage to S. F. Coe in 1870, she spent the rest of her life in Guilford county, near Greensboro.

She joined Liberty Grove M. P. church in early life and remained a faithful Christian till the time of her departure. She was eighteen years a member of Calvary M. P. church.

Mrs. Coe was a woman of firm and unwavering character, and wielded a savory influence in her home, her church, and her community. The world would be vastly richer if we could have more mothers of her type of character.

Living children left to mourn their loss are: Mrs. W. F. Medearis, Mrs. L. W. Jobe, J. C. and J. N. Coe, of Greensboro; Mrs. H. F. Surratt, of Graham. Two sons deceased, C. F. and Dr. S. S. Coe.

Three brothers remaining are T. W. Staley, of Greensboro; Robert Staley, of Liberty; and Dr. S. W. Staley, of Rocky Mount. She also leaves 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. R. C. STUBBINS.

Resolutions of Respect—Mrs. Lou P. Loy

Whereas, our loving Heavenly Father took unto Himself on December 23, 1937, the soul of our sister and friend, Mrs. Lou Parker Loy; and

Whereas, for many years Mrs. Loy was a faithful member of the First Methodist Protestant church of Burlington, and a member of our Auxiliary; now, therefore, be it resolved:

First—That we, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary, take this method of expressing our sorrow at her passing, and that her help in the work of our church will be deeply missed;

Second—That we extend to the family of Mrs. Loy our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and commend them to the care of our Father, who alone can comfort them in their hour of loss;

Third—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy be sent to the Methodist Protestant Herald, and a copy be spread upon the minutes of our Auxiliary.

MRS. T. T. STAFFORD,
MRS. FRED HOLT,
MRS. H. E. ISELEY,
Resolutions Committee.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the Auxiliary at its regular meeting on February 21, 1938.

MRS. CLIFFORD T. FOSTER,
Secretary.

Mrs. R. A. Hudson

After a week of illness, Mrs. Alice Blackwelder Hudson, 65, wife of R. A. Hudson, peacefully fell asleep on Friday morning, February 25, to awake in the morning. Funeral services were held at her old home church, Roberta.

"Aunt Alice," as we all called her, was born in Cabarrus county, October 23, 1872, daughter of Lawson and Pattie Starnes Blackwelder, and lived in Cabarrus county all her life. She is survived by her husband, four daughters, Mrs. Lena Carriker, Mrs. Zettie Kindley, Mrs. Ollie Smith, and Mrs. L. W. Blackwelder Hudson; four sons, J. T., Floyd, Cletus, and Richard. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all members of the family who feel her absence so keenly.

Q. L. JOYNER, Pastor.

Allred

Mrs. T. M. Allred was born November 29, 1854, and departed this life December 26, 1937, at the ripe old age of 83 years and 27 days.

Mrs. Allred was married to the late T. M. Allred. To this union were born eight children, two boys and six girls.

Mr. Allred professed faith in Christ in early childhood and united with Brower's Chapel. Later she became a charter member of Cedar Falls church. Then 40 years ago she moved her membership to Chapel Hill, where she remained a member until death.

Mrs. Allred was a faithful member of her church. In her last days she has expressed to her friends that she was ready to die, that she was ready to meet her Redeemer.

Her survivors are as follows: two sisters, Martha Wright, of Asheboro, N. C., and Cora King, of Troy, N. C.; eight children, Pearley Surratt, of Thomasville, N. C.; Bertie Williams, of Durham, N. C.; Mrs. Ila Smith, of New London, N. C.; Mary Newsome, of Newsome, N. C.; Esther Cranford, of Denton, N. C.; Leona Turner, of Thomasville, N. C.; Clem Allred, of Denton, N. C.; also 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchldren.

Funeral services were conducted at Chapel Hill by the writer, assisted by W. M. Rathburn and J. A. Cox. C. L. GRANT.

Thompson

Donald Weldon Thompson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson, of Julian, Route 1, was born July 26, 1937, and died in Greensboro March 2, 1938, at the age of 7 months and six days. He is survived by his parents, five brothers, Joseph, Ned, Paul, James, and Hal; also three sisters, Frances, Peggy, and Betty, all at home.

The going of this little boy in his infancy has taken much joy from the mother's heart, but there should also be joy in knowing that he has escaped the sorrows, pain, and troubles of this earthly life. He is now safe in the arms of Jesus, a flower budded on earth to bloom in heaven.

The funeral was conducted from the home of Mrs. W. A. Blalock in Greensboro. The attendance was large and the floral display very beautiful. The writer conducted the funeral, assisted by Rev. R. C. Stubbins, pastor of Calvary church, Greensboro. The body was then taken to Graham and deposited in the family burying plat in Linwood cemetery. May the Lord comfort, sustain, and keep the broken-hearted family.

GEO. L. REYNOLDS.

Henry

Grandmother, Mary Ann Elizabeth Henry, was born September 15, 1854. She departed this life December 7, 1937, at the ripe age of 83 years, two months and 22 days.

She was the daughter of John and Martha Ann Phillips Henry, and was born and reared in Brower's Chapel community of Randolph county. For a number of years and up to the time of her death, she had made her home in Asheboro with her son, Brother Oliver Henry.

In 1923 she united with the Central Methodist Protestant church of Asheboro. She was a faithful member, and attended services as long as she was able. For a number of years she was kept away because of her afflictions and the infirmities of age. But she never lost her interest in the church, and her faith in Jesus as her personal Savior never waned. At different times she assured the writer of her good hope of a blessed

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Reynolds-Field

At the parsonage of Tabernacle charge on Friday evening, February 25, Miss Frances Reynolds became the bride of John Field. The vows were taken in the presence of several friends and relatives.

Mrs. Field is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reynolds, of Greensboro, Route 4. Mr. Field is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Field, of Monroe City, Mo., formerly of Greensboro, Route 4.

After a few days spent with relatives and friends here, the young couple departed for Monroe City, Mo., where they will make their home.

EUGENE A. LAMB.

Carter-Morris

The marriage of Miss Tempie Matilda Carter to Henry Cleveland Morris was solemnized in the M. P. church at Henderson, Saturday, February 12, at 5 o'clock p.m. Rev. T. J. Whitehead officiated using the ring ceremony of the Methodist Protestant ritual. Members of the families and a few intimate friends attended the ceremony.

The bride entered with the bridegroom. She was attired in traveling suit of rust, with brown accessories. She wore a shoulder corsage of Talisman roses and valley lilies.

Mrs. Morris is the attractive daughter of Mrs Hettie Winborne Carter. She graduated from Aurealian Springs high school and High Point college. She has held a responsible position in Halifax for the past four years. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Morris, and is a very successful farmer. The bride and groom are both very active members of Corinth M. P. church. They left immediately by automobile to visit points in Florida.

We predict for this splendid young couple the best things in life, and we are sure they have the best wishes of a host of friends.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

Hornaday-Gray

Of significance to Methodist Protestants throughout the entire denomination was the marriage of Miss Irma Grey Hornaday and June Alson Gray, on Saturday afternoon, February 19, in Grace church, Greensboro. Both parties come from long ancestral lines of Methodist Protestants. The vows were heard by Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, pastor, and Dr. S. K. Spahr, pastor-emeritus, of Grace church.

The bride, escorted by her father, Dr. W. A. Hornaday, had her sister, Miss Betty Hornaday, as maid of honor, and her aunt, Mrs. W. J. Howard, of Montgomery, Ala., as matron of honor. The six bridesmaids, all cousins of the bride, were: Misses Marianne Mann, Nancy Gray, Sybil Dameron, Hallie Wayne Hornaday, Virginia Hornaday, Sara Forrest Thompson. Dr. G. L. Gray, of High Point, was best man. Ushers included Joe Gray, Joe Crowder, Tom Jones, Alton Hartman, Nat Alexander, and Robert Rankin.

Wedding music was rendered by Wayne A. Hornaday, Jr., baritone, twin brother of the bride; Mrs. Jess Alderman, violinist, and Miss Nell Lee Clapp, pianist. Palms and smilax banked the pulpit to make a background for floor vases of Easter lilies and seven-branched standards of white candles.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Gray left for a motor trip to Florida. They will make their home at 410 Lindsay street, High Point.

The bride is the elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hornaday, who live on Tabernacle road. She was educated in the Pleasant Garden school, High Point college, and Woman's college. Mr. Gray, son of Mrs. Gray and the late J. A. Gray, of High Point, has made his home in High Point his entire life, attending the public schools and graduating from High Point college, is now connected with High Point Hardware company. He is a direct descendant of Dr. Alson Gray, pioneer Methodist Protestant.

J. ELWOOD CARROLL.

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Mrs. Foda Weisner, Union Grove church	$2.00
Mrs. Leonard Templeton, Union Grove	2.00
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Miss Nora Jones, Guilford charge	1.00
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W. T. Kiser, club subscriptions, Kannapolis	3.84
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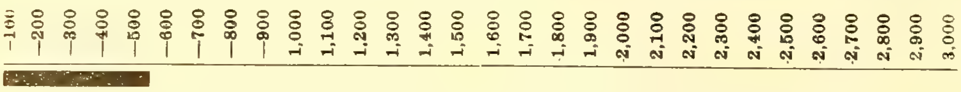

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Here is my good friend, L. L. Wrenn, Siler City, with a payment from his church on subsidy. He and I were delegates to the same Conference, 41 years ago last fall. I joined the Conference class and took work the next year. A payment on subsidy from a faithful preacher's wife, Mrs. H. L. Isley, for Orange Chapel. Center church, Alamance charge, by Ernest Whitehead. And the biggest amount for this cause comes from First church, Concord, through Fred Helms. Thanks to all you folks who are not neglecting this important part. Ten charges out on this now, that is a little over one-tenth of the charges out. Only two out on subscriptions.

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

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beyond. "If there is anything in my way," she said, "I do not know what it is." She was a long sufferer, but bore her sufferings with becoming Christian fortitude.

The deceased is survived by her son, Brother Oliver Henry; by four grandchildren,—Wayne, Clarence, and Edna Lee Henry, of Asheboro, and Mrs. Carl Lamb, of Scranton, Pa., and by two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted at Brower's Chapel, the writer being assisted by Rev. M. C. Henderson. Interment followed in the church burying ground. The flowers upon her grave were beautiful symbols of God's summer land where the spirit of the good forever dwell. We commend her loved ones to the eternal keeping of the God of all mercy and comfort. S. W. TAYLOR.

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Books of the Treasurer of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work close March 31. Have you sent in your thank-offering money to Mrs. Coy Kearns, Treasurer, Denton, N. C.?

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Money sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. Coy Kearns, Denton, N. C., for Prayer to Share Plan for Minnis Fund, will be a credit on local church World Service budget.

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N. C. Branch fall thank-offering budget of $700 was reached. The February thank-offering goal of $700 has not yet been reached. Won't you help?

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ONE IS YOUR MASTER EVEN CHRIST AND ALL YE ARE BRETHREN.
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When You Pray

Much has been written on prayer; it is frequently discussed by Church people. A long list of prayers are recorded in the Bible and if you attend public worship once a week, you will hear at least two prayers offered there. And yet we often wonder if those who speak about it most frequently really know what prayer is by the results their praying bring.

How often do people speak of prayer as though it were just an easy common place experience in their lives. They give the impression that when in need all they have to do is just make their request known and the answer comes immediately. Yes, they tell you it is just as easy as borrowing money at the bank when your collateral is guilt edge and your needs are moderate. Just saunter in and sign a note for the cashier and presto, the money comes.

But then you meet those who tell you that they have agonized in prayer for months, for years, it may be, for certain things or experiences, and during all these months or years they just seem to be speaking out into empty space. Like Job who said, "Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him." Job was then speaking of prayers he had offered when no answers came. Then you hear Paul say, that he had prayed thrice that the Lord would remove the "thorn in the flesh" from him, but he still carried it about in his body. Prayer was certainly not easy to Paul. James R. Lowell gives us his experience in this quatrain:

"I that still pray at morning and at eve . . .
Thrice in my life have truly prayed,
Thrice, stirred below my conscious self—have felt
That perfect disenthralment which is God."

Lowell was not describing a practice that was easy. There are so many things in the way of those who would pray to keep them from really praying. Things which kept God so far from them that their words are lost in space. Then the variable moods men have make praying most difficult. Real praying calls for self-discipline in thinking, for self-control in conduct. It calls for special preparation of heart, of an unselfish attitude. Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Our Father . . . our daily bread, our debts." Implying a community of interest. Those who pray with others who pray, make a common cause and have a common heritage. James tells those who read his eptistle, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may spend it in your pleasures." And Isaiah says, "When ye make many prayers, I will not hear, your hands are full of blood," speaking for God. So praying is made difficult in these cases because of the love of pleasure and the readiness to take the life of the fellowman. The Bible is quite full of unanswered prayers. Prayers men made and failed to receive the answer because: Prayer was not easy, prayer was not cheap . . . many who pray have the wrong conception of the office of prayer. . . .

A casual study of the lives of those Bible characters who prayed reveal to us that there was no fixed bodily position with them. Some prayed kneeling, some standing, some prostrate, some silently, others aloud, some in bed, others in the open fields, some in battle, others in the closet, some by the seaside, others on the hillside. Position of the body and place where they prayed alike did not seem to matter. But there was a dominant desire that moved men as they prayed until the answer came. Abraham praying for Sodom, gets an answer from God. Moses at Sinai praying for the disobedient people, gets an answer from God. Gideon praying for a token from the Lord gets an answer. All recorded prayers in the Bible which were heard of the Lord was prayer prompted by a dominant desire. A desire that was not changed by any changing mood or place. This "Motion of the hidden fire, That trembles in the breast" burns on until the dominant desire is satisfied. Fickle, flippant, easy-going prayers are useless prayers. And if judged by the high standard of praying found in the Bible, are really not prayers at all.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Calendar

N. C. Branch Meeting, Burlington	April 27, 28
Mid-Year Meeting, Community Church	May 13
Pastors' School, High Point College	June 6-17
Leadership School, High Point College	June 20-25
Third Quarterly Assembly	
The Annual Conference	November 9

Payments to be made on: A. C. Expenses, January and February; High Point College, March, April; Church Extension, May, June; A. C. Debt, July, August; Superannuates, September, October.

More About Our Superannuates

Some weeks ago I reported on the condition of our Superannuate ministers whom I had seen recently. Since then I have been to the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Reed. Mrs. Reed who was very ill some months ago is able to sit up some now. Brother Reed is in about his usual condition, being able to get out some. His address is 2401 Walker Avenue, Greensboro, N. C.

Rev. R. S. Troxler Ill

The last report I had stated that Rev. R. S. Troxler, the pastor of the Glen Raven Charge is rather seriously ill in the Duke hospital at Durham, N. C. His home address is R.F.D. 4, Burlington, N. C. Pray for his recovery.

A Sunday Morning at Union Grove

Last Sunday morning was spent with the congregation of Union Grove Church, Rev. Joseph Coble, pastor. The early morning was dark and gloomy and we went through rain most of the way to this appointment. At times it seemed that it was hardly necessary to keep going as it did not seem that many would be present, however, the rain ceased and a farily good sized congregation came to take part in the services. It was my privilege to speak to a fine group of boys and girls in the Sunday School who are being prepared for Church membership at Easter. They were very attentive and seemed to be interested in what was being said. In the Church service Brother Coble conducted a beautiful worship service and the people entered heartily into it. It was a pleasure to preach to this congregation. After the sermon, I presented the Fellowship Crusade and about $33.00 was pledged. This was my first visit to this Church and I was pleased with what I saw. The Church is located in the northern part of Iredell County some eight miles northwest of Harmony. The building consists of a rather large Church auditorium with four or five Sunday School rooms. Plans are now about completed for painting the Church and work also is going on to beautify the yard. When this is done the place will be much more attractive. Brother Coble, the pastor, graduated from the Westminster Theological Seminary last year and is giving himself to the work splendidly. He and his bride live in the parsonage just outsdie the village of Union Grove and both seem to be held in high esteem in the community. Brother Coble is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Coble, of Calvary Church, in Greensboro and is a grandson of Rev. T. F. McCulloch who had a long and fruitful ministry in our Church. It is most gratifying that Brother McCulloch's ministry is being continued through a grandson.

A Sunday Evening at State Street

The evening appointment last Sunday was at State Street, Lexington, Rev. O. C. Loy, pastor. This place was not new to me as I had been here on several occasions and had assisted Dr. N. G. Bethea in a meeting here several years ago. While the service Sunday was at the evening hour, the time that so many people do not pay much attention to these days, yet there was a fine congregation present and it was a real joy to preach to them. This Church is comparatively young and yet it has already accomplished a great deal of good. One thing that makes it hard for this congregation is the rather large debt on the Church property. This, I believe, amounts to something like $13,000 and of course the interest is a considerable item. I hope some arrangements can be made to refinance this indebtedness so it can be handled more easily. This is Brother Loy's first year on this Charge and the people speak very highly of him. They consider him an excellent preacher and a good worker. I see no reason why he should not have a fruitful ministry here. The Church is in a good section of the city on a nice paved street. It also has one of our best parsonages, something that is inclined to help a pastor considerably.

Two Pastors' Federation Meetings

Monday of this week was spent in the Central Pastors' Federation meeting at Tabernacle Church, south of Greensboro. Rev. R. C. Stubbins, the president, had prepared a good program and the day was a good one. I am sure that those present went away with the feeling that they wanted to measure up more fully to their opportunities.

Tuesday was spent in the Western Pastors' Federation at Bess Chapel in Lincoln County. Rev. C. E. Ridge is the president of this group and he also had made ample preparation for the meeting. Various phases of Church work were presented and if I am any judge, the people went away determined to do more and to be more faithful. It is my honest opinion that these two federations are playing a large part in the development of our work in this state. In both federations most of the ministers were present. In the Western Federation quite a fine group of laymen were present also. At Tabernacle the local women could not be in the meeting for they were busy cooking a good dinner in the hut but at Bess Chapel the women cooked the dinner at home and brought it and served it picnic style free of charge so they could be in the meeting.

Let Us Be Working on the College Assessment

Remember the assessment for High Point College is to be raised in March and April. Let everybody get busy and see that this is done.

Appointments

Sunday, March 27, Mecklenburg Charge, New Hope, 11 a. m.; Antioch at 2:30 p. m.; and Stallings at 7:30 p. m.

Saturday, April 2, Quarterly Conference, Granville Charge, at parsonage at 10 a. m.

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A Message in Verse

"Whate'er is good to wish, ask that of heaven,
Though it be what thou canst not hope to see;
Pray to be perfect though the material leaven
Forbid the spirit so on earth to be;
But if for any wish thou dar'st not pray,
Then pray to God to cast that wish away."
—*Hartley Coleridge.*

Joshua's Challenge

Choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

A Thought for Today

Christ is not simply a good rabbi who lived graciously in Palestine centuries ago; He is the Redeemer of men who lives majestically now. We do not see Him, but He is real and mighty nevertheless. No less a Lord than this will meet the needs of the soul that longs for a Saviour from sin and a Master for daily life.—*Ozora S. Davis.*

A Prayer by St. Augustine

Come, O Lord, in much mercy down into my soul, and take possession and dwell there. A homely mansion, I confess, for so glorious a Majesty, but such as Thou art fitting up for the reception of Thee, by holy and fervent desires of thine own inspiring. Enter then, and adorn, and make it such as Thou canst inhabit, since it is the work of Thy hands. Give me thine ownself, without which, though Thou shouldst give me all that ever Thou hast made, yet could not my desires be satisfied. Let my soul ever seek Thee, and let me persist in seeking, till I have found, and am in full possession of Thee.—*Amen.*

The Fellowship Crusade

We are publishing elsewhere an article on the Crusade by a faithful, loyal member of the Church. This contribution brings out the fact that there are people in that community who have yet to be gripped by the conviction that they are due to give to the support of the benevolent enterprises of their Church. Some of these are regular upon the attendance of the services, pray in public, accept positions as officials in the Church, even once in a while attend an Annual Conference as delegate and yet, refuse to support the benevolent enterprises of the denomination—they confine their gifts entirely to the local needs of the Church. And where the Crusade is opposed, you will find the opponent to be of this type. The real reason for opposing may not be stated—some flimsy excuse is given; but deep down in their souls their religion is of the selfish type which insists on keeping all the Church money at home. All power to you, Uncle Ike.

UNCLE IKE ON THE FELLOWSHIP CRUSADE

Dear Mr. Editor:

Sometime ago one of my neighbors asked me what I thought of the Fellowship Crusade now being put on in our Church. I told him it was just another way our preachers had of getting our folk to keep their Church vow. That is, so far as I could see into it. That, I suppose it was a good thing if our Church is a good thing, and if it is right and proper for us to keep our Church vow. We talked on a while and he agreed with me that he supposed I was right about it all. But before he was out of sight Mr. L., another neighbor came in. He lives close to us but he never comes except when he is all wrought up about something. I could see at once that he was all het up. He hardly said good morning before he started to tell how his pastor had fooled him and others by pretending to make a speech or preach a sermon on religion when before he had talked five minutes he was talking about money and kept on talking about money for thirty or forty minutes. He said it was an outrage and he did not propose to stand for it. For said he, if that was religion he didn't have a bit of it. He went on to say that the Church was not in the business to raise money and when a person went to Church he ought to have the privilege of hearing the gospel preached. But he said they were talking about this Fellowship Crusade, and it was nothing more nor less than a decoy, a snare to get people to Church to talk about religion, when all it was for was to get money. He said if it had not been for the President of the Conference and such men coming to his Church, it would be like it was when he was a boy when you could sit through a whole hour sermon and never heard a word said about money, or Church paper or missions or Conference assessments. He was mighty hot and said he proposed to tell his preacher how he was hurting the Church by such doings and soon there would not be a corporal guard present when he preached.

I got down my Discipline and asked Brother L to read the Church vows as my specks were sort of out of date. He got on fine with it until he came to that place where it reads, "You agree to all its rules of government; to contribute as God gives you ability for the support of the gospel ministry and the benevolent enterprises of the Church," he suddenly slowed down and looked at his watch and said he guess he'd better be a-going as how he came off in a big hurry anyway. So off he went.

Now, Mr. Editor, if you and other preachers who preach a full religion, money and all, will get Brother L. and his type to reading the Discipline, and especially the Church vow instead of running around after this Holy Holler crowd, and wasting their time in telling other folk how mean they are instead of trying to do some good themselves, you will not have so much trouble trying to raise money to keep the Church going. Sometimes I feel like I would like to be a good preacher and call all such folks to repentance.

UNCLE IKE.

CORRECTING WRONG IDEAS OF RELIGION

International Sunday School Lesson for March 27, 1938

By REV. J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—Mark 7:1-13.

Golden Text—"This people honoreth me with their lips, But their heart is far from me." Mark 7:6.

One of the common habits of the popular mind is to place judgment upon a thing by attaching a name to it. So it has come to be considered that anything is good if by any stretch of one's imagination one can call it religious. It follows then that the more religion in general that can be generated in society the more genuinely Christian society will be.

The main thing wrong with the above popular opinion is that it isn't true. Religion like most everything else has a broad area of possibilities many of which are diametrically opposed to each other. Whereas on the one hand it may be the most elevating factor in a man's life on the other hand it may become the most deadening force that ever laid hold of a man's soul. Whereas on the one hand it may become the bulwark of truth and righteousness; on the other hand it may lay its clamy hands of sacredness upon error and so magnify ten-fold its destructive force. It does not take an historian to recount the many cruelties that have been practiced in the name of religion, nor does it take a genius to observe how often men give themselves to the small, petty trivialities of life and do it in the name of religion. It was in discussing the curse of bad religion that Mr. Henry Crane in the *Christian Century* a few days ago made the statement, "Nothing is so disastrous as religion gone wrong." Then he added:

> For sweetest things turn sourest by their deeds;
> Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds.

Jesus was aware of these facts and recognized hypocrisy as the most potent sin with which He had to deal. Publicans and sinners had His sympathy for they recognized their lost condition and often came to Him for help, but those who practiced their sin with religious zeal, they were the real objects in the way of the coming kingdom. An ordinary wolf can be recognized and avoided but when a wolf gets in sheep's clothing that is when it plays havoc with the purposes and emotions of well-meaning men and women. Christ recognized this fact and the only times He seemed to become better in His denunciation was when He was dealing with these Scribes, Pharisees, and Hypocrits.

A good illustration of this proposition is our Scripture Lesson for today. Christ and His disciples had been going about feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and most important of all preaching a gospel message that would set the sinner free. But the Scribes and Pharisees noticed that the disciples did not wash their hands before eating, according to the requirements of tradition. It is explained that hands, dishes, food from the market must be put through a certain ceremonial cleansing before each meal. That was the requirement of religious tradition and so a question was raised as to why the disciples were not doing this.

As we consider the first part of this story the first thing that strikes our attention is the tragic state to which a great religion has come. A great religion which once dealt with high ethical ideals has now come to put first the matter of washing dishes and hands, and that not for cleanliness' sake but for tradition's sake. It is hard to imagine how men in the name of religion could overlook the great service that Christ and His disciples were rendering and center their attention upon a petty matter of ceremonial law. However, we are glad that they did this, for the occasion provided a setting in which Jesus revealed the greatest sin that ever lies at the door of religion, the sin of pretense which diligently follows outward forms but at the center of which there is no experience of genuine religion. "This people honoreth men with their lips, But their heart is far from me." They worship but they will not serve; they say Lord, Lord, but they will not do my commandments; they are anxious to follow custom and tradition and so fit into the moulds of respectability but they care little for the will and commandments of God. And they do it in the name of religion. When Christ was through speaking I suggest that the Scribes and Pharisees did not go away wondering what He thought of them.

When we consider the fact that Christ died in protest against this hollow hypocrisy; when we consider that He taught that the real essence of religion is an undivided love for God and man and that He was willing to die for that conviction; when we consider His uncompromising words: "If anyone would be my disciple, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me"; when we consider these facts we would imagine that religion would never stoop to hypocrisy and interest itself in the petty trivialities of life again. If only that were true! But as a matter of fact, through the centuries Christ, like Moses, has been made the sponsor of every imaginable philosophy of life. Drunkards, thieves, economists and social reforms alike have clamored for His name to give credence to their views. A great religion for which many have been willing to die has stooped to spend its energies in protecting a narrow sectarianism or in preachment of petty negatives: if you smoke, play checkers, go to movies or pat your foot when the orchestra plays you'll go to hell. A great religion of love has become a religion of narrowness and destruction. And all this has happened in the name of Christ. Let us thank God for what Christ has done for us, but in bitterness let us repent for what we have done for and to Him. May once more men rise to a religious experience sufficiently important for which to die.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

The following parable, written by Rev. Edgar Warren, was read before our class in religious education last week. I trust that others may enjoy it as well as we did here.

A Parable for Preachers

Now it came to pass in those days that a Church called a certain man to be its minister; and the Church agreed to pay him two thousand shekels in silver, a house, and a leave of absence each year.

And, lo! the man was glad to accept the call.

Now the minister prided himself upon being very much up-to-date; and after a while he said to himself: This Church is behind the times, and it needeth the Social Gospel.

So instead of preaching Christ and Him crucified, he preached Old Age Insurance, Unemployment Relief, the Abolition of the Profit Motive, and Reduction of Armaments.

Moreover, he seemed more interested in Socialism than in Salvation.

And the hearts of the people were heavy, for they longed for the Old Fashioned Gospel.

And, behold; they sent a delegation to the minister and asked him to preach something they did not read about six days out of seven.

And the minister was angry and said, I believe in the Freedom of the Pulpit. I know what you need much better than you know yourselves. I shall continue to preach the Social Gospel. If you do not like it depart unto Gehenna.

And the hearts of the people were sore, but they held their peace.

Now the minister had purchased a farm in a far country, where the owner had starved to death, but there was a very fair set of buildings on the farm.

For the minister had said within himself: It may come to pass when I am old and well stricken in years that no Church will desire me, and I shall stand all the day idle in the market place, so I will buy this farm as a place of refuge against that day.

Now the buildings on the farm sorely needed paint, and the minister agreed with a local painter for six shekels a day to paint the buildings white.

And when the bill came in, the minister did send his check to pay it.

And in due time the minister visited his farm, and, lo! instead of painting the buildings white the painter had painted them red.

And the minister was very wroth and he sent for the painter and said unto him,

Thou wicked and deceitful painter! Did I not agree with thee to paint my building white, and, lo! thou has painted them red.

And the painter answered and said, Go to now! It is true thou didst order me to paint thy buildings white, but I believe in the Freedom of the Painter. Red is much better color than white. Moreover, it seemeth to be a popular color at this time.

And suddenly there shined round about the minister a light from Heaven, and he said, I do see my sin this day. Why should I rebuke this man for painting my buildings red when I commanded him to paint them white, when I am called to preach Christ and Him crucified and I preach the Social Gospel?

I will return to my people, and I will say to them, I know now what Jesus meant when He said, Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God; for verily the only way unto a better world is through better men.

THE SEMINARY EXTENSION SCHOOL AND PASTORS' CONFERENCE ON THE WAY

Two meetings of the Directors have been held—one November 28, and the other March 10. All matters involved have been carefully considered, and partial plans definitely agreed upon.

The date set for the school is June 6-17. Registration rates are same as last year: $1.50 for persons taking work for credits, and $1.00 for all other pastors and ministers with the exception of Superannuates. There is no registration charge for them. They are entitled, without cost, to all the lecture and class privileges of the school. Persons who pay the one dollar registration fee have the privilege of sitting in classes, though they do not take work for credits.

At an early date we will publish the courses that will be provided by the Seminary, and the name of the instructor in each course. Also, time of registration and the beginning of class work. These matters are determined at the Seminary.

In addition to the class work, there will be provided a course of lectures for the first week only. All lectures will be given at night and will be open to the public. This course will begin Monday night, June 6, and close on Friday night, June 10. Outstanding speakers will be secured for this course and announced later. Some plans for night programs for the second week are under consideration, but no definite arrangements have been made as to that.

The afternoons will be devoted to rest, fellowship, reading, games, and various forms of recreation. It is likely, too, that the women will want to arrange something for these periods,—probably a school of missions, or something else in keeping with their work. This matter will be taken up with our women. The Directors will cooperate with them in such plans as they may have.

It will be recalled that Dr. G. I. Humphreys made a proposition at our last Conference to entertain, at the college, the wives of our pastors free of charge, if forty pastors would agree to attend the school and spend the time at the college. This includes room and board for pastors and their wives. The cost will be $8.50. This is for the pastors. There will be no charge for their wives. The interest in this proposition on the part of our pastors is evidenced by the fact that forty-one signed up at Conference. One has signed since. We lack now only eight of having an even fifty. We want to make it that. Send in your name, Brother Pastor, and by our next report, which will be soon, let's have fifty of our men enrolled for this school.

The list of those who have enrolled follows:

J. P. Pegg, Henderson; W. L. Harkey, Lincolnton; S. W. Taylor, Asheboro; J. R. Short, Matthews; C. L. Spencer, Randleman; O. L. Easter, High Point; Fred R. Love, Thomasville; E. O. Peeler, Concord; G. L. Curry, Denton; Fred W. Paschall, Burlington; E. G. Cowan, Seagrove; M. C. Henderson, Asheboro; E. L. Ballard, Asheville; E. A. Cook, Albemarle; R. L. Vickery, Danville, Va.; R. S. Troxler, Burlington; J. L. Trollinger, Winston-Salem; C. W. Bates, Brown Summit; C. E. Ridge, Lexington; R. L. Hethcox, Fallston; W. H. Neese, Winston-Salem; C. L. Grant, Denton; D. T. Huss, Kannapolis; C. G. Isley, Albemarle; O. C. Loy, Lexington; D. I. Garner, Mebane; R. M. Andrews, High Point; E. A. Bingham, Saxapahaw; E. A. Lamb, Greensboro; T. G. Madison, Lawndale; H. F. Surratt, Graham; H. W. Bell, Rockingham; J. D. Morris, Pinnacle; H. L. Isley, Burlington; J. M. Morgan, Triplet, Va.; C. B. Way, Kernersville; W. C. Clarke, Weaverville; L. E. Mabry, Lexington; Q. L. Joyner, Concord; N. M. Harrison, Asheboro; N. G. Bethea, Greensboro; and J. E. Pritchard, High Point.

It is the purpose of the Directors to keep this school before our people. You will, therefore, be hearing about it from time to time. Brother Pastor, let's make this one of the big events in this Conference year. It can be done by YOUR help.

S. W. Taylor, *Chairman.*

The President's Letter

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Sunday, April 3, Rehobeth, Granville Charge, 11 a. m.

Saturday, April 9, Friendship on Friendship-Love's Grove, 7 p. m.

Sunday, April 10, Love's Grove at 11 a. m., and Mill Grove at 2:30 p. m.

Sunday, April 17, Cleveland Charge: Oak Grove at 10 a. m.; Kistler's Union at 11 a. m.; and Piedmont High School in Commencement sermon at 2:30 p. m.

Sunday, April 24, First Church, Thomasville, at 11 a. m.

Who wants the next session of the Annual Conference? No invitation has yet come in. If your Church will take it, please let me know.

J. E. Pritchard.

NOTICE

Hebron Church, Orange Charge, is observing Home-coming day the fourth Sunday in April! all-day service, dinner on the grounds. All former pastors are invited to attend, and are expected to give a short talk in the afternoon.

Mebane, N. C. A. K. McAdams, Committee Chmn.

MARCH SPECIAL

N. C. Council of Religious Education
Payment of Apportionment

PROGRAM OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH OF WOMEN'S WORK

Theme: Fellowship Through Service

Wednesday A. M.—10 o'Clock

Worship .... Mrs. E. O. Peeler
Roll Call of Officers
Roll Call of New Life, Memorial, Sustaining, and Perpetual Members
High Lights from the Year's Minutes .. Mrs. George C. Haltom
Report and Message of the President .... Mrs. R. M. Andrews
Special Music .... arranged by Burlington
Reports:
  Corresponding Secretary .... Mrs. J. T. Bowman
  Treasurer .... Mrs. Coy L. Kearns
  Assistant Treasurer .... Mrs. Paul S. Kennett
  Auditor .... Mrs. E. W. Teague
  Secretary Student Loan Fund, High Point College
    Mrs. J. M. Millikan
  Missionary Editor .... Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll
  Secretary of Literature .... Mrs. T. L. Speas
  Secretary of Temperance .... Miss Pearl McCulloch
Recommendations of Finance Committee
Announcements
Adjournment for Lunch

Lunch—12:30 in Church Hut

Wednesday P. M.—1:30 o'Clock

Hymn
Prayer
Greetings and A Forward Look .... Miss Brittingham
Pageant Portraying Women's Work .. Directed by E. A. Lamb
Benediction .... Dr. J. E. Pritchard
President of Annual Conference

Wednesday P. M.—7:30 o'Clock

Worship .... Mrs. E. A. Lamb
Address, "Our Work in China" ...... Mrs. Horace Williams
Youth Candle-light Communion Service, in charge of
Dr. F. W. Paschal, assisted by Rev. Horace Williams
Benediction

Thursday A. M.—9:30 o'Clock

Worship .... Mrs. R. C. Stubbins
Reading of Minutes
High Point College Twenty Minutes .... Dr. G. I. Humphreys
Children's Home Twenty Minutes .... Dr. A. G. Dixon
Bethel Home Twenty Minutes .... Rev. Homer Casto
Report of Resolutions Committee
Report of Nominating Committee
Miscellaneous Business
Report of Committee on Credentials and Courtesies
Adjournment

Lunch—12:00 in Church Hut

Thursday P. M.—1:30 o'Clock

Hymn
Prayer
Special Music .... Burlington
Address .... Rev. Horace Williams
Benediction .... Rev. F. W. Paschall

SEVENTH DISTRICT RALLY

The women of the Seventh District will hold their meeting in Friendship Church Sunday afternoon, March 27, at 2:30 o'clock, with Mrs. W. C. Hammer as speaker. The public is cordially invited and all Auxiliaries are urged to send representatives and give a short report of their work.

Mrs. H. A. Garrett,
District Chairman.

OUR STORY PAGE

FINDING A POT OF GOLD

There was a haze over the sun, and Californians gazing at it decided that it was getting ready for a rain. This did not trouble the schoolmaster on his primitive little school house, however. He dismissed the school for noon recess. The pupils ran shouting on to the playground, eager for play—all but one, who remained pouring over his books.

"Don't you care for play, Edwin?"

The lad gazed at him shyly. "No sir; that is, you see, I have so little time to be getting learning."

"You are anxious to learn, and yet you have not been to school very much."

"No, sir; mother could not spare me." Then he went on in his quiet way to tell the master how he loved the great outdoors—the rustling of the wind through the trees, the songs that the birds sing in the spring, until the teacher made the asonished answer:

"You talk like a poet."

"What is a poet?" the boy asked with wide-open eyes.

"A person who writes poetry."

"But what is poetry?" he persisted eagerly.

"Haven't you ever read any poetry?"

"I never heard of it before."

Surprised, the master proceeded to recite for him some of the poems he had loved and memorized. The boy listened with shining eyes, hardly daring to breathe for fear of losing a word. Then questions followed. Where did one get them? Who wrote them? The master explained to him. He told him of Bryant, of Tennyson, and of other of his favorites.

"I must have them," the lad decided, but how was he to get them? His mother, who was opposed to his schooling, refused to buy the books for him and thought that he had much better devote his time to raising cattle than to learning to read poetry. But where there is a will there is always a way, and Edwin found the way. He offered to plow for a neighbor to earn the money. The neighbor gave him the huge sum of $1.00 for each acre he plowed for him. In this way he earned $20.00, with which he bought the coveted books and a dictionary, so that he might understand them.

When he got them, he wanted more, and he wanted learning, so that he could read more books. He wanted to go to the teachers' college at San Jose, but his mother would not consent. So, like many a youngster, he suddenly disappeared one day, and hired out to a rancher to earn the coveted money. He worked for six months. Then his mother found him and told him that, as he was so set on an education, if he would come home she would help him, and he might start to school at the beginning of the school year.

It was soon after his return home that he found the pot of gold. He did not find it at the end of a rainbow, but in his own yard. He was digging a hole one day when his shovel struck what seemed to be an old canvas bag. It burst open and coins poured out. They were gold coins, about $900.00 in all. This made his schooling easy.

That was many years ago, but today the name Edwin Markham is known to every school boy or girl. Many of his poems are classics. "The Man With the Hoe," we have all read. His poem on "Lincoln, the Man of the People," is one of the grandest tributes ever written to that wonderful man who became the idol of a nation.

However, of them all, the one I love best is that little quatrain, "Outwitted."

"He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout,
But love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in."

—*Youth's World.*

WHERE TO SEND YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY OFFERING

Do not send it to our office in Pittsburgh.

Four hundred and sixty-three Charges ordered Young People's Day materials (seventy-one of these were from the North Carolina Conference) and reports in the Church paper indicate a wide observance of the day with good offerings. Churches and organizations receiving Young People's Day offerings should turn this over to your local Church Treasurer. He should mark it Young People's Day Offering and forward it to your Annual Conference Treasurer. The Annual Conference Treasurer sends it to Mr. H. C. Staley, Treasurer, General Conference, 516 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.

We hope all Young People's Day monies will reach Mr. Staley during March and April. The denominational fiscal year closes April 30.

F. L. Gibbs,
Executive Secretary,
Dept. Religious Education,
Board Christian Education.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

"So shall it be at last in that bright morning,
When the soul waketh and life's shadows flee;
Oh, in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,
Shall rise the glorious thought I am with Thee

"Oh, where are kings and empires now
Of old they went and came?
But, Lord, thy Church is praying yet,
A thousand years the same.

"I worship Thee, sweet will of God,
And all Thy ways adore;
And every day I live, I long
To love thee more and more."

VOTING TWELVE TIMES A YEAR

In Old Monterey, California, the citizens vote twelve times a year to pick the "Shack of the Month"—the most unsightly building in town. Owners of the winning shack have in most cases responded to the verdict with good grace, and many an eyesore is thus being removed.—*Sunset Magazine.*

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Friendship S. S., Mt. Hermon, five months	$25.00
Baraca class, Gibsonville, clothing child	5.00
Pleasant Union S. S., Mt. Pleasant	4.00
Center, Alamance	10.42
Rock Creek S. S., Alamance	2.00
Friendship S. S., Shiloh	3.50
Liberty S. S., Davidson	2.00
Beginners' class, Harmony S. S., Yarboroughs	3.00
Pleasant Hill S. S., W. Forsyth, for the quarter	6.00
Baltimore S. S., W. Forsyth	6.00
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	4.30
Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	5.53
Gibsonville S. S.	1.40
Flag Springs S. S., Why Not	2.00
The Young People, Draper	1.00
Bethany S. S., Randolph	5.92
Salem S. S., Saxapahaw	6.60
Giles Chapel S. S., Richland	3.50
Porter S. S.	2.00
Shiloh S. S., Randolph	3.80
Mebane S. S.	6.54
Mrs. C. W. Mengel, Chapel Hill	1.00
Mrs. R. A. Plunkett, Graham, helping support child	10.00
Brown Summit S. S.	1.55
Bethel S. S., Flat Rock	2.39
New Hope, Why Not	4.25
First Church S. S., Burlington	35.00
Lawndale Union S. S., Cleveland	20.00
First Church S. S., Lexington	3.67

Clothing and Other Gifts

The ladies of Hebron church, Fallston, 170 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables.

The Sunshine Circle, First church, Thomasville, 8 cakes soap, 4 towels, 7 wash cloths and a package of coupons.

We thank you for these gifts of money and substance and for your continued interest in the Home.

Dr. J. E. Pritchard's Note

We appreciate the reminder in Our President's Message in the Herald last week, and trust it will bear fruit. Increased offerings from each Sunday school in the conference may help us to catch up once more.

A Good Letter

Last week I received another one of those good letters which have helped to bear us up during these trying times. I venture to quote from it: "A burden is God-given. They lead one to wait on God. Thus a burden becomes a pair of wings and the weighted one 'mounts up with wings as eagles.' So, you fly high—not away from your precious burdens, but because of them.

"Paul was caught up into the third heaven (I Cor. 12) His thorn-crown brought to him a sufficiency of grace, perfect strength in his weakness, enabling him to boast of his infirmaties. Of course you want and need concrete comfort—material bread and clothing for those children. It must come. You do confide personally and individually in your Savior, and this confidence keeps you from the bottomless pit of despondency. You do not mind your own hunger, but those children must be provided for. Even if they have plenty today, the tomorrow and the tomorrows must be assured. Then, too, there is the accumulated weariness of your own mind and nerves, and the consequent fear for the future as pertains to the church and business, etc. All these things are convertible into wings for immediate and refreshing flight that your strength may be renewed continually and thus reduce the weariness and eliminate the fear, as you calmly 'walk and not faint'."

We are so thankful for this letter and others like it which have come during the last two weeks.

We pass this on hoping it will help. Give us your prayers, your sympathy and your help. Thank you and God bless you every one.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Dr. P. T. Garrison, Gibsonville	$2.00
Sent by Pastor Williams.	
Mrs. W. T. Payne, Saxapahaw	1.00
Mrs. E. D. Millaway, Mt. Pleasant charge	1.00
C. B. McCommons, Kannapolis	.50
Gift of Pastor Huss and Mrs. Bruton.	
C. E. Bulla, Asheboro	2.00
Sent by Mrs. J. S. Lewis.	
Dr. W. A. Hornaday, Grace church	2.00
Dr. A. H. Johnson, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. Bynum Clapp, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. W. S. Jones, Grace church	1.00
Dr. S. K. Spahr, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. R. L. Fogleman, Grace church	2.00
Sent by Mrs. F. R. Stout.	
W. W. Oaks, Calvary church	1.00
Sent by Pastor Stubbins.	
J. H. Skeen, Randleman	2.00
Sent by Pastor Spencer.	
Mrs. W. H. Hill, Haw River charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Bates.	
Mrs. J. T. Shoffner, Mt. Pleasant charge	1.00
J. G. Smith, Mt. Pleasant charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Braxton.	
Mrs. W. H. Neese, N. Davidson charge, club subscriptions	1.60
Mrs. A. C. Harris, Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Noah Williams.	
Mrs. A. C. Harris, Davidson charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Grant.	
T. H. Scarboro, Concord	.50
Sent by Pastor Peeler.	
W. A. Poe, Siler City charge	2.00
Sent by Miss Wilma Dark.	
Rev. W. L. Harkey, Lincolnton charge, slub subscriptions	2.10
R. E. Watts, Forsyth charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Lucile H. Baity.	
H. M. Scott, Fountain Place	2.00
Mrs. C. E. Moser, Fountain Place	1.00
Mrs. T. A. Amick, Fountain Place	2.00
H. E. Gibbs, Fountain Place	2.00
Mrs. R. G. Hornaday, Fountain Place	2.00
M. P. Nicholson, Fountain Place	1.00
Rev. R. E. L. Moser, Fountain Place	2.00
Mrs. T. L. Amick, Fountain Place	2.00
G. L. Amick, Fountain Place	1.00
Sent by Pastor Moser.	
Miss Daisy Jobe, Orange charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. A. K. McAdams.	
Miss Alice Tally, Siler City charge	2.00
Sent by Miss Lucy Jones.	
Mrs. F. W. King, Littleton charge	2.00
Mrs. N. E. Wilson, Littleton charge	2.00
Miss Mary Shearin, Littleton charge	2.00
Miss Sallie B. Perkinson, Littleton charge	.50
Mrs. Philip Hawkins, Littleton charge	.50
Sent by Pastor Trolinger.	
Mrs. G. I. Britton, Calvary	1.00

Subsidy

Randolph charge	3.00
Littleton charge	2.50

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"CENTRAL IDEAS IN JESUS' TEACHING"

Topic for April 3, 1938

Scripture Text: Matthew 5:43-48; 6:33; 28:18-20; Luke 6:31.

Suggested Hymns: "Love Divine," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "Help Somebody Today," "More About Jesus."

Points for the Leader

Often we see some young person, who, by his attitude and actions, thinks Christ and his ideas are a bit out of date, and he prefers a set of standards that are more modern. While on the other hand, we often hear some older person, who has probably become a bit tired and unresponsive to the change of time, express himself as believing that the world will never be saved until, and unless, we "get back to" the teachings of Christ, and the old-time religion. In the discussion of this topic, we shall be interested in examining and discussing the ideas of Jesus in the light of our present-day problems, to see whether the ideas of Jesus have been outgrown, or whether we shall have to "go back" to the old-time religion to find salvation. We shall be interested in trying to find out whether or not we have yet given the ideas of Jesus a chance, and whether or not His teachings do have any answer to our present-day problems.

Suggestive Topic, and Plans

1. What would you attribute as the cause of most of our social unrest and difficulty today?

2. What is the Golden Rule? Do you think many people live by it today? Do you think it a practical rule to live by today?

3. What do you believe Jesus means when He said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you"?

   (a) Did He intend that we should forget or neglect material things?

4. Have we as Christians given the teachings of Jesus a real test, to see whether or not they will work in our lives?

Something to Do

Have someone review the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5, 6, 7) and examine the main ideas of Christ's teachings in the light of our problems today. What does He say about murder, adultery, swearing, revenge, and our enemies, etc. Discuss what Jesus said about these various things in relation to our attiude toward them today.

REV. J. W. BRAXTON.

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M. P. WOMEN MEET IN DISTRICT RALLY

(From Greensboro Daily News)

More than 100 women from nine Methodist Protestant churches attended the fifth district rally on March 8 at Pine Needles lodge with women from Tabernacle church as hostesses. Grace church of Greensboro led with an attendance of 20.

Mrs. E. T. Coble, who presided, was re-elected district chairman. Mrs. R. M. Andrews, of High Point, president of the North Carolina branch of Women's Work of the Methodist Protestant church, was assisted by Mrs. Eugene Lamb, whose husband is the Tabernacle pastor, and Mrs. J. Elwood Carrol, whose husband is the Grace church pastor, in reviewing the book, 'What Is This Moslem World?" Miss Esther Ross and Mrs. Frank Redding, Jr., of Asheboro, reviewed "Rebuilding Rural America." Rev. R. M. Andrews spoke on the Fellowship Crusade Mrs. R. C. Stubbins, wife of the Calvary church pastor, led the devotional service and Mrs. J. Norman Wills and Mrs. Ernest Teague, of Grace church, arranged music. Luncheon was spread at noon.

ATTENTION, FIRST DISTRICT

The following is the program of our spring meeting to be held at Bethesda church, Brinkleyville, on Halifax charge, March 30, beginning at 10:30 o'clock:

Devotionals—Rev. Forrest Wagner.
Address of Welcome—Mrs. H. W. Mitchell.
Response—Mrs. J. H. Cutchin.
Business session.
Solo—Mrs. Charles Miller, Enfield.
Address—Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, Raleigh.
Benediction—Rev. E. O. Peeler, Concord.
Lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

"Onward Christian Soldiers."
Devotionals—Miss Minnie Burt.
Business session.
Solo—Miss Marge Pittman.
Address—"Spiritual Life," Mrs. E. O. Peeler, Concord.
Closing hymn.
Closing prayer—Rev. B. M. Williams.

(Usual arrangements for lunch. We expect a large crowd.)

Miss Blanche Hardee, District Chairman,
Mrs. Eli M. Bellamy, Secretary.

ASHEBORO AUXILIARY

The annual meeting of the Auxiliary of the Central Methodist Protestant church was held in the social rooms of the church Monday evening, March 21, with the president, Miss Esther Ross, in the chair. This being the final meeting of the fiscal year, the reports of each circle proved most interesting and encouraging, with figures from each far above the regular assessments. Several recommendations were passed upon and a list of the members of each new circle was read for the ensuing year. The largest gifts are $100 for the Minnis salary from Asheboro and $35 for the church scout troup.

The worship service centered around the World Day of Prayer and Miss Ross related the origin of this observance.

The following delegates were selected to represent the local organization of Women's Work at the annual branch meeting in Burlington, April 27 and 28: Mrs. L. D. Burkhead, Mrs. L. F. Ross, and Mrs. Ellis Scott; and Miss Ross and Mrs. George Kivette, corresponding secretary, will attend by virtue of their respective offices. The alternates are Mrs. W. E. Shaw, Mrs. N. M. Harrison, Miss Lollie Jones, Miss Leona Wood, and Miss Margaret Honeycutt. Dr. Taylor was a visitor and pronounced the benediction.

The members of the Browers M. P. church auxiliary, who gave the thank-offering playlet, "If I Be His Disciple," before their local congregation, enacted the same program for the members of the Charlotte M. P. auxiliary on Sunday evening, March 13. The two churches are on the Richland charge, near Asheboro, with Rev. M. C. Henderson, pastor.

CLETA RICH.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE N. C. BRANCH OF WOMEN'S WORK

Do you have an opinion regarding the furtherance of our work to which you would like to see the whole organization pledge itself?

If so write your opinion—resolution, let us say—and send it to Miss Esther Ross, Asheboro, N. C., chairman of the Resolutions Committee. We are pursuing the policy of General Convention in asking you in advance of annual meeting for your resolutions, so that the committee may have time to do its work and also attend all the sessions of the meeting. The report of the Resolutions Committee is called for Thursday morning, and we are particularly desirous of having it ready at that time.

Yours in His Name,
MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, President,
N. C. Branch of Women's Work.

GLEANINGS FROM ADDITIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY REPORTS

Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, D.D., Pastor.—Both Fairview and Liberty Hill churches observed Young People's Day. Very impressive services. At Fairview the pastor's sermon was followed by the Youth Candlelight Communion service. At Liberty Hill the play, "The Legend Beautiful," was followed by the Youth Candlelight service. This was very impressive. The programs provided by the Board of Christian Education greatly appreciated. Offering $9.00.

Fairfield Church, Rev. J. B. Trogdon, Pastor.—The day was observed in the Sunday school. Offering $4.55.

CORRECTION

Dear Editor:

In last week's account of District Rally in Tenth District, you made me say Rev. E. O. Peeler delivered an address on spiritual life, when it should be have Mrs. E. O. Peeler. Will you please make correction? Mrs. Peeler might not like her husband getting her honors. Thanks.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

If you have talent, industry will improve it; if you have not, industry will supply the deficiency.—Joshua Reynolds.

MARRIED

Terrell-McDaniel

The marriage of Miss Ruby Terrell to Joe McDaniel was solemnized at the M. P. parsonage of Orange charge, Efland, N. C., on March 5, at 10:45 a.m. The vows were heard by Rev. C. P. Morris. The ceremony was witnessed by friends of the bride and groom, Frances Sykes, Allen Terrell, Johnnie Woods, Carr Terrell, and Mrs. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel are residing in Mebane. They are regular attendants at Hebron church. A host of friends join in wishing them happiness and success.

C. P. MORRIS.

HOW DO YOU SPEND SUNDAY AFTERNOON?

During the last few months I have had a new experience and I want to share it with you. As chairman of a committee in the Alamance County Christian Endeavor union it has fallen my lot to arrange with the jailor to hold devotional services at the county jail. Mr. Ivey, Alamance county jailor, seems to be very interested in these services, having expressed himself as enjoying them as his duties keep him from church, and cooperates in every way.

Our Christian Endeavor society has been to the jail on two occasions to hold a service. Each time we have been glad that we went. Other societies who have reported their visits to me say they "enjoyed it" and want to go again. This wasn't the kind of enjoyment that comes from entertainment; no one could enjoy seeing the poor unfortunates as they go back to their cells and are locked in, but its the deeper enjoyment that comes from helping some one. When we go we take some reading matter, magazines, church papers, Christian Endeavor quarterlies, etc., for the inmates. They enjoy it and call for more.

Our Christian Endeavor society in our county union spend nearly every Sunday afternoon in some kind of service to a shut-in or old person who enjoys such a visit. Once each month this society holds a service at the county home and then goes to the home of an old lady who has a lame son and gives the same program. Do they leave off the Christian Endeavor prayer meeting that night? No indeed, I know because I visited them on Sunday night when they weren't expecting company. Can people who spend their Sundays in such a way fail to be spiritually refreshed when the new work week begins? I am sure they would tell you they enjoy their Sundays and they do not have to begin the week with a dull "hang-over."

I hope more of our Christian Endeavor societies will try doing such work.

POMONA J. AMICK.

Perseverance built the Egyptian pyramids, the temple at Jerusalem, dug the Panama canal, laid the Atlantic cable, and has given every mechanical improvement today.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Central Church, Asheboro, Dr. S. W. Taylor, Pastor.—On Sunday afternoon, March 6, there was a union service in which representatives from the M. P. church and the First M. E. church, South, participated in an Aldersgate Commemoration, with Dr. G. I. Humphreys, Dr. C. S. Kirkpatrick, pastor Centenary M.E. church, Greensboro, and Dr. Taylor, each bringing brief messages on the Wesley anniversary. A very prominent place was given to singing of the immortal Wesley hymns, with Gerald K. Ford, director of Religious Education of the Asheboro M. E. church, directing the music.

For the Sunday evening worship hour the two congregations presented a history of "The Story of Early Methodism," at the First M. E. church, with the following Central church young peopel taking part in the pageant: Howard Brown, Talmadge Cole, Lewis Pritchard, Cicero Holder, L. D. Burkhead, Jr., Harrison Lamb, James Hendrix, Helen Phillips, and Lacy Lewis. Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., and Dr. Taylor assisted with the story, also hymn tunes by the church school orchestra and hymn singing by the M. E. young people's choir was a part of the program.

Plans are maturing for the annual Father-Son banquet at the local church on March 29, when the Auxiliary will be hostess to about 225 men and boys.

In observance of the Go-to-Church project during March, several Sunday school classes have been occupying pews in groups at the morning worship hour, with the men's Bible class and the women's Bible classes having the largest numbers in attendance to date. It is distressing to note that the congregation is composed mostly of older people.

The many friends of W. F. Redding, Sr., grieve with him in the loss of his only daughter, Mrs. Cora Redding Mendenhall, at the Redding home on Hill street, Wednesday, March 23. Mrs. Mendenhall's death followed a serious illness of several months, during which she bore herself with quiet fortitude. To all who knew her, she endeared herself, not through her astounding or public acts, but through her quiet manner, her earnestness of purpose, her love of the church, and perhaps geratest of all, her love and devotion to children, particularly in the Children's Home in Winston-Salem, with which she was affiliated many years. Mrs. Mendenhall graduated from Salem college in 1915. This beloved soul is survived by her father, Mr. Redding; her step-mother, Mrs. Ida Hammer Redding; two daughters, Cynthia, of Winston-Salem, and Martha, a student at Woman's college, Greensboro; three brothers, W. F. Redding, Jr., Thomas S. Redding, and John F. Redding, of Asheboro. Mrs. Redding's funeral was held from the Asheboro M. E. church, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with Rev. G. Ray Jordan, her pastor, of Winston Centenary M. E. church, assisted by the Rev. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the M. E. church, and Dr. Taylor, of the M. P. church. The mass of exquisite flowers and the numerous friends who were present for the final rites, showed a profound devotion for the deceased.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, of High Point; Rev. R. C. Stubbins, of Greensboro; and Mrs. Charles T. Luck, of Seagrove, were in Asheboro Thursday for the funeral of Mrs. Mendenhall. Frank Redding, III, has been ill with measles at his home on Hill street, and Mrs. Lawrence Sours, who underwent an operation on her arm at the local hospital three weeks ago by Dr. Wheeldon, bone specialist, of Richmond, is now recuperating at her home on Waiman avenue. S. W. Taylor, Jr., has recovered from several days' illness at the parsonage in Greystone Terrace.

In a recent report, in regard to the number of local members who had read the entire Book of books, the name of Miss Althea Presnell was omitted. Miss Presnell has the distinction of having read the Bible seven times during her 25 years on earth.

CLETA RICH.

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Elbaville, Mocksville Charge, March 18.—We have been having a right good crowd at preaching services this past winter. Rev. Mr. Holt has been filling his regular appointments. We pounded the preacher this month.

We now have 96 enrolled in Sunday school. There has been a pretty good average in attendance. Total Sunday school offering thus far this year is $15.

The young boys' and girls' class of our Sunday school has different projects in view to raise money for their class. It is growing considerably and there is always something to be done. Their monthly class meetings are proving to be helpful. Mrs. D. R. Lawson is their teacher. Mrs. C. M. Markland teaches the young married people; Mrs. W. E. Lanier, the juniors; Mrs. Betty Tucker, the older women; Mr. Joe Bailey, the older men; and Mrs. Alex Tucker, the little children. We are glad o have new members come to church school. Everybody is welcome. We are glad to see Mrs. Taylor Bailey back at church after being sick for quite a while.

Many friends and family gave Mr. C. M. Markland a surprise birthday dinner the first Sunday of this month. Our preacher and the preacher of Advance charge were there. Everyone present certainly enjoyed the occasion. He is a member of our church and Sunday school.

Since we are approaching Easter time, may we be renewed in spirit and newness of life.

ALVIN CARTER, Reporter.

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Bethesda, North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, March 21.—At the request of the Bethesda reporter, I am giving some news from that churh.

On Sunday morning, March 13, at the 11 o'clock hour the ladies of the Auxiliary gave the play, "Not Exempt," which was very impressive.

At the conclusion of the play this writer had the pleasure of introducing the visiting speaker, Mrs. J. Clyde Auman, of Thomasville. Mrs. Auman, in her usual interesting and impressive way, gave the audience an account of some of her experiences while in Japan. The pastor then made some remarks, an offering was taken which amounted to $18.28. The people thoroughly enjoyed having Mrs. Auman with them.

Now just a few facts regarding the Auxiliary at Bethesda. We have here a fine group of loyal, consecrated women, who are trying to carry out their part of the branch program; but in doing so they do not forget the needs of those in their home community.

On last Thursday evening I had the pleasure of meeting with the ladies in the home of Mrs. C. M. Yokely for their last meeting of the year, and of acting as chairman during the election of new officers. The following ladies were elected to serve for the new year: Mrs. C. M. Yokely, president; Mrs. J. C. Brinkley, vice-president; Mrs. D. D. Brinkley, secretary; Mrs. J. O. Everhart, Auxiliary treasurer, and Mrs. C. L. Waggoner, Ladies' Aid treasurer; Mrs. W. H. Neese, spiritual life secretary. A number of other secretaries were electetd, but I do not have their names at present.

The treasurer's yearly report was interesting. Amount raised by Auxiliary, $96.00; amount raised by Ladies' Aid, $91.36. The budget is $80 and was reported paid in full. $16.95 of this amount was paid by the young married women's class.

We are hoping to do greater things at Bethesda; the people have a mind to work.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

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Midway, Haw River Circuit, Dr. C. W. Bates, Pastor.—Seeing the beautiful flowers in our church, in the church yard, and in the cemetery each Sunday morning makes us realize that spring is here in all its beauty; and with the beauty of spring it seems that our hearts are glad and we are happy in the work of the church. The second Sunday we had 103 present in Sunday school. Last Sunday the attendance was off a little, as some were away for the week-end.

Our pastor has filled all his appointments since conference, with good and helpful sermons. The more we know Dr. and Mrs. Bates the better we love them. We enjoy having them in our homes.

Prayer meeting was conducted last Sunday by Milton Wright. He read a part of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Some of our members attended quarterly meeting at Fairgrove last week. Lee Richardson and G. W. Apple, Jr., were nominated as delegates to annual conference.

MRS. G. W. APPLE, Reporter.

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Haw River Circuit.—Young People's Day services were held at all the churches on the charge during January, with a little increase over last year in total offering. We have also made the round of thank-offering services, but I do not know just how the receipts compare with last year. We did not have a play, except at Fair Grove. Instead, I preached a missionary sermon. But at Fair Grove, a group came out from Calvary church, Greensboro, and gave a very effective and impressive rendering of the play, "If I Be His Disciple." We were glad to have them, and to renew acquaintance.

The Annual Conference Expense item of the budget has been raised in full. We are working now on the College apportionment, and have secured something like a third of the total. The remainder we hope to have in hand shortly.

Thanks to Brother J. Turner Richardson, Fair Grove church has a communion table. It has lacked that to complete a most beautiful auditorium. We are very grateful to him for this gift.

The building project for Friendship comes nearer realization, although it is still in the air. We have secured quite a number of designs for church buildings, complete and remodeling plans. Yesterday we gave out a questionnaire for the members to fill out to indicate what kind of a project they thought we ought to undertake. As soon as we get sufficient returns, we shall take the next step—find out the costs of the proposed project.

Mizpah will soon have electric lights. A power, or light, line is being projected through that community.

Attendance at all the services is far better than last year. Due to the exceptionally good weather and good roads mostly, I suspect. But I think there is a better interest on the part of the folks, too.

A good deal of work is being done at the parsonage, and more will be undertaken as we have time. The old building in the middle of the garden has been torn down, and a brooder and chicken house made out of the lumber in it. We are grateful to the brethren for helping us put up the framing.

"Monticello High School Day" will be observed on the first Sunday in April at 11:30 instead of the third Sunday in April. This is done to avoid having the service on Easter Sunday.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

Spring Church Circuit Auxiliary.—The March meeting was held in the home of Mrs. H. E. Vassor at Pleasant Hill. Mrs. Vassor had charge of the devotions, with Mrs. Joe McGee reading the scripture, discussed by Mrs. Vassor. There were 18 members present.

The same officers were re-elected. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Cooke, and Mrs. Moore were the nominating committee. We all enjoyed he Pollyanna party. We were very glad to have the treasurer report everything paid, and the aouxiliary voted to have the budget raised $10 for Brother Minnis' salary. The young people are all doing good work with Mrs. Williams as secretary. Our next meeting goes to Mrs. J. W. Crews.

MRS. W. W. GRANT, Cor. Sec.

Liberty, Aubert M. Smith, Pastor, March 14.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday. He brought a very helpful message, using as the scripture lesson Eph. 4:1-13. The second quarterly conference will convene Saturday night, March 26. All official members are urged to attend.

Our revival meeting will begin the fourth Sunday in March. Rev. J. E. Carroll will be the visiting minister.

May much good be accomplished in the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom. Our pastor emphasized the importance of prayer.

Our faithful superintendent, Mr. R. L. Elkins, often leads the Wednesday night prayer service. We should count it a great privilege to pray, especially during the Lenten season.

Mrs. J. N. Isley entertained Circle No. 2 of the Woman's Auxiliary at her home, and Mrs. W. M. Hanner entertained Circle No. 1 at her home for the February meetings.

Mrs. John Thompson had a called meeting of Circle No. 2 at her home last night to tack a quilt for the Children's Home.

We observed Young People's Day January 30. A beautiful and very impressive program was carried out, using the Candlelight Holy Communion service.

May the Lenten season find us doing more real consecrated work in all phases of the church. Pray for us.

One of our loved members, Mrs. A. J. Brower, has returned from the hospital, but has been in a very serious condition.

A wedding of much interest to a large circle of friends is that if Miss Annie Dare Isley and Mr. James Cheek, of Siler City. We wish for them much happiness as they journey through life together.

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

Grace Church, Greensboro, J. Elwood Carroll, Pastor.—Continuing our report of last week — A new group in our church is the Mothers' Club, composed of women with children less than six years of age. The club was developed by Mrs. F. R. Stout, superintendent of the Nursery department, and Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll. Meetings are held monthly, with about 20 to 30 women in attendance. The first meeting was in February at the parsonage, with Mrs. Carroll bringing a partial review of the book, "The Every-Day Problems of the Every-Day Child," by Dr. Thom. The second meeting was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Bull, Jr., with Mrs. Bull and Mrs. W. H. Hunter as hostesses. Dr. Marion Y. Keith, local pediatrician, spoke on the diet and care of the child.

The extra session of certain departments of the church school is doing nicely. The nursery has from four to eight babies in it during preaching hour. The beginner group is doing nicely, and the primary department, under the direction of Mrs. E. S. Wills, has an attendance almost equal that of the Sunday school hour. The junior group is studying missions and learning some hymns.

The Fellowship Crusade has been presented from the pulpit, by personal contact, through our "Grace Gems," (an occasional mimeographed bulletin which is mailed to all our families) and at a fellowship banquet in January. At the banquet Dr. G. I. Humphreys and Dr. R. M. Andrews explained the Crusade, and several persons signed the covenant. Next week we hope to have an interesting announcement about the Crusade.

The Grace Auxiliary has closed a successful year, having paid in full its entire budget and helping considerably with improvements and our church debt. Mrs. E. W. Teague was chosen Monday as president for next year, succeeding Mrs. J. Norman Wills, who had served her maximum term of two years. The Grace group was the largest number from any one church at the mission study gathering at Pine Needles two weeks ago. A full account of that meeting appears else where in this paper.

A number of our people have been ill. Mrs. J. M. Stone has returned home from her daughter's, and an operation received back in December. She is yet weak but improving steadily. Mr. J. M. Simpson, Guilford county coroner, recently received an ankle sprain while out in his yard. Mrs. L. Bryan Clemmons is now in the Wesley Long Hospital recovering from an appendectomy. Mrs. M. D. Stout, her daughter, Mrs. Frank Rierson, and sons, M. D., Jr., and Ferd R., all have taken a trip to Piedmont Memorial Hospital, but only Ferd had an operation—an appendectomy. Mrs. W. M. Curl, of Concord church, Saxapahaw charge, underwent an operation at Wesley Long Hospital, but is now with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Dodson. Mrs. E. W. Teague is recovering from a light case of pneumonia. Fred Hutton has recovered from a similar case. Mr. R. T. Wills is out again after an attack of influenza, but Mrs. Wills is still confined to the bed. Miss Agnes Wills and Miss Mary Wills are both ill at home. The condition of Mr. Numa A. Knight remains little improved. Among our "little folks," Bobby Wills underwent a mastoid operation recently, John Cook received a tonsilectomy, and Betty Anne Carroll had a stitch put in her jaw to close a cut. Henry Hunter Stout fell on roller skates and received a painful bruise and cut on the lip. We rejoice that all these younger members are now fully recovered.

Grace members have been traveling about recently. Herbert Jones was a visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jones, just prior to his sailing for Argentina, where he will superintend one of the plants of the Vick Chemical Company. During the past winter he was in charge of the plant in Mexico City. Mr. and Mrs. Dean F. Snyder visited relatives in Indiana. Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hornaday motored to Florida last week. Mr. Truitt V. Cox was in Baltimore and Detroit demonstrating before Ford officials a new auto spring for which he has a recent patent. Mrs. George T. Penny spent time this winter in Florida. Miss Margaret Moore was in New York City on business. Miss Charlie Hunter spent ten days in Florida. Rene Hardre, Jr., is home for a few days from Chicago where he is serving his interneship for surgery.

Fairview Church, Glen Raven Charge, March 21.—The condition of our pastor is not much improved at this writing. He was removed from his home to the Duke hospital one week ago, and since then he has showed but little progress. We are still hoping and trusting that by God's help and the help of skilled doctors, they will do their best to find his cause and remove it, if possible. He is very much missed among us.

The work here is on the upward trend again now. We are glad to see our attendance increase so much in the last few Sundays. We guess it is this pretty weather we are having.

A Christian Endeavor society was recently organized in our church, and we are glad to see so much interest being shown in this work. We have just held two meetings, but we are getting a fine start, and we think our meetings will improve as the Sundays go by. We have our meetings at 6:30 each Sunday evening. Some member has charge of the program at each meeting, and so far our meetings have been very interesting.

In the absence of our pastor, Mr. Charlie Coble, from the Haw River M. P. church, came over and filled the regular appointment on the second Sunday in this month. We are always glad to hear this man, who is just getting started in the ministerial work. Mr. Coble always gives us much to think about in his messages. His theme for the morning was "Leaving God Out." This message was greatly enjoyed.

On the third Sunday evening a thank-offering service was held in our church under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary. Rev. O. B. Williams, pastor of the Gibsonville M. P. church, was our speaker for this service. He brought us an interesting message on foreign missions. We appreciated his message very much. A very good offering was received, which will help us out on our conference budget.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its monthly meeting in the church on Tuesday night, with 10 members and two visitors present. The scripture was taken from John 6:1-16, and was read by Mrs. J. H. Coleman. An interesting program was given on self-sacrifice. We selected our program from our Guide Book that we use in these meetings. Appropriate songs were sung. Plans were made at this meeting to work out some system of raising money for meeting our regular requirements for the year's work. We hope we can soon get to work on this.

MRS. CLARENCE RUDD, Reporter.

Shiloh, Randolph Charge, March 22.—We appreciate our pastor, Rev. Geo. L. Reynolds, reporting the work that has been done on our church. We hope to get it painted outside and inside very soon.

An Easter program is being prepared by the three small classes of our Sunday school. The service will be at 11 o'clock Easter Sunday.

Eugene Brown is planning to give class No. 4 a weiner roast at his home Saturday evening, April 2.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Willie Garner Wednesday, April 6, at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Marvin York continues ill at her home in Julian. We are hoping everyone who is sick or convalescing will soon be feeling much better.

We hope our attendance will increase with the coming of spring. Everyone wants to get out and go somewhere on a beautiful Sunday, so why not set your sails toward some church somewhere?

So the Editor will not get confused, I will state I am a new reporter, appointed by the pastor upon the resignation of Mrs. J. A. Crowson.

MRS. EUGENE BROWN, Reporter.

Bethel, Alamance Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor.—We are glad to report an increased attendance and interest in our Sunday school and church services. Our pastor is doing a fine work in our community. This is his fourth year with us, and he has given his whole time and service to the work. He tries to visit every member and get everyone more interested in the church work, and he is most faithful in calling on the sick and cheering them with words of comfort.

We have two preaching services each month. A very inspiring feature of our worship program is the special music which we arrange for each third Sunday morning, either by our local talent or some visiting quartet. Last Sunday we had a duet by Vaughn Boone and Miss Opal Cook, members of our own church. In February the Isley brothers came to us and sang several numbers.

The Young People's service was observed at our church the fourth Sunday evening in February.

The thank-offering meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held last Sunday. Our regular monthly meeting of the auxiliary was held the second Sunday at the home of Mrs. E. P. Dixon, with Mrs. Sarah Thompson conducting the program. Mrs. J. B. Bivens and Miss Daisy Winningham were elected delegates to the branch meeting in Burlington. Several others hope to attend as it is so near us this year.

Mrs. Lon McPherson, president of the Auxiliary, recently entertained the executive committee at her home, at which time plans were discussed for the work of the coming year.

Since our last report, Mrs. W. Dennis Woods, whose funeral was conducted in Burlington, was buried in Bethel cemetery.

Our church is planning to have an Easter program on Easter Sunday.

MARCIA FOUST, Reporter.

Palestine, Flat Rock Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. J. A. Burgess, has filled all appointments during this quarter, with good, interesting sermons; the attendance has been very good for winter months.

The old building that stood in front of the church has been sold and torn down and moved away, and the lot purchased for the church. With some improvements, this will give our church a nice front lawn.

Several of our people have had the mumps. Gordon Thacker, one of our bright young boys, is in St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro. We are hoping for him a speedy recovery. Mrs. Dolly Sharron, who has had a badly infected hand, and had to spend a good many days in the hospital, has got able to attend church again.

Glad to have Mrs. Burgess worship with us third Sunday in March. Come again.

GRACE R. TUCKER.

Mt. Hermon, Mt. Hermon Charge, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor, March 21.—The pastor filled his appointment at this church the third Sunday morning, using as his subject, "Why Do You Not Take Communion?" He gave several reasons, then proved them false by showing the reasons for taking the holy communion. At the close he gave the communion to 58. This was an increase, but not enough.

A count of the number attending preaching services the past four Sundays showed only 36%. The pastor asked that each one present act as a committee to invite others and thus increase the attendance. The membership of Mt. Hermon is scattered too much to make high marks in attendance, but those living near might attend more often.

The Woman's Auxiliary was glad to have the pastor and wife on the program, and a duet by the daughters, John Lou and Faye, was enjoyed. The Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. J. A. Crabtree, March 25.

The funeral of Mr. "Bud" Rich was conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. R. Anderson, and his life-long friend, Rev. H. L. Isley, Thursday afternoon. Interment in the church cemetery. The bereaved family have our sympathy.

The first Sunday service has been changed from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday school at 10 a.m. every Sunday.

REPORTER.

Bethesda Church, Rockingham Charge.—We are very glad to say that our Sunday school is increasing since our last report, and hope the people will take more interest in coming to church as the weather grows warmer.

We are sorry to note the illness of our Sunday school secretary, Miss Florrie Boan. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

On the last fourth Sunday, February 27, Rev. Wayne Curtis, the wonderful singer, sang several beautiful hymns and brought a splendid message at the morning worship hour. We want to say he is welcome to Bethesda church at any time to worship with us.

The second Sunday, March 13, our pastor, Rev. H. W. Bell, brought to everyone an interesting message, also Misses Marie and Evelyn Davis sang a duet. The junior choir is still working nicely in Sunday school and singing.

Our pastor's regular appointment is next Sunday, March 27, and we hope he will bring a splendid message at the morning worship hour.

With the coming of spring and beautiful weather, let us all try to attend church more regularly and give to God our utmost service.

The school teachers of Bethesda are training the children for an Easter program. The junior and intermediate classes are planning for an Easter egg hunt on Saturday before Easter Sunday. Pray for us in all our work.

MARY JACOBS, Reporter.

Concord, E. O. Peeler, Pastor, March 21.—We enjoyed a very good thank-offering program the second Sunday night. Our Sunday school took part as well as the missionary circles. Each class gave an offering; some member of each class presented the offering. I don't know just what the offering amounted to, but I do know that we have never had a better program. Those taking part were Mrs. E. O. Peeler, Miss Virginia Burris, Miss Mildred Burris, Miss Helen Smith, Miss Doris Little, and Mrs. Marvin Blackwelder. We also enjoyed a duet by Miss Helen Smith and Miss Lera Winecoff. We missed Miss Margie Pittman very much the second Sunday; she was visiting her parents.

On the first Sunday morning we were happy to have some visiting singers. They sang for the Baraca class, and then sang one selection at the preaching service. We were also glad to have a short talk by Mr. Saleeby on the Baraca and Philathea movement. Our missionary work is coming to the close of the branch year and we women have been doing some work. This is one year that we women have had lots on our minds and hearts. We want to see our new church finished and we want our missionary work finished by going over the top with our budget. So we are doing what we can for both. Each circle is trying very hard to pay for a pew, and Mr. Waddell told us yesterday that our blinds for the windows had already come and that we were expecting our pews this week or next week. And of course the ladies know we have our carpet. We have had to work very hard to get it. But our theme for this year is "Work and pray," and we know we can do great things with work and prayer. Mr. and Mrs. Peeler and Mrs. Whisnant are working hard, and since Miss Pittman came here she has put her whole heart in the work. And our Sunday school classes have their hearts in the work too. Each class is ever ready to cooperate in whatever we undertake.

We were very happy last Sunday to have the Baraca class as our honor guests at the morning service, and Mr. Peeler gave us a beautiful message, as he always does. At this service we were so happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McLaurin and family back into our church family. We are in very much sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin today. Their house burned very badly today—burned so badly that they had to move out, but we heard that they saved all their house things.

On next Sunday morning the women's class will be our honor guests.

We are very sorry to learn that Mrs. Robert H. Brown is in the hospital. She was very sick Sunday. Little Janice Claudine Little was very sick Sunday. We have very much sickness in our church family, but we hope as spring comes in and the measles gets around, that all of our folks will be well and back at church.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Newton had a very happy time celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary on Saturday, the 12th. All their children and grandchildren and Mrs. Newton's sister and two daughters, of Charlotte, with a few of the neighbors, enjoyed the bountiful dinner.

Our hearts were sad when death claimed a member of the women's class, Mrs. Ennis. She used to be one of our faithful members, but she had not been attending church for some time until just a short while before she became ill. Her children and relatives have our sympathy.

We are glad that Mrs. S. H. Teeter is getting along fine after having an operation on her eye.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

Midway, Greensboro, J. R. Hutton, Pastor, March 20.—We are glad to report that the ladies' class has been making some improvements at our church. Recently they presented to the Sunday school a register, with the cooperation of Mr. S. C. York. We have been needing this for a long time. This past Sunday we were glad to find that they had done some work on the pulpit, with the help of Mr. W. T. Hiatt, one of our members. Mr. Hiatt has also done a great deal of work on our church lawn.

Sunday, March 13, Young People's Day was observed. The program was presented by our C. E. society.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is meeting Tuesday, March 22, at 1:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. E. C. Walters.

The church wishes to thank Dr. Joy Glascock for the chair she gave to the hut Sunday.

Our pastor has been sick with a cold for the past several weeks, but he has not failed to fill his pulpit. Sunday he brought us a splendid sermon on "Man Needs Salvation."

We are sorry to report that our pastor's wife, Mrs. J. R. Hutton, is ill. She is suffering from a fall received last week. We are hoping that with God's help she will soon recuperate.

REPORTER.

Efland, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, March 22.—Sunday was another good day for Efland. Spring—yes, but even more—two splendid sermons from our pastor. Would it be boasting if we should say he seems to be better each time we hear him? For the morning service Brother Morris used the Fellowship Crusade for his theme, stressing the three objectives. After the service a number of members pledged to support the Crusade, and we hope to put Efland on the honor roll.

The evening service was very impressive, with "Opportunity" as our theme.

Our Easter program will be presented on Easter Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

This week our auxiliary will have its last meeting for the year. This has been a very successful year. We have made gains, both in membership and financially, and have enjoyed the work. We hope to have a good delegation at the branch meeting.

If you hear unusual music it might be Efland's junior choir. Surely they have one, directed by Mrs. C. P. Morris. We will hear from them later.

We are glad to report that Mr. Paris Murray is recovering successfully from an operation on one of his eyes. Mr. J. M. Dunn, our Sunday school superintendent, was missed Sunday. We hope he recovers soon from his illness.

Mr. Thomas Gill Crutchfield and his bride, the former Miss Pauline Chappell, of Creedmore, spent the week-end here with Mr. Crutchfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Crutchfield. They are at home in Louisburg, N. C.

REPORTER.

Hebron Church, Orange Charge.—The Woman's Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting after Sunday school Sunday morning, March 20. New officers for the coming year were elected. Mrs. B. F. Wilson was reelected president, Miss Nettie James vice-president, Miss Velma Sykes treasurer, and Margaret McAdams, secretary.

The budget for the coming year was discussed and the auxiliary decided to let the budget stand as it was given us, with the exception of $5 increase on the Minnis fund. Plans for a better year were also discussed, and with the new year just ahead we are hoping to do better work than ever before.

GRACE McADAMS, Aux. Reporter.

Flat Rock Church, Vance Charge, J. D. Cranford, Pastor, March 21.—Things are still moving forward at Flat Rock. Our pastor has filled all appointments with an inspiring sermon. On the third Sunday in January, Young People's day was observed, with several young people on programs, and special music. An offering was taken and the church treasurer has sent it to the conference treasurer.

Our Sunday school has on a contest with Harris Chapel Sunday school (our sister church on Vance) as to attendance and offering. We are not doing as much as we should in this contest. There are lots of our church members who live near the church who do not attend Sunday school.

Mr. F. E. Pinnell, of Henderson Baptist church, taught the Victor class yesterday. He made the lesson very interesting and inspiring.

Our superintendent, Mr. Moody, is making plans for the special Easter program.

The Woman's Auxiliary will hold its last meeting of the year at the church Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. There will be reports of all work done during the year and all money raised for both branch and local work. I am sure the branch apportionment will be reported paid in full. New officers and the delegates to branch meeting will be elected at this time also. There will be a specially prepared program.

Yesterday was Family Day at Flat Rock. Our pastor sent letters to each family inviting them to attend church, so this increased our congregation quite a bit. He gave us a fine sermon on the theme, "Talking to Yourself," using as a text, "For she said to herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole." We also enjoyed two duets sung by Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Williams, of Henderson. At the beginning of the service Mr. Cranford presented 37 new song books given by Miss Rosa Satterwhite in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Satterwhite, and by Miss Mary V. White in memory of her father, A. E. White. These books were badly needed, and are very much appreciated. Our pastor had nice mimeographed bulletins of the service programs and announcements for church yesterday. They carried on the front a cut of Spring Valley church. They were very nice and we thank him. Wish we might have them all the time.

Miss Mavis Hester and Brother Winston Hester have recently returned from a six-weeks stay in Florida.

REPORTER.

Albemarle, Rev. C. G. Isley, Pastor.—Our pastor brought us two splendid sermons today. He stressed the need of love that we should have for each other. It was decided at the morning service that we begin our spring revival the first Sunday in May. Pray that we shall have a successful meeting. Rev. C. L. Spencer will be our pulpit help.

Interest is growing in our Christian Endeavor society rapidly. There were 100 present for the meeting tonight. Plans were made for a picnic at an early date.

Our three circles met in the following homes: Lucy Hatley circle in the home of Mrs. J. E. Gantt; the Margaret Green in the home of Mrs. Lassiter Hatley, and the Camaline Snotherly in the home of Rev. C. G. Isley. Interesting programs were given by each circle, after which the hostesses served dainty refreshments.

Two of our Sunday school boys, Roscoe Lisk and Tyler Smith, are ill at this time. Both are confined to their beds in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Misses Faye Holt, Elberta Ragsdale, Robert Furr, Margaret, Max and Billy Gantt spent Sunday in Boone with Miss Dona Gantt, who is a student at A. S. T. C.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Smart, Mrs. Attie Gaddy, Mrs. Lassiter Hatley, and Charles W. Hatley visited Mrs. Hatley's husband, Lassiter Hatley, Sunday. Mr. Hatley is a patient in Oteen hospital.

MRS. COLON MAULDIN, Reporter.

Fairview Church, Anderson Charge, Dr. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—Dr. Johnson brought us a very interesting sermon Sunday morning, using as his subject, "The Sin of Omission." He brought out some very good points, and I am sure it will set many of us to thinking about what we do not do, as well as what we do do.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Miss Mary Hendricks Friday afternoon for their March meeting. The devotional was conducted by Dr. Johnson, and the Bible lesson was given by Mrs. Stewart Kistner, and proved to be very interesting, as it was a group of the Psalms. During the business meeting, two delegates were elected to go to the branch meeting to be held in Burlington in April. They were Mrs. W. B. Freeman and Mrs. J. M. Carpenter.

Of much interest to their friends, and yet coming as a surprise to many, was the marriage of Jones Phillips and Miss Nell Mauldin. These two young people were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Nalley on Friday night, March 18, by

Dr. Johnson. We wish for them much success in their married life.

It is with regret that we note the passing of one of our faithful members, Mrs. W. T. Watson, who died Saturday after a short illness. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, conducted by Dr. Johnson, assisted by Rev. E. C. White. Mrs. Watson was a loyal member of our church and was active in all phases of church work. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

We have spent a great deal of time on improving our church grounds, and we still have some more to do. However, interest has changed to a new field, and plans are now being made to paint the church both inside and out. We are hoping to have both the church and the grounds in good condition by the first Sunday in May, as this is our annual home-coming and Mother's Day.

A committee has been appointed and they are now working on a program for Easter.

Both of our C. E. societies are very active, and the Fellowship club also. A very interesting feature of the program of the Senior C. E. recently was a Bible drill conducted by Mrs. Thurman Watson, with the Fellowship club competing against the Christian Endeavor. The Fellowship club won by a few points. We might say that a Bible drill is a part of their regular meeting each Friday night.

BERTHA CONNELLY, Reporter.

Roberta Church, Q. L. Joyner, Pastor.—We are very glad to report that both our church and Sunday school work are moving along nicely. The Sunday school attendance has been fine, but it should be much better. Spring is peeping forth with all the beauty and fulness of life. In these days of Lent may we be much in prayer for an outpouring of God's blessing in our churches.

The ladies' Bible class gave a social Saturday night, March 13. A short program was conducted, after which a social hour was enjoyed by all. Hostesses were Mrs. Ivey Cline, Parksie Cochran, and Glenna Joyner.

The girls' circle held their monthly meeting at the parsonage Saturday night, March 6, with 12 members present and four new ones.

They are planning to give a play soon entitled, "Always in Trouble."

Our mid-week prayer services are being conducted, with very good attendance and interest.

We are hoping to begin our Sunday night services soon.

Gifts have come to us almost daily since we came to this charge. For this generosity on the part of our members and friends we thank you one and all.

ASSISTANT REPORTER.

Shady Grove Church, Connelly Springs Charge.—The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. H. D. Garmon February 11, with 15 members present and six visitors. Much interest is being shown in the society. We are planning to meet today and start making pillow cases, dresser scarfs, and aprons. If anyone wants to buy any of this fancy work, come to Shady Grove and see the members of the society. The profit we make will go on a new church, which we hope will start in the near future.

The building committee has been elected, and plans are being made for the new church. So far as we know now, it will be made of blue granite rock, consisting of an auditorium and six Sunday school rooms. It will take lots of work and lots of money. So anyone that is interested and wishes to help in any way, please see the pastor, Rev. Herman Yokeley, of High Point, N. C., or the chairman of the building committee, Mr. D. E. Townsend, of Connelly Springs. See them or mail them some money. It will be greatly appreciated.

Rev. Mr. Yokeley filled his regular appointment last night with a larger congregation than usual. He delivered a wonderful message.

The C. E. society is doing very well, to be newly organized. They have 28 members on roll. We are expecting more members in the next few weeks. We are proud of this number of young people.

A MEMBER.

First Church, High Point.—The pastor delivered his sermon, "Dearer Than Life," to a large, thoughtful congregation Sunday morning. Church attendance passed its 550 mark Sunday before last, and the goal for the past Sunday was 650. The tabulation has not been given, but from general appearances the 650 were there.

The High Point Enterprise recently carried a feature article and picture of our church in its Sunday issue. A full history and progress of the church were given. Each Sunday the local paper is doing this, taking one church per Sunday.

Cottage prayer meetings are still in progress. Two were held Monday night, one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gunn, and one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Ballad. Mrs. C. L. Whitaker and Mr. J. H. Pritchard led, respectively. Prayer services were held at the church Wednesday evening, also.

The Woman's Auxiliary met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. C. Ferree, 309 Otteray drive. At this time the following officers for the coming year were elected: President, Mrs. Robert Walker; vice-president, Mrs. G. I. Humphreys; secretary, Mrs. Robert Garland; treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Koonce; corresponding secretary, Miss Myrtle Davis. The list of circle chairmen has not been completed.

Mrs. Madison and her Intermediate Christian Endeavorers are to be congratulated on the new assembly room they have recently redecorated. With Mrs. Madison as supervisor, the boys and girls made the money themselves and paid all expenses. The walls are a robin's egg blue and the drapes are being made in a harmonizing color. Every effort should be made to encourage these boys and girls in their work, because they are the future leaders of our church. Mrs. Madison is doing a really splendid work with them.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

Kernersville-South Winston Charge, March 21.—The work of the churches on Kernersville-South Winston charge has been moving along as usual since our last report in the Herald. The Sunday schools and other organizations at the different churches have been doing good work and the attendance has increased for the past few weeks.

The boys and girls have been organized at both the Kernersville and South Winston churches and are growing in membership and interest. They have meetings once every month, and the boys and girls are taking much interest in the organization. The South Winston society is named "Rainbow Circle," and the Kernersville society has been named "Busy Bee."

We were pleased to have Rev. B. A. Culp, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Winston-Salem, preach at the Kernersville church the second Sunday night. His choir leader, Mr. Fishel, accompanied him and rendered an effective solo, "Marvelous Grace."

We had good services at three of the churches last Sunday. The pastor was delighted with 18 visitors from churches of former pastorates at Pine Grove church last Sunday afternoon. Visitors from the other churches were: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Parrish, Paul Parrish, Louise Parrish, Mr. and Mrs.

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Roger Linville, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Linville, of the Kernersville church, was granted a ten days' vacation from his studies at the University of North Carolina, which vacation was spent at his home in Kernersville. Young Mr. Linville returned to Chapel Hill last Monday and resumed his studies as a law student in the State University. We were delighted to have him worship at the morning service in the Kernersville church last Sunday.

The second quarterly conference for the Kernersville-South Winston charge will be held at Sandy Ridge church on Saturday, April 2, at 2:30 p.m. We are expecting a good attendance of official members and others from the different churches.

The pastor and family have been remembered with a number of gifts from members of the different churches since our last report. We appreciate very much these gifts which have added to the enjoyment of our dining room comforts. We thank each one for the gifts.

The writer has been invited to participate in the dedication of the new Methodist Episcopal church, South, at Stokesdale, next Sunday night. The dedicatory sermon is to be delivered by Bishop Paul B. Kern, of Durham.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

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Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, March 21.—Today we are mailing to Mr. J. H. Allen, treasurer, Reidsville, N. C., a check for the annual conference claims in full for Littleton charge. This means that Littleton charge, composed of Littleton, Hawkins Chapel, Corinth, Weaver's Chapel, and Vaughn churches, has paid in full the annual conference expense, annual conference debt, church extension, superannuates, and High Point College.

We began our drive for the annual conference claims at Corinth the first Sunday in February. Mr. Claud Insco and Miss Tempie Carter (now Mrs. H. C. Morris) were leaders in the drive, and on the third Sunday night of February they had completed the drive in good shape. So Corinth was the first church on the charge to complete the drive.

At Weaver's Chapel we began also on the first Sunday in February in the afternoon. The Weaver's Chapel Sunday school has on a contest between the Reds and the Blues. We asked the Sunday school if they would raise the claims here, which they did, each side taking one-half, and on the fourth Sunday in February at Sunday school they had the claims up in full. Mrs. N. E. Wilson is captain of the Blues, and Miss May Shearin of the Reds. Each side is making its captain a present of one year's subscription to the Methodist Protestant Herald. This is going in to Dr. Andrews today.

At Hawkins Chapel we began our drive on the second Sunday in February. Here we divided up into four groups. The leaders of these groups were Mrs. J. B. O'Briant, Mrs. W. G. Mitchell, Miss Grace Pittard, and Miss Lillian Hawkins. Mrs. M. J. Morris was also a good assistant. On the second Sunday in March they were up in full. Hawkins Chapel also raised their subsidy for Herald.

At Vaughn we began our drive on the second Sunday in February. Miss Ruth Rogers and Cary Porter were the leaders, and on the fourth Sunday night in February they were up in full.

At Littleton we began our drive on the third Sunday in March. Miss Annie Perkinson was helper, and today, Monday, March 21, Littleton is up in full, which completes our drive.

Last year Littleton charge was the first charge in the conference to pay the annual conference claims in full, and we would like for Littleton to hold this record this year.

As pastor, we want to say here, we greatly appreciate the splendid way the people at all the churches cooperated in this drive. I think we all enjoyed it, and now that the annual conference claims are up, I think we all feel better.

PASTOR.

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Matthews' Chapel, Greensville Charge, Rev. J. M. Morgan, Pastor, March 20.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment today, the day being a beautiful spring day. We had a good attendance.

Sunday school is doing nicely. The winter attendance has been very good, and as spring approaches we hope to do better.

The second quarterly conference will be held here on April 1, beginning at 7:30. After the business session, Pastor Morgan, the officials, and auxiliary of this church will serve supper to the officials of the charge. Supper will be served in our new Sunday school rooms.

The young people's society, which meets second and fourth Sunday evenings, is being well attended. Miss Doris Taylor has charge of the program for next Sunday evening.

On the fifth Sunday in May we are planning a rally and home-coming. There will be an all-day service.

Our church has been grieved and shocked over the passing of one of our members, Mr. H. W. Wren, who died suddenly last Thursday morning. Funeral services were held at Matthews' Chapel on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Pastor Morgan and Rev. Mr. Lowder of the James Square Baptist church. Burial took place in our church cemetery. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all members of the family, who feel his absence very keenly.

LOTTIE EDWARDS, Reporter.

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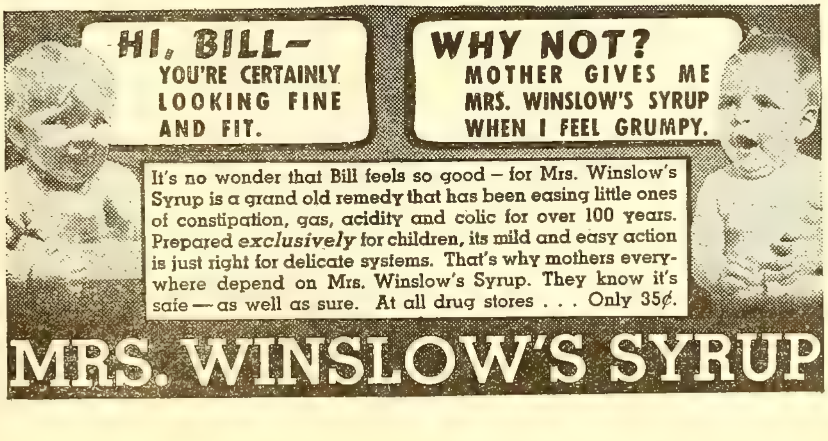
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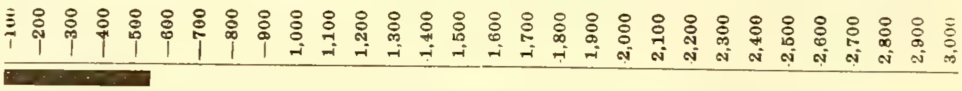

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Mrs. C. C. Burke of the Graham church leads the way this week by sending in the largest amount for club subscriptions. That is fine. Mighty good way to do it when people are not taking it by the year. Possibly a number read it this way because they have just paid for it. Sometimes because we paid for a paper some time before, we lose interest in it. It would be interesting to have Mrs. Burke tell us how she manages to put her church over in this way and keep up the interest. It takes work and energy to put into an effort like that, and we appreciate her interest in keeping the ball rolling for Graham church. There were two young people that tied in the amount sent for regular subscribers. Look them up and you will see that one of them was a young pastor, the other a lady. They are expecting to put their charges over soon, and then their names will be given.

Brother Hill, you have sent in a fine payment on subsidy this time. You did a fine job of it last year on subscriptions. We are expecting you to come over in the same way this year. Here is another young pastor with a new wife, a new charge, good people, makes substantial payment on subsidy too. Thank you, Brother Coble, from Union Grove. You are doing big things up there and we expect to see your charge in capitals soon. That steady going pastor, Reynolds, Randolph charge, comes up fine with his subsidy this time also. And here comes O. B. Williams into print again this week by paying out on the same cause. Fine for Gibsonville! And Brother J. R. did the thing up Brown from Asheboro, paying their subsidy in full. That runs the number up to 13. Who will be the next to help pull us away from that lucky number? Going fine now! Let's not change the key till we have a big number in bold type.

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Shady Grove	**2**	....	....
Shelby-Caroleen	**18**	**1**	....
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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Smith

Baxter Smith was born December 27, 1914, and departed this life December 6, 1937. He leaves to mourn their loss, his mother, Mrs. F L. Smith, and 9 brothers and 2 sisters.

Baxter professed faith in Christ in early youth and united with Pine Hill M. P. church, where he held his membership until death. He had been in the sanatorium for the last few months. Baxter said he was not afraid to die, and he was ready to meet his Redeemer. He was loved by all who knew him.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant. We will meet you in that better land.

May God bless the family in their trying hours. May they lean upon Him for comfort and consolation. C. L. GRANT.

Mitchell Wade

Funeral service for Mitchell Wade was held from Spring Hill church on March 2. Mr. Wade was 31 years old. He contracted pneumonia and passed on after only a few days' illness. He is survived by father, mother, wife, and four small children. Several years ago he united with Spring Hill church. The service was largely attended, and the flowers were beautiful.

The writer, assisted by Rev. O. C. Loy and Rev. J. A. Palmer, conducted the service.

WM. H. NEESE.

Methodist Protestant Herald.

ONE IS YOUR MASTER EVEN CHRIST AND ALL YE ARE BRETHREN.

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Carroll and Henderson Score

Once when the head of a department of a great university was giving testimony to the fitness of one of his graduate students, he said, ''He is a good cooperator.'' At first thought the statement did not appear to mean so much, but after a moment's consideration it is plain to see that the phrase has wonderful implications. It implies that the person recommended is qualified by willingness, skill and sympathy to enter fully upon whatever task may become his. And that is no small qualification.

The Fellowship Crusade, as a movement in our Church, surely challenges this cooperative spirit in our members and pastors. We have not tried to do a thing in many years that reveals the cooperative spirit more. The objectives comprehend so much, they challenge the whole life of the Crusader. And although it is no easy thing to reach these objectives an increasing number of our pastors and Churches are giving themselves loyally to the task. This week we are presenting two more of our Churches and their pastors who have reached the objectives:

Grace Church, Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, pastor.

Browers' Chapel, Richland Charge, Rev. M. C. Henderson, pastor.

We heartily congratulate these faithful pastors and their loyal people and we sincerely thank them for doing this thing. We want to include in this thanks to Mrs. F. R. Stout, Herald Agent, Grace Church, for the splendid work done for the Herald.

For a Church to get on the Annual Conference Fellowship Crusade Honor Roll, forty per cent of its members must endorse the four items in the first objective. To reach the second objective, the Church must secure its quota of Herald subscriptions and one extra subscription to the *M. P. Recorder;* to reach the third objective the Church should raise an amount of money equal to one-third the pastor's salary for last year.

Kistler's Union, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, pastor and Pine Grove Church, Siler City Charge, Rev. Aubert M. Smith, pastor, were the first to report being over.

The time for paying the pledges on the third objective has been extended to the first of October. We realize that most all of our Churches have been greatly hindered in their financial projects this year by the ''recession,'' and yet possibly, these could secure their full allotment on this Crusade, were they to give themselves unreservedly to it.

So come along, pastor and people, we yet have time to do this thing, and let us prove that we are ''good cooperators,'' by doing what our denominational leaders asked us to do. The need is certainly apparent and the task is possible.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Calendar

N. C. Branch Meeting, Burlington	April 27, 28
Mid-Year Meeting, Community Church	May 13
Pastors' School, High Point College	June 6-17
Leadership School, High Point College	June 20-25
Third Quarterly Assembly	
The Annual Conference	November 9

Payments to be made on: A. C. Expenses, January and February; High Point College, March, April; Church Extension, May, June; A. C. Debt, July, August; Superannuates, September, October.

A Wednesday Evening at St. Paul's

On a recent Wednesday evening it was my privilege to speak to the prayer meeting group at St. Paul's Church in Greensboro, Rev. A. D. Shelton, pastor. Fifty-six persons were present for the service and I was told that this is only slightly larger than the usual Wednesday evening congregation. I had been asked to come and speak to this group on the Fellowship Crusade. The pastor had already distributed the cards and these are to be returned at a later date. I trust they may get good results from their efforts. This is Brother Shelton's fourth year on the Charge and the people speak highly of his preaching and his work. Announcement was made that the revival meeting would begin at an early date. If the attendance at prayer meeting is any indication of the spiritual life of the Church then they seem to be in good condition for a good revival.

Some Facts From the *Journal*

In order that we may see ourselves as we are and may try to improve on the record of last year I am giving a few facts as gathered from the Conference *Journal* for the past year. These figures speak for themselves and it is not necessary for me to comment on them. Here they are:

Seventeen Charges reported no adult baptisms last year. Five Charges reported no accessions either on profession of faith or by letter. The *Journal* shows that we lost 339 members last year. But counting out, for the time being, Charlotte, then ninety-one Charges had a net gain of 150 members. Twenty-seven Charges reported a net loss of 980 members. Nine Charges reporting a net loss were stations while eighteen were circuits. If the average circuit has four Churches, then it is possible that eighty-one Churches had a net loss of members.

Our record for finances and especially for World Service is not much better than our membership record. Here it is: Raised for World Service by membership assessment, $1,546; by Easter offering, $470; by Children's Day offering, $669; by special offering, $437; by Woman's Auxiliary, $4,935; total for World Service, $8,900, or an average of just a little less than 29 cents per member. Forty-three Charges did not report any Easter offering; forty Charges did not report any Children's Day offering. Let every Church press for decisions and conversions during the Easter season and let every Church plan for an Easter offering. If you cannot have a regular Easter program, then take an offering anyway.

Littleton Charge Pays Conference Claims

A card from Rev. J. H. Trolinger, the pastor of the Littleton Charge, brings the news that Littleton Charge has sent to Treasurer Allen the Conference claims for the entire year. This is the first Charge to report to me. Hats off to Trolinger and the Littleton Charge.

The Conference Has An Invitation

A telephone call brings an invitation to hold our next session in a certain Church. This invitation is being transmitted to the Standing District Committee and I am hoping that by next week I can announce the name of the Church where the next session of the Conference will be held. If no other invitation comes in by the first of next week then I will take it for granted that no more invitations are forthcoming.

A Sunday on Mecklenburg Charge

Last Sunday was spent on the Mecklenburg Charge, Rev. J. Robert Short, pastor. The appointments were: New Hope at 11 o'clock; Antioch at 2:30 o'clock; and Stallings at 7:30 o'clock. A fine congregation had assembled at New Hope and it was a pleasure to preach to them. After the sermon I explained the Fellowship Crusade and the pledges amounted to $25. This Church is about three miles southeast of Monroe, N. C. It is the home Church of Rev. Earl A. Cook, of our Conference. At Antioch a fair sized congregation assembled and here the pledges amounted to $12. At Stallings we had another good crowd and here the pledges amounted to $25.50, making $62.50 for the three Churches. Wherever the Crusade was presented the people seemed really to be interested in it. It was a real pleasure to be on this Charge and to be with Brother Short who is serving his third year of a second pastorate. He speaks highly of his people and the people speak highly of him. Both seem to be very well satisfied.

An Omission of Last Week

In my remarks concerning Union Grove Church last week I failed to state that this is the home Church of Reverends J. C. and T. G. Madison, two of our most active young preachers. Any Church which can produce such ministers as these is to be congratulated.

Rev. R. S. Troxler

On Thursday afternoon of last week Dr. Andrews and I drove down to Duke University hospital to see Rev. R. S. Troxler. We found him quite ill and yet cheerful. All that can be done for him is being done and we are praying for his recovery. I am sure you will join us.

Appointments

Saturday, April 2—10 a. m., quarterly conference, Granville Charge at parsonage.

Sunday, April 3—Rehobeth, Granville Charge, 11 a. m.; 7:30 p. m., First Church, Henderson.

Saturday, April 9—7 p. m., Friendship on Friendship-Love's Grove Charge.

Sunday, April 10—Love's Grove, 11 a. m., and Mill Grove, at 2:30 p. m.

Sunday, April 17—Cleveland Charge: Oak Grove at 10 a. m.; Kistler's Union at 11; and Piedmont High School, Commencement sermon, at 2:30 p. m.

Sunday, April 24—First Church, Thomasville, 11 a. m.

J. E. Pritchard.

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A Message in Verse

"They say life is a highway,
And the milestones are years—
With now and then a toll gate
Where you pay your way with tears.

"It's a hard road and a rough road,
And it reaches wide and far,
But it leads at last to the golden town
Where golden houses are."

In the race of life you surely will have to hurdle the high impediment of ignorance; the cross-bars of poverty may throw you flat, and violence may also be in the way to wound, to hurt, to hinder and to destroy; but somewhere along this highway stands disease waving its red flag and it may be this time, there is no detour.

If all who talk so much of the need of leaders in the activities of the local Church would take a hand, there would not be nearly so much need of making speeches on this subject. There are but few projects put on by the local Church that would stall dead still if espoused by but one courageous soul wearing a shield of faith.

If our Church would consolidate its gains each year like an army when fighting hard for victory, a record of faithful activities a decade long would be a thing of which the humblest might boast. But here we go trying one thing this year, another next year; often a complete reversal of purpose and technique. Each successor ignoring the gains of his predecessor in all his planning. Result, stagnation here and decay there; a dying Church or a dead Church where there was really a fine opportunity for expansion.

The Hymn As An Aid to Worship

Spiritual songs sung with some degree of understanding make such an important contribution to a worship service that they should never be omitted. But to try to conduct a really worshipful service without this aid is most difficult. We have yet to understand why some of the song leaders who seem to be religious-minded fail to realize this. They seem to prefer swing tunes, with frequent acceleration and blasts of crescendo to the more dignified tunes to such hymns as "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing" or "A charge to keep I have" and "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds." The fact is obvious, just singing is not worshipful. It depends so much upon what is sung and how it is sung. Let us worship the Lord "in the beauty of holiness" with our songs.

"A sense of security comes from unfailing faith in God."

Finding Happiness in Work

It was J. M. Barrie who said, "Happiness is not in doing the thing one likes but in liking the thing one does." The implication is obvious. The way to find happiness is in learning to like the tasks one *has* to perform. Our highways are dotted here and there by both young and old who have yet to learn the meaning of that sentence. All of them have had work, some have tried many sorts of jobs. They are now without work, drifting from place to place largely because they did not like what they had to do. They are looking for something they think they would like to do, instead of staying with the job they had until they liked it. We presume that a large percentage of the unemployed in our country might have work today, had they really discovered the truth Barrie learned.

And any one who believes that honest toil carries a stigma or that a position should be fitted to suit his tastes is surely headed for the unemployed group. And there he will find it still harder to get suited than he did before. The situation presents a big task for the home, the school and the Church. The emphasis should be placed upon the importance of work for all by all,—the home, the school, the Church, until a youth arriving at maturity would be ashamed to be found without a liking for some task. The task may not be as important as some others, neither as lucrative, nor affording as much leisure. But being his job he has learned to like it because it is his, he can do it, and he has found it really worth while, fitting into the scheme of our civilization. And of such an one Carlyle said, "Blessed is he who has found his work, for he needs no other blessedness."

The Art of Right Emphasis

He is a happy speaker who knows what to emphasize in his sermon or address. Shall we call it an art? I think so. Certainly, it has to be acquired by most of us. A sermon without a purpose exposed, an exhortation without reason for the appeal—a continuous harangue that discloses no white peak in the future to allure us on, is very bad. But to emphasize minor matters as of vital importance, foibles for facts, tradition for inspiration, ritual for righteousness, is inexcusable.

Human nature, as we know it, will tolerate only a certain amount of common sense. Force too much common sense upon human nature and it will infallibly revolt; and when it does revolt there is nothing to be done but yield as pleasantly as you can to the mutineers.—*Arnold Bennett.*

"The political influence of women is enormous, and can be made still mightier when women once realize their possibilities."

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

The Church Belongs to All

Only about half of the families of any community make use of the Church. The Church is there, but the folks don't use it. The school, the highways, and the doctors serve all of the people, but the Church seems to belong to only a few homes in the community. But the people need the Church, and the Church needs them; why can't they get together? Nobody has a monopoly on the Church. It belongs to all. It is the best institution in the neighborhood, and it has a service to render to all. Why do they not take it? To say that those outside of the Church are too bad to be in, is no answer at all. The situation cannot be dismissed in such a simple manner.

This problem was presented to my class the other day. Here are four reasons given for the situation. First, the Church has not been properly presented to the people. Religion has been misrepresented. Many people would attend and enjoy the Church if they only knew what it was. But to them it is a strange, weird, abnormal gathering where folk act ''cranky'' and talk about unearthly experiences. We have not told the people that the Church belongs to them; that it is there for everyone to enjoy; that none of us are perfect, and that God is to be shared and worshipped by all of His creation. We have made a strange, wide gap between religion and the rest of life. While as a matter of fact religion is a part of the life of everyone, and everyone should be encouraged to cultivate and enjoy it. Yes, we have made a poor out of presenting the Church to the people.

Second, our denominational system has clouded the issue. The numerous Churches scattered over the community fail to create a solid impact on the community mind. One Church reaches into the neighborhood and ''rescues'' a few individuals; another Church reaches in and ''saves'' a few more; then still another starts a drive and enlists a few more. But no unified, concerted program is fostered to serve the entire population. Dr. Ormond shows in his book that if all of our rural Churches were evenly distributed, every Church would be just three miles from four other Churches. This is a shame on our Churchmanship.

Third, our pastoral situation is partly responsible. Most rural pastors have four or more Churches, and, of necessity, cannot give adequate attention to any of them. This is not the fault of the pastor. It is the fault of the situation. Then, too, a great many Charges have no resident minister. If public schools were managed as we administer the Churches they too would make a poor showing in the communities. It is encouraging to note, however, that rural Charges are beginning to enjoy a better outlook. Ministers are being trained well, and local Churches are coming to share more of the good things from the denominational programs. Perhaps the unification of Methodism will assist in consolidating many of our smaller congregations, looking toward a still finer service for the people.

Fourth, the social classes tend to keep certain families away from Church. Often this is the case. People of higher and lower social levels will not meet and mingle even in religion. Cultural differences keep folks apart. Those who attend Church must fit comfortably into the Church group; those who feel unqualified socially naturally shun those who belong to a higher or lower caste. This class difference is worse now than formerly because so much has been said recently of the ''privileged'' few. Class feeling has been magnified out of all proportion, for political reasons in part, when we should have been building a more solid and appreciative understanding among all groups.

Now, obviously, the remedy lies along opposite lines from the old procedure. If religion has been ill presented, we must represent it in the right way. We must stop portraying the Church as an abnormal institution belonging only to the few. Denominations ought to work together in spiritualizing the entire community instead of going it alone, endeavoring to reach a few souls for their particular fold. This will require fine Churchmanship. But when such a sound, thorough, dignified plan for building the religious life of the entire locality is set in operation people of all classes will feel more at home in the program and come to find a normal expression for their spiritual selves. The Bible says, you know, Let the people praise Thee, O Lord, Let *all* the people praise Thee.

LOOK AT THE CHURCH

By Evangelist Charles H. Rickman

The moonlight on the desert was so glorious I kept on driving all night. Scarcely an hour remained before daybreak. Suddenly, I realized I had not seen the moon all night. The top of the car cut off the sight of the moon, herself. I had seen her light. I had enjoyed it. I had used it. I had been able to do much not otherwise possible because of her. But I had not actually looked at the moon herself all night. So I stopped the car and stood alone in the wide, silent desert looking at the moon.

While gazing thus the thought came to me, How like our treatment of the Church! We travel in the bright light she reflects. We enjoy the benign influences she sheds like mild moonlight on our path. We are thankful for those things her presence makes possible in our city, nation and world. We have used her ideals and culture. Our property has its value because of the character of our neighbors which God has developed through her. Our life is vastly more safe where she is than where she is not. Yet, we often allow some low ceiling to cut off the view of the Church herself, God's great light reflector in a black night of sin.

Worship her?

No.

Value her?

Yes! Estimate her worth. Allow God to make you an integral part of her reflecting surface so that travelers in black night can stand in this desert world and thank God for you who reflected on them the light of Christ.

SERVING OTHER RACES

International Sunday School Lesson for April 3, 1938

By REV. J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—Mark 7:24-37.

Golden Text—"God is no respecter of persons." Acts 10:34.

Aside from the primary subject of this study there is a very beautiful lesson found in the first story of our scripture. As the same story is told in the 15th chapter of Matthew the lesson of which I speak is more apparent. This Syrophoenician or woman of Canaan came to Christ asking mercy, her daughter was sick. According to Matthew she got a silent answer, "he answered her not a word." To ignore completely a woman in distress like that seems to be almost unforgivable. Apparently she should have left in indignation, but she did not. Instead she continued to plead for mercy until the Master said, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." I have been led to ask myself frankly why this woman continued her pleading in the face of such discouragement. I believe the only answer is this: She knew Christ. She knew something of His tender mercy, giving spirit and all-inclusive love. She knew that this apparent indifference was entirely foreign to His nature. So, she stood upon what she knew of her Master, ignoring the apparent, and continued to plead until her petition was granted. "O woman, great is thy faith." In other words by faith she penetrated the silence of Jesus and received an answer to her question.

The above is essentially the technique of the scientist. From what he knows he draws his conclusions. Standing thereupon by faith he faces the misty silence about him and gradually pushes back the boundary of the unknown. To many, in fact to most of, the great questions about life and death we get a silent answer. We must follow this pattern. Clinging to what we know of the goodness of God and the love of Jesus Christ we must face the silence with confidence looking to that day when we shall see face to face and know as we are known, when we shall hear the commendation, "great is thy faith." Such an intelligent faith is essential to great religion.

Back to the main theme of study for today. Personally I do not like our subject, Serving Other Races. We as Christian people have talked about service until it has come to be thought of as one of the cardinal virtues, something we brag about instead of something we practice with humility. Generally to offer to give a person something is to suggest superiority over him; we have more than he, poor beggar, and so we will help him out. In that spirit I believe that western Christianity has been using its feeble missionary enterprises as a means of inflating its own ego. We have been guilty of that attitude so ironically expressed by Christ, "we are the children, they are the dogs." That being true we will help out the poor "heathens" and then brag about our service. The fact is we have found it much easier to drop a nickel in the collection plate than to get down on our knees and lay hold of that love which knows no bound of race or clime. We are willing to serve the other fellow only so long as it makes us feel that we are better than he.

The time has come when we as Christian people must realize that all men stand alike before God, that we are no better than other people, that if we would serve the people of another race then we must come down off the high and glorified pedestal and meet them on the grounds of equality, willing to learn as well as willing to teach. I suspect that other nations can get along just about as well without us as we can get along without them; I am convinced that we have more to learn than we have to teach. When Christ was explaining the parable of the sower He said, "The field is the world." Dr. Fosdick has raised the question as to whether Jesus here was thinking of the needs of the world or the needs of His gospel. It is true that all men need the good news of Jesus Christ, but is it not equally true that the gospel is so great that it needs a world in which to work? Does the Christian Church today not need the true missionary spirit of Christ for its own enrichment? We need to see and love the world as Christ saw and loved it. Maybe the "poor heathens" will get along all right, but there is grave danger that we as Christian people will be damned by our own egotistic, loveless, narrow vision and limited outlook.

I am led to take this position because of our attitude toward people of other races within our own land. It is easy to talk about loving and serving people of other nations but when it comes to the "Chink," the "Wop," the "Jew," the "Nigger" here at home then that is a different matter. The attitude of so-called Christian people toward other races is the greatest sin of American Christianity. That is especially true in the south where to be a Negro is to share the lot of an Indian outcast. It is not necessary to try to dissipate the many contentions that all Negroes will steal, that they are not clean, that they represent an inferior race. These are contentions which intelligent people no longer accept, in fact never have accepted. Such arguments are but the relationships of white (?) Christian (?) people trying to maintain a false superiority. The custom that forbids us to shake hands with a Negro or call him "Mr." is wrong. Poor public conveyance and poor hotel accommodations furnished him is wrong. To deny him the right to sit where he pleases in the court room, the right to participate in government, to send him to jail for rolling dice when lottery and movie jackpots go unmolested is wrong. To invite him to our Churches for special services and then offend him by sending him to the gallery in the name of Christ is wrong. Lynch the Negro, defeat every law that would protect him, laugh at those who love him if you will but it will still be wrong. May God pity us as we smart beneath the irony of the Master and hear His accusation, "hypocrits." When Jesus said "one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren" I believe He meant what He said. "God is no respecter of persons."

I will be lord of myself.—*Goethe.*

MARCH SPECIAL

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"THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE HEART"

By Bishop Paul B. Kern

From "The Bible in a Time of Confusion"

I read my Bible because within its pages I find power for the ordering of my inner life.

Life is not easy for most of us. The complications of modern living constitute a problem which strains the nerves, tires the spirit, and cramps the soul. The machine which we have invented to be our servants too often become our masters. The richness and luxuriousness of our modern life create a flabbiness of spirit which prevents our use and enjoyment of the blessed things which God has given us. On the other hand, life for many is still bitter and hard. The intolerable burden of existence presses down upon them with relentless weight, and there is so little of joy and lightness in the round of their duties that for many existence seems to be a disordered dream. Civilization seems to be defeated at the very point where it has been surest of victory. If we have struggled through centuries to improve the material lot of man, we must yet confess that we are still far short of our goal. The abundant life which Jesus came to bring is still only the merest shadow of reality to many of God's children whom the modern world has furnished with only "a crust of bread and a corner to weep in."

There is a balance in the universe. God has created silence, in order that the souls of men as well as their bodies might rest. Over the hum and drive of our hectic days there falls the mantle of the kindly night, soothing the world to sleep, hushing its strident voices, and wrapping around the tired spirits of men the quietness of stars shining in a midnight sky. Too often we have been scornful of this need of pause and relaxation amid the "stir unprofitable." The modern man misses life's deepest springs of refreshing, because he does not dwell apart and contemplate in mystic silence the eternal beauty of the world and the loving goodness of the Father that created it.

If the chosen soul could never be alone
In deep mid-silence, open-doored to God,
No greatness ever had been dreamed or done.
Among dull hearts a prophet never grew;
The nurse of full-grown souls is solitude.

If, by some magic power, we could hush the feverish drive of our speeded-up world, we should come nearer to that harmonious adjustment with life which brings its own reward in time and in eternity.

Another of the disordered tempers which affect our modern world is the spirit of fear. Man has been forever afraid. He trembles in the presence of nature that demolishes his home and strikes dead his companion; he peers into the future with cold and shivering apprehension; he trembles over his ability to grapple with the blows of a fate which he can neither understand nor placate. He was not intended to dwell in a chamber of horrors. The universe was meant to be kindly and not cruel, gracious and sheltering, and not devastating and destructive. But modern man, although he has conquered many of the superstitions that drove his forbears mad, still lives in a house haunted with apprehensions and dark with forebodings.

Not a few of our modern observers have commented upon the lapse, in contemporary life, of a sense of sin. There are not lacking those who rejoice in its absence; and, on the other hand, many are to be found who bemoan its passing. The former group feels that to be conscious of sin is to admit the breakdown of personality and to be victimized by an inferiority complex. The latter group is equally sure that, when men are not conscious of sin, they are not conscious of God and live in a sophisticated world of unreality and delusion. But it is folly to talk about the sense of sin ever being eradicated from the earthly life of man. With it would go the whole basic relation to a personal God, and men would descend to the levels of life that lie below the human. Although our modern world is infinitely more complex, and sin is no longer simply personal and individual but also social and communal, it still lays hold upon the human conscience and drives men to seek release from "whatever gods may be." In Jesus Christ there has come a mediator between the guilty soul and the forgiving Father, and, like a fresh stream of redeeming grace, there comes the cleansing power of a God whose "goodness leads us to repentance"; for this whole question of forgiveness lies basically underneath men's happiness. Unless through some process of spiritual rehabilitation we can mend the broken structure of our own inner lives and find peace and forgiveness in the everlasting mercy of a God whose love will never let us go, we are all creatures most miserable.

TO PASTORS AND LADIES' AID SOCIETIES

It is very important that all Methodist Protestant Women's Work be represented at our Annual Meeting of Women's Work at Burlington, April 27-28, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. A pageant which fully explains all phases of Auxiliary work will be presented on the afternoon of April 27. We would like to have present at that time, representatives from all Ladies' Aid societies of Churches which have no Women's Auxiliary. We think this will help pastors, Ladies' Aid societies and Women's Auxiliaries. Please help us to reach this goal.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. R. M. Andrews,
Pres. of N. C. Women's Work.
Mrs. Jas. T. Bowman,
Cor. Sec. N. C. Women's Work.

YOUR PRAYERS NOT LOST

Do not be discouraged, dearly beloved, because God bears long with you — because He does not seem to answer your prayers. Your prayers are not lost. When the merchant sends his ships to distant shores, he does not expect them to come back richly laden in a single day—he has long patience. "It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord." Perhaps your prayers will come back, like the ships of the merchant, all the more heavily laden with blessings because of the delay. — *Robert Murray McCheyne.*

OUR STORY PAGE

THE PETUNIAS AND THE PARTY

The sidewalk was very slippery, but Mary Jo's feet could hardly keep from running, she was so anxious to get home. "I hope it's come, oh, hope it's come," she said to her brother just ahead of her. "Everybody's talking about it, but nobody's even let me have a peep at it."

"Have a peep at what?" asked Jimmy, who had been busy with his own thoughts. "What are you talking about, Mary Jo?"

Mary Jo stopped so suddenly she sat right down in the slipperest place of all, but she didn't stay there long. "Why, the invitations to the Bennetts' party," she said as she started on more cautiously. "Lots and lots of boys and girls have them."

"I wonder if it's going to be an outdoors party with coasting and that kind of fun," remarked Jimmy. "If it is they'd better hurry, for winter will soon be gone."

"It looks as if this ice and snow would stay till summer," laughed Mary Jo, as she barely escaped falling again. "Well, the party's tomorrow, so our invitation must be waiting for us this minute."

Jimmy and Mary Jo were almost home now, and soon they were going up the front steps of the little brown house.

Mary Jo reached the living room first, and she carefully examined the magazines and seed catalogues and letters that had been brought from the post office. There were several magazines but only three letters, and not one of them was for her or Jimmy.

Mary Jo's head suddenly went down so Jimmy couldn't see the tears in her blue eyes. She had counted so much on this invitation, and now it hadn't come. She couldn't say a word.

"Whe-ew!" exclaimed Jimmy after a moment, "Who'd ever have supposed the Bennetts would do anything like this? We've been friends for years. Oh, well, I can get along without an invitation to that party. There's plenty of fun right in our own back yard." And Jimmy threw back his shoulders and puckered his lips into a whistle, but it was rather a sorry one.

Presently he walked over to the sunniest window in the cozy living room where a big pot of petunia plants had stood for many weeks. He had been having so much fun the last few days he hadn't paid any attention to the gay pink blossoms and fresh green leaves, but now he looked at the plants in astonishment. What had happened to them? The pink blossoms were no longer gay, and the green leaves hung limp. Around the plants the earth was hard and brown.

"Mary Jo, look here quick!" cried Jimmy. "Did you know these petunias had frozen? Now what are we going to give Aunt Tilly when she comes from the hospital? What's the use of buying a lot of seeds and planting them in the fall if we don't take care of the plants? It's your turn this week."

For a moment Mary Jo forgot the invitation that hadn't come. Running to the window, she felt of first one limp blossom and then anothre. Finally she got a knife and loosened the earth around the plants. "Oh, Jimmy, they aren't frozen!" She exclaimed. "They need a lot of water and I forgot to give it to them. I wonder if I could save them now. But dear me, there goes my knife."

Jimmy stooped to get the knife that lay under the window shelf. Suddenly his hand touched a card and he picked it up. His first thought was that it was the missing invitation, but no, it contained just a few lines that Sister Ruth had printed in red and black ink. And Jimmy read:

Friends are like flowers,
We must cherish each one;
By a little neglect
Lots of harm can be done.
So treat them all kindly
And think what you'd do,
If you were in their place,
And they were just you.

"Mary Jo, there's a funny little poem," called Jimmy. "Guess Ruth's been trying for a prize."

"Well, I hope she gets one, for the little poem's good," said Mary Jo when she had read it. "It fits me about the petunias I neglected. And listen, Jimmy, I wonder if we haven't neglected Billy and Jean Bennett. We haven't been out to Walnut Hill Farm in weeks and weeks, and Billy and Jean were sick early in the winter, too. Did we ever send them a card? No, we didn't. When our class had that play, did we ask them to stay with us? No, we didn't. We wanted to invite the Baker children from Portville, so Billy and Jean had to stay home because there was no one to bring them. Before they moved out to the farm we were together almost every day."

"You're right, Mary Jo," admitted Jimmy, "but I haven't meant to neglect them. I guess there's a reason for our not being invited to the party, but it doesn't seem like them to leave anybody out of anything."

Mary Jo walked slowly to the window and bent over the petunias. She thought they looked a little brighter. Maybe they would be pink and gay for Aunt Tilly, after all. She wished the neglected friendship could be mended too.

At that moment the front door bell rang sharply, and Jimmy hurried to open the door. On the porch stood Billy and Jean Bennet. "Are you and Mary Jo ready to start?" asked Billy. "Father says we must hurry."

"Ready to start where?" answered Jimmy.

"Why, home to the farm with us. Get your things together quick."

"But we don't know what you mean, Billy," put in Mary Jo. "Your party isn't till tomorrow, and besides we haven't been invited to it."

"Mary Jo Wells, what are you talking about?" demanded Jean. "Didn't I tie a note to your milk bottle and ask Mr. Brown on the next farm to be sure it was there all night when he delivered your milk? We want you and Jimmy to come home with us and stay till after the party. We need you to help plan the fun. Do you think we'd snub our best friends? Now, will you hurry?''

''Here comes mother, so we can ask her right now,'' answered Mary Jo. ''She's been away all day and that's why we didn't know about the note.''

So Jimmy and Mary Jo rode happily off to Walnut Hill Farm. As they went, the words of Ruth's little poem kept coming back to them—the poem that began:

Friends are like flowers,
We must cherish each one.

They thought they would remember it always.—*Alice Annette Larkin in Zion's Herald.*

THOUGHTS ON TEACHING

Aims in Teaching

By Rev. T. J. Whitehead

An interesting bit of human philosophy was revealed some weeks ago in one of America's familiar radio programs. One character asserted that he was a genius. He made the claim that he was working on a great invention. Other members of the group who were associated with him gave him their moral and financial support. The time came when they all entered the room in which this so-called inventor had prepared his new mechanism. The only thing that he had undertaken was to so arrange something over a hundred cog wheels so that they would all turn at the same time. The creation did not prove anything. It did not produce a machine that would do helpful, creative work.

It appears that in many of our modern Churches we are just trying to make a few wheels turn round. Especially is that true in regard to our teaching. Too often we use the popular appeal to attract people to the class. We undertake to give them a show after we get them there. In other words, sensation is the primary motive back of such a program. Leaders and teachers have been heard to say ''all you have to do to get people to attend your class is to get them to the place that they like you.'' In other words such a class is built around a human personality. Such a leader will give to his pupils a few well worn statements that they can carry along with them. However, what we need in our modern Christian education is not a reception of pious statements. We need teachers who have grasped the meaning of the Christian gospel. These teachers need to be able to give the truths of this gospel to their pupils in such a way that they will give a new direction to their lives. It is with this thought in mind that we give a brief outline of the objectives that have been the basis of Christian education for about a decade now. These objectives have been approved by the International Council of Religious Education.

''1. Christian religious education seeks to foster in growing persons a consciousness of God as a reality in human experience, and a sense of personal relationship with him.

''2. Christian religious education seeks to develop in growing persons such an understanding and appreciation of the personality, life, and teaching of Jesus as will lead to experience of him as Savior and Lord, loyalty to him and his cause, and manifest itself in daily life and conduct.

''3. Christian religious education seeks to foster in growing persons a progressive and continuous development of Christlike character.

''4. Christian religious education seeks to develop in growing persons the ability and disposition to participate in and contribute constructively to the building of a social order throughout the world, embodying the ideal of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

''5. Christian religious education seeks to lead growing persons into a Christian interpretation of life and the universe; the ability to see in it God's purpose and plan; a life philosophy built on this interpretation.

''7. Christian religious education seeks to effect in growing persons the assimilation of the best religious experience of the race, pre-eminently that recorded in the Bible, as effective guidance to present experience.''

Every teacher should remember that all of his methods, materials, and class periods should center in one or more of these objectives. Such teaching will have direction and purpose.

THEY MUST BE REMINDED

''Christian Stewardship is the concrete expression of a living faith in God and of a sanctified obedience to His will.''

''The Christian is the steward of the mental, spiritual and material resources given to him by Almighty God, and is accountable to the Almighty for those resources.''

''Stewardship of material resources is best taken care of by a regular program of Tithing.''

These and other profound truths were discussed at the recent Philadelphia meeting of the United Stewardship Council. Yet it was deplored that after generations of preaching these truths Church congregations, by and large, do not fully understand them or at least do not give concrete evidence that they do.

It seems that the minister and his official family must continually use every means to remind Church-goers of these profound and fundamental truths. And preaching alone will not do it.

Experience of hundreds of Churches indicate that the most effective way to teach this lesson is by means of the systematic and tactful distribution of literature. One series of this literature is varied as to literary style. Some tracts in the series are inspirational, some are Biblical, some are narrative, and others testimonial.

In some Churches a small committee entirely independent of the official relationship, takes over the distribution of the pamphlets.

Sometimes the program lasts three months, sometimes for three years. A vast accumulation of evidence testifies to the effectiveness of this program.

The series referred to is sponsored by the Layman Company, 730 Rush street, Chicago, a non-profit organization engaged in publication and distribution of literature on Tithing and Stewardship. This company will send to any address a complete set of 32 complete bulletins, postpaid for ten cents in stamps.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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A MESSAGE TO AUXILIARY SECRETARIES OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I have not bored you much this year with advice because I have been a student of Christian Education myself, and I have found out a lot about the importance of this department of our work, since it is being developed and emphasized by the leaders of our own and other Methodist churches.

Assuming that all of you use our own Sunday school literature, I urge you to read two articles appearing in the Teacher's Journal for the quarter beginning April 1. One article is on the Program of Christian Education in the New Methodist Church, and the other on "America Needs the Small College."

I am requesting the publication of another article that I planned to mail to each of you, but could not get enough copies to go around. It is very helpful. Please study it and apply to your local work.

Will you not help us to make a good report to our Annual Meeting? Try to attend this meeting and let us study our duties together.

MRS. GEO. F. BROWN,
Branch Sec'y Christian Education.

If I Were a Christian Education Secretary of a Local Church Auxiliary

(Requested by Mrs. D. S. Coltrane and Written by Rev. F. L. Gibbs)

1. I would become vitally interested and properly informed about the program of Christian Education of children, youth, and adults in the local church.

2. I would seek to enlist active participation on the part of others in a more adequate program of Christian Education for my church.

3. I would cooperate with the Committee of Christian Education of the local church. If my church had no such committee I would seek to have one organized as outlined in Educational Bulletin 603.

4. I would study the findings of the Christian Education Conference held at Sabina, Ohio, in September, and seek to make effective the suggestions contained therein for my local church.

5. I would study carefully the Methodist Protestant Councillor, which outlines helps and suggestions for a more adequate program of Christian Education.

6. I would adopt a personal plan of Christian growth in service and seek to have others do so.

7. I would encourage individual study and local Leadership Education classes for teachers and administrative officials responsible for Christian Education in my church.

8. I would make use of the "Circulating Library" of the Board of Christian Education and call this service to the attention of other leaders in my local church.

9. I would secure a free set-up of Sunday School Standards for my local church and encourage workers' conferences and other groups to study these standards for the purpose of building a more effective program of work for the Sunday church school.

10. I would insist upon the use of Methodist Protestant Sunday school literature in all of the church school classes of my church.

11. I would encourage the observing of all General Conference special days, especially Rally Day, November Thank-offering, and Young People's Day, which give special emphasis to Christian Education.

12. I would encourage local church workers and young people to attend summer conference schools.

13. I would encourage a church and community Vacation Church School and make use of Educational Bulletin 610, "How to Plan and Conduct a Vacation Church School."

14. I would be alert for suggestions from my National Board of Missions, Board of Publications, Educational Institutions, Home, Community, and all agencies which have to do with the Christian Education of Children, Youth, and Adults.

15. I would secure a copy of the "Christian Education Work Book for Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, and other Church Workers."

16. I would try to do all that is suggested above. I would undertake only that which is most needed in my local church and endeavor to do it well.

17. I would keep myself informed as to helps available for carrying through the above suggestions.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Lest you did not read it before, we are again asking all who are planning to send their girl or boy an Easter package to please drop us a post card telling us the package is coming. Several packages have already come and word has come that others are on their way. It is a great relief to know this. Easter is coming close. Won't you please drop me that post card today?

Another Important Thing

A friend has offered $5.00 to the branch or state that sends in the largest number of coupons during 1938. The $5.00 is to be awarded by the winning branch to the auxiliary of the branch raising the largest number of coupons. I do not believe that any branch or auxiliary can make $5.00 easier or with less expense, and at the same time help anywhere as greatly.

In 1937 the Methodist Orphanage of Alabama made $1,000 with coupons and the Baptist Orphanage made $2,800. What can we do in 1938?

Yours in His service,
MARGARET KUHNS DIXON.

WEDDING AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Miss Ruth Isabel Lamar and Mr. Fred D. Ingle, both of Alamance county, near Burlington, were quietly married at the Children's Home on Friday, March 25. The superintendent of the Home heard the vows, using the ring ceremony. They were accompanied by a sister of the groom and two other friends. These three, together with "Mother Dixon" and three girls of the Home, witnessed the marriage.

Ruth was reared in the Home, and is one of our best. We wish for this happy couple success and happiness along life's path.

A. G. DIXON.

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The Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work will meet at Burlington, N. C., April 27-28. Be sure to be there!

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"CROWN HIM OR CRUCIFY HIM?"

Topic for April 10, 1938

Scripture Text—Matthew 21:1-11; 27:11-23.

Suggested Hymns—"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken," "Must Jesus Bear His Cross Alone?" "Crown Him With Many Crowns."

Points for Leaders

The Lenten season is a period of preparation for the tasks that are to follow. Eastertime is a period wherein man disciplines his heart for the furtherance of the cause of the Cross. Through these holy weeks he renews his strength with renewed consecration and high determination.

The Easter parade of the first century was called Palm Sunday. Women and children ran before the Master in happy throngs, waving palm branches and placing their shawls to brighten His path. One week later they were steeped in gloom. Their inconsistency had helped to crucify the One who had brought light. With whom do you share your gay shawls at Easter? Too often people are too much concerned with smart suits and new Easter bonnets to concentrate on the strength that comes from within. Watch and pray lest while you sleep, you fail to renew your strength to meet the fireside taunts of the servant girl; lest you fail to see the light beyond the Cross. Lives that are awakened to the spirit of Eastertime and stirred by courageous resolutions, only to fall again into the old levels, become bearers of false witness. They are they who crucify Christ today. If right teachings are not supplemented by righteous lives, the testimony is untrue. Crowning Christ today means doing His will in your life, even though that may mean changing your entire plan of life; even though you must exchange the glamour of successful social position for slums, or sick rooms, or bread-lines.

Suggested Questions for Discussion

1. In what ways are we crowning Christ today?

2. What would happen if love were to displace hate in the world?

3. How would confidence and trust in God change men's lives?

4. What motives are crucifying Christ today?

5. How does indifference oppose Christ and His program of work?

6. Are we cowards in the Christian conflict today? Why?

REV. J. W. BRAXTON.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE N. C. COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday schools:	
Bethel, Alamance	$2.00
Pleasant Hill, Spring Church	1.00
Efland, Orange	3.00
Hebron, Orange	3.00
Worthville, Randleman	3.00
Christian Endeavor:	
Pleasant Hill, Spring Church	.50
Lexington, First	.50
Glen Raven, Glen Raven-Haw River	.50

J. CLYDE AUMAN, Treasurer.

ADDITIONAL GLEANINGS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY REPORTS

Liberty and Siler City Charge, Rev. A. M. Smith, Pastor.—Both churches observed the day in Sunday school and morning and evening worship services, and used the Candlelight Communion service. Offering $7.69.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	$ 7.38
Mitchell's Grove S. S., Guilford	5.07
Harmony Grove S. S., W. Forsyth	2.77
Baraca class, Mebane, special	8.72
Love Joy S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	2.00
Liberty S. S.	10.00
Fountain Place S. S.	4.68
Shady Grove S. S., Connelly Springs	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Fox, Asheboro, in memory of Mrs. Cora Redding Mendenhall	3.00
Shiloh S. S., Shiloh	8.50
Orange Chapel S. S., Saxapahaw	1.00
Saxapahaw Union S. S., Saxapahaw	1.50
Canaan S. S., Denton	1.00
First church S. S., High Point	15.00
Mt. Carmel S. S., Forsyth	8.02
Mt. Hermon, Creswell	3.00
Union Ridge S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Community church, Thomasville	10.00
Maple Springs S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Ladies' Bible class, R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., clothing child	5.00
Corinth, Littleton	7.60
Mt. Pleasant S. S., N. Davidson	1.13
Mr. Bascom Frazier, Midway, $1 a week	4.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Wakeford, Chicago, for shoes	2.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Birch Run, Mich., for shoes	2.00
Harris Chapel S. S., Vance	2.70
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
A Friend, Bethesda, Halifax	2.00
Liberty S. S., Davidson	2.00
Caroleen S. S.	5.00
Efland S. S., Orange	4.40
Moriah S. S.	4.50
Midway S. S.	2.00
Central S. S., Asheboro	40.00
Liberty Hill S. S., Anderson	6.00
Canaan S. S., N. Davidson, Feb.-March	10.50
Rockingham S. S.	2.00
Hebron, Orange, dividend on check	.82
China Grove S. S.	2.64

Clothing and Other Gifts

Union Grove, two half-gallon cans of kraut and a pair of new shoes.

We are thankful for all these gifts, and especially for those who doubled, or increased for March.

The memorial offering for Mrs. Mendenhall is very appropriate and timely, and we greatly appreciate it. Mrs. Mendenhall worked here for a short time, and then for a much longer time in the Children's Home in Winston-Salem.

Increased Offerings

We are still pleading for and very badly needing increased offerings during these spring months. The offerings were unusually low during the winter months, and we are sure our people are anxious for the Children's Home to keep up to its full capacity in service. If this is done we must look to you for a bit more money.

Thanking you for your prayers and for your continued interest, I am,

Yours in His service,

A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. S. C. Stewart, Gibsonville	$2.00
Sent by Pastor Williams.	
Lloyd Morgan, Concord	1.00
G. A. Winecoff, Concord	1.00
Sent by Pastor Peeler.	
Mrs. Fred Spoon, Mt. Pleasant charge	2.00
James Brown, Randolph charge	2.00
R. P. Foust, Randolph charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Reynolds.	
Mrs. M. J. Morris, Littleton	1.00
Mrs. L. H. Coble, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
Mrs. G. C. Holt, Mt. Hermon charge	.50
C. L. Coble, Glen Raven charge (sent by T. S. Coble)	.50
Mrs. J. A. Gunn, Reidsville	2.00
Sent by Pastor Brown.	
Mrs. W. G. Myers, First church, Thomasville	2.00
Sent by Mrs. T. A. Lloyd.	
Mrs. Alfred R. Craven, N. Davidson chg.	1.00
Sent by J. R. Payne.	
H. N. Blackwood, Orange charge	2.00
Sent by Miss Flora Riley.	
Miss Marjorie Cranford, Denton	2.00
Sent by Mrs. J. W. Wright.	
O. N. Hornaday, Alamance charge	2.00
C. L. Moser, Alamance charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Isley.	
Mrs. J. B. Sikes, Orange charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. O. F. Jones.	
Mrs. Hall McAdams, Orange charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. A. K. McAdams.	
Mrs. Richard Shoffner, Mt. Pleasant chg.	1.00
Sent by Pastor Braxton.	
Mrs. B. H. Kimery, West End, Greensboro	2.00
Sent by Mrs. F. S. Stockard.	
Mrs. W. A. Matthews, Guilford charge	1.00
Sent by Miss Bernice Jones.	
Mrs. A. A. Foster, Anderson charge	.50
Sent by Mrs. J. D. McClimon.	
Mrs. John Perkins, Rockingham charge	.50
Sent by Pastor Bell.	
J. A. Jones, Lebanon church, High Point	1.00
Mrs. Nannie Moore, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. Willis Booth, Grace church	2.00
Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. C. F. Johnson, Grace church	2.00
F. R. Stout, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. J. H. Dixon, Grace church	2.00
A. W. Staley, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. A. S. Pettit, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. M. D. Stout, Grace church	2.00
T. D. Sharpe, Grace church	2.00
Roy C. Millikan, Grace church	2.00
E. W. Teague, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. Earl Cobb, Grace church	2.00
J. Norman Wills, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. E. E. Hester, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. Leo C. Westbrook, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. J. E. Dillon, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. J. R. Dodson, Grace church	2.00
Frank R. Hutton, Grace church	2.00
Mrs. J. M. Simpson, Grace church	1.00
F. R. Brittain, Grace church	1.00
Mrs. Carl Tate, Grace church	1.00
Mrs. J. M. Scarboro, Grace church	1.00
J. W. Lucas, Grace church	1.00
Mrs. W. S. Jones, Grace church	1.00
Mrs. W. C. Ogburn, Grace church	1.00
E. S. Wills, Grace church	1.00
Sent by Mrs. F. R. Stout.	
Wade Walser, Shiloh charge	1.00
Mrs. Graye Barnhardt, Shiloh charge	1.00
Sent by Ray Leatherman.	
Earl Heldermann, Concord church	.50
B. E. Kennedy, Pleasant Grove church	2.00
Mrs. Fred Kennedy, Pleasant Grove Ch.	2.00
Mrs. Rob Kennedy, Pleasant Grove church	2.00
Mrs. Ralph Kennedy, Pleasant Grove Ch.	2.00
J. E. Veach, Pleasant Grove church	1.00
Mrs. J. H. Eagle, Pleasant Grove church	1.00
Sent by Miss Alice Kennedy.	
Mrs. E. E. Lanier, Mocksville charge	2.00
Mrs. Ethel Suits, Guilford charge	2.00
Sent by Mrs. A. E. Farlow.	
Mrs. A. H. Jobe, Mebane church	1.00
Mrs. N. R. Jobe, Mebane church	1.00
Miss Mary Jobe, Mebane church	1.00
J. W. Nicholson, Mebane church	2.00
Sent by Mrs. D. A. Pender.	
Blenton Isley, 1st Ch., Burlington	2.00
Sent by Pastor Paschall.	
Mrs. Fred Walker, Orange charge	2.00
Mrs. Andrew Lloyd, Orange charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. E. S. Taylor.	
Mrs. Amanda Warlick, extra Heralds	.20
J. W. Frazier, Kernersville	1.00
Mrs. John S. Linville, Kernersville	.50
Rev. C. B. Way, Kernersville	.50
Sent by C. B. Way.	

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Amount previously reported	$403.46
Kannapolis Auxiliary	5.00
Asheboro Auxiliary	44.50
Asheboro Auxiliary	12.50
Baltimore, W. F. Auxiliary	1.00
Shoals, Mt. Zion-Pinnacle, Auxiliary	3.00
Concord, Saxapahaw Auxiliary	7.00
Grace, Greensboro, Auxiliary	33.15
Union Grove	1.00
Chestnut Ridge, Orange	5.00
Gillburg Auxiliary, Vance	1.00
Haw River Circuit	5.00
Haw River Circuit (Minnis children)	10.00
Bethesda, Halifax	1.00
Thomasville, Community	15.00
Bess Chapel S. S.	3.53
Bess Chapel Auxiliary	3.00
Bess Chapel Mission Band	1.00
Union Grove, U. G.	2.00
Haw River, H. R.	2.00
Charlotte, First	6.00
Albemarle, First, Auxiliary (Minnis children)	5.00
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Rev. J. T. Bowman, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. J. W. Baity, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. Jason Hedrick, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. Howard Jones, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. Lee Freedle, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. W. A. Leonard, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. Joe Hundley, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. A. H. Ragan, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mr. Clarence Harris, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. Treva Lloyd, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. B. A. Wright, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. Lillie Everhart, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. I. A. and Mrs. Knox Teague, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. T. A. Lloyd, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. W. G. Myers, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. Anna Williams, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mt. Carmel, Granville	5.00
Lawndale, Cleveland	2.60
Winston-Salem	10.00
Pleasant Hill, Spring Church, S. S.	2.14
Pleasant Hill, Spring Church, Junior Missionary society	.70
Total to date (March 26, 1938)	$607.58

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treas.
N. C. Branch, Woman's Work.

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FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Sandy Ridge Church, Kernersville Charge.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment the second Sunday afternoon at 2:30, preaching a good sermon. We were sorry that Mrs. Way was sick and not able to be with him.

Our Ladies' Aid society held the regular monthly meeting at the church on March 9, at which time we took in three new members. We were very glad to have our pastor and his wife with us at that time. After the business of the society was disposed of, some of the ladies served sandwiches, cake, and coffee. The society meets next with Mrs. S. B. Ridge.

Our Sunday school is improving some. More of the older people are coming, yet we are hoping when spring opens up, that we will have lots more, both old and young.

If I am not mistaken, I think our second quarterly conference will meet at the Sandy Ridge church the first Saturday in April at 2:30 o'clock. We hope to have a good attendance from this church, and the official members especially. We neglect these quarterly business meetings too much. I feel that we should attend to the business of the church just as much as the business of our farms, banks, stores, or whatever business we may be in. Let us get busy, for soon the night cometh, when no man can work.

MRS. ANDERSON, Reporter.

Hickory Grove, Guilford Charge, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor.—We are glad to report our Sunday school has reached its goal of 100; however, we hope it will continue to grow. Not only has the attendance increased, but also our offerings accordingly. An offering of $5.93 was collected at preaching service Sunday for the Minnis family.

Brother Trogdon filled his regular appointment at 11 o'clock Sunday. For the past three Sundays at 7:30 we have held prayer service. I feel that we should be congratulated on starting this much needed program again. We had quite a number out this past Sunday evening, and much interest is being shown. The church as a whole, I am sure, will be greatly benefited. The public is cordially invited to attend.

We regret that one of our faithful families and neighbor, Brother O. E. Hassell, has moved away. We miss them very much, but hope they can soon return.

BERNEICE JONES, Reporter.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Our attendance at Sunday school, March 27, was 206, with the newly organized Junior Baraca class numbering 22. The Ladies' Bible class had charge of the opening of the Sunday school and was enjoyed by all.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary met after Sunday school hour with a large attendance. Delegates were elected to the branch meeting in April. The nominating committee reported, Miss Callene Phillips being elected our new president. During the reports we found our budget was raised and sent in, finishing the year with local budget and all debts paid up.

The Business Girls' Circle met at the home of Mrs. Louise Shoffner Saturday night, March 26. After an interesting program the following officers were elected for the new year: President, Mrs. Edna Phillips; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Maude Smith; pianist, Mrs. Virgie Amick. After a social period, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Louise Shoffner and Mrs. Ruby Clapp.

The following persons from our church attended the Seventh District Meeting held at Friendship church on Sunday afternoon, March 27. Mrs. W. A. Stafford, Mrs. Curtis Shoffner, Miss Sally Amick, Miss Callene Phillips, and Mrs. Carl Curtis.

Thursday, March 24, our community was again saddened when death's angel entered and took little Charlotte Lenoir Shoffner, aged 5 months and 22 days. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shoffner, of Kimesville. She was ill only a few days. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon, March 26, at Mt. Pleasant church, by Rev. M. A. Pollard, of Smithwood Christian church, and Rev. J. W. Braxton. Special music was furnished by Miss Dovella Bowman. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery among beautiful floral tributes. Our sympathy goes out to this mother and father and relatives whose love for her was so great.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

Guilford Circuit.—Things are moving on very fine on this charge. Some of our reporters seem to be on a strike, but we are just going on.

Our second quarterly conference will meet at Mitchell's Grove on Saturday before the second Sunday in April, at 2:30 p.m. I trust the officials will not get so busy they cannot come, and hope they will not forget the time; and don't forget, if you want to be a candidate for delegate to the annual conference, begin to electioneer just as soon as you read this.

JOEL B. TROGDON, Pastor.

First M. P. Church, Danville, Va., Rev. R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—We had quite a pleasant surprise last week-end. Mr. Walter Bass, a young ministerial student at Richmond university, preached a fine sermon Sunday morning on "Carrying Out God's Plan." We were delighted to have him with us. We also had a number of other visitors with us in the services Sunday, and we issue to each of them a great big welcome.

Circle No. 2 of the Ladies' Auxiliary (Young People's Circle) held its monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vickery, March 24. After refreshments were served, Donald Duck took the floor and gave out candy, Coca-Colas, and peanuts, collected as Pollyanna gifts.

Circle No. 1 believes in spreading oranges along with sunshine among the sick. The ladies of this group visited the colored hospital last Monday week, and distributed the citrus fruit to the patients who are unable to obtain them otherwise. This circle is one bunch on whom we can always depend when we're "in a pickle," for they are not only hearers but doers also.

The Ladies' Auxiliary in general wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. Ida Forbes, retiring president, and the other former officers, for the splendid work they have done. They have labored hard, and we say with all our hearts, "Thanks for guiding us on." To Mrs. Ira Elliott, newly elected president, let us pledge our support and help in anything she may attempt to do for our Lord.

The Christian Endeavor society is planning on a "doggie" time around the bon-fire, Saturday night, at the green-field. They have a busy week ahead, with practices going on for the Easter sunrise pageant, so all you Endeavorers get your lines straight, work hard during the week, and come out Saturday night to get your recreation and hot dogs to last through another month.

Our second quarterly conference is being held Wednesday night after prayer meeting, and revival services start Sunday morning, April 3. We are expecting to accomplish much during the following two weeks, and also to give Rev. C. G. Isley plenty of work to do. We are right with you, though, Mr. Isley, and we're going to pray and work with you, and really try to do something for One who has done so much for us.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

Welch Memorial Church, Dr. J. D. Williams, Pastor, March 28.—It has been some time since I have written. Have been sick for five weeks. I fell and broke some ribs. Had a narrow escape. The church and Sunday school treated me nice. They gave me a big pounding with some money, for which I thank you, one and all. A friend in need is a friend indeed. I shall always remember you in my prayers.

On April 3 our spring meeting is to begin. Bro. C. E. Ridge is to help Dr. Williams in the meeting. There will be some good singing. Hope you will come and help us have the best meeting ever at our church. Pray for the meeting that we might be revived and sinners converted.

Dr. Williams preached two mighty good sermons Sunday. It seems like he cannot help but stick to the truth. All of the organizations of our church are doing fine. The Christian Endeavor society of our church is to give a play Friday night, April 1, at 7:30 o'clock. Come out and help a good cause. Pray for us and our meeting April 3.

EUGENE SEAGRAVES, Reporter.

Central Church, Asheboro.—What proved to be one of the most enjoyable social meetings in the history of the Senior Philathea class of the Central church took place in the social rooms of the church Friday evening, when 60 members and their guests assembled for dinner.

Mrs. Nettie Ward York is class president, and Miss Enolia Presnell is teacher. Mrs. A. B. Copenhaver is assistant teacher. The class received the Philathea charter in 1926, with Mrs. Jesse E. Pritchard, wife of the church pastor, assisting in the organization. Mrs. Pritchard, now of High Point, was one of the honored guests at the reunion dinner.

Miss Esther Ross, who has taught the class on several different occasions, extended her greetings and presented the out-of-town and local visitors, namely: Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. C. L. Whitaker, Mrs. Euclid Auman, and Mrs. W. D. Lewis (the former Miss Helen Hayes, of the Asheboro school faculty) all of High

Point; Mrs. R. C. Stubbins and Mrs. L. W. Gerringer, of Greensboro; Mrs. Buren Parks, Mrs. R. P. Sykes, Mrs. S. W. Taylor, Mrs. H. P. Powell, Mrs. J. M. Caviness, Miss Nancy Dempster, Miss Thelma Buck, Miss Madge Hobgood, Miss Louise Hunt, and Miss Winifred Eaddy, all of Asheboro; Mrs. John Farlow, the former Miss Mary Wade Bulla, of Sophia, and Miss Hope Hubbard, of Farmer.

Wives of four ex-pastors of Central church, Mrs. Gerringer, Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Whitaker, and Mrs. Stubbins, returned for the dinner.

Miss Hobgood led the group singing, with Miss Louise Swaim at the piano. The membership had adopted the Pollyanna custom for two months, and the revealing of the secret pals caused much merriment after the dinner Friday evening. Mrs. Gilbert Councilman and Miss Leona Wood directed the activities, with the main game being a quick-spelling bee.

The Women's Bible class of the church served the dinner.

CLETA RICH.

Gibsonville, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Our pastor has been presenting to the congregation for the past four Sundays a most interesting series of sermons. The four most important facts of the Bible: The Fact of Life, the Fact of Christ, the Fact of Death, and the Fact of the Future.

The Board of Stewards met in regular meeting March 2 at the parsonage. The reports were good. The subsidy and apportionment of High Point College both were paid in full. Eighteen dollars was paid on the World Service budget.

The Sunshine Circle met on March 7 with Anne Stough as hostess. Hilda Ridge, president, was in the chair. Miss Anna Keever assisted in presenting the program, "Serving God Through Music." Mrs. B. B. Greeson reviewed two chapters of the mission book. The president appointed Mary Johnston Boone, Eleanor Davidson, and Betty Jane Owen as a committee to nominate officers.

The program for the mission club, which met on March 22, was "Mecca and Beyond," given by Mrs. B. B. Greeson. Mrs. W. J. Jennings was hostess and also presided in the absence of the president, Virginia Boswell. Mary Louise Curtis conducted the devotionals. Officers for the new year were elected as follows: Agnes Adkins, president; Doris Henry, vice-president; Mary Louise Curtis, secretary; Ruth Boyles, treasurer; Helen Blalock, program chairman.

Miss Gladys May was hostess March 22 to Circle No. 2 of the Auxiliary. The program for the evening on missions was directed by Miss Dorothy Cates. Mrs. Clayton Faucette conducted the devotionals. New officers for the coming year were elected, as follows: Stacey Wall, president; Mrs. Clayton Faucette, vice-president; Dorothy Cates, secretary; Gladys May, treasurer; Mrs. Walter Allred, program chairman; Mrs. O. B. Williams, Young People's leader.

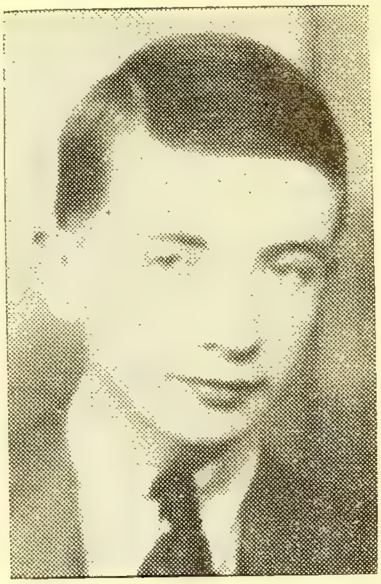
Meeting with the president, Mrs. Frank Owen, on Wednesday evening, March 23, the Woman's Auxiliary elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Mrs. Frank Owen re-elected president; Mrs. F. G. Hammer, vice-president; Mrs. W. E. Anderson, secretary; Mrs. Carl Allen, assistant secretary; Mrs. A. B. Owen, treasurer. The devotionals for the evening were conducted by Mrs. O. B. Williams, assisted by Mrs. D. M. Davidson. The program was directed by Mrs. W. J. Jennings.

Mrs. W. E. Anderson is recovering satisfactorily from a major operation at St. Leo's hospital.

We are glad to report that Mr. Williams' brother, Mr. A. J. Williams, is recovering nicely from pneumonia at Watts hospital in Durham.

On March 20 the Christian Endeavor, with Wesley Randolph as leader, conducted services in the absence of the pastor, who filled the vacancy of Rev. R. S. Troxler at Fairview church. Rev. Mr. Troxler has been ill at Duke hospital.

REPORTER.



This is Charles E. Lowder, Jr., 13, of Albemarle, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lowder, active members of the First Methodist Protestant church, who has not missed Sunday school in ten years. He joined the Methodist Protestant church at the age of 10 and is a faithful member of the church and a great worker in Christian Endeavor society. A freshman in high school, he makes excellent grades and has missed only ten days in seven and a half years of schooling.

Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—Probably this report is late, but nevertheless we are on the upward move. Sunday school attendance is improving some, and we hope to get others interested enough to come to church as the beautiful spring season begins.

The Ladies' Auxiliary gave their thank-offering program at the 11 o'clock hour the first Sunday in this month. This auxiliary can report that they have paid their budget in full for this year, and $7.00 extra to the Minnis fund. We also pledged to raise that amount for his work next year.

The members met for their March meeting with Mrs. R. S. Woody. A goodly number was present and an interesting program was given. New officers for the new year were elected.

Plans are under way for an Easter program to be given at this church. It has been suggested that we begin a pre-Easter service Friday evening and concluding with the Easter program Sunday evening. This has not been definitely decided, but hope that we may be able to do this.

We are very glad to report that Mrs. M. W. Curl is improving rapidly and hopes to be home before long. There has not been so much sickness in our community for some time. Mr. T. H. Moore, one of our oldest members, has not been so well for some time, but is still able to get about some.

BESSIE COBLE, Reporter.

Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, Rev. T. H. Vickery, Pastor.—We are indeed glad that our pastor is able to be back with us after an absence of two months on account of an appendix operation. He brought with him his friend, a Mr. Hubbell. After preaching service the Lord's Supper was observed.

Plans are made to start on the Children's Day program immediately.

SARAH SIMPSON, Reporter.

Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary, North Davidson Charge, Rev. W. H. Neese, Pastor, March 28.—Our Auxiliary is moving on, even if we have not been doing much writing. Since our last report we have sponsored a plate supper at the Methodist hut in Thomasville. There we made $56.00. The Auxiliary had a good part in buying new pews for our church. With the donations from friends we were able to buy new carpet along with the pews. We want to thank all who helped in any way.

On March 10 the District Rally of the Woman's Work was held at Mt. Pleasant. We were glad to see so many people at this meeting, and welcome them back at any time. I think everyone enjoyed the day, and we believe that many of us were benefited by the splendid talks that were given by the various speakers.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held their spring thank-offering March 20 at 7 o'clock. A number of the ladies were on the program. We gave the play, "If I Be His Disciple," then closed with the consecration service.

TREVA REID, Cor. Sec.

Sapling Ridge Church, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor, March 27.—We are still striving to carry on God's work and do His bidding.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met Saturday afternoon, March 19, with Mrs. Laverne Woody. There were 17 members present at this meeting. New officers were elected, as follows: President, Mrs. Frank Webster; vice-president, Mrs. Laverne Woody; secretary, Mrs. Roy Self; assistant secretary, Mrs. G. M. Clark; treasurer, Mrs. Epps Clark; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Wade Perry; Auxiliary aid, Mrs. Walter Hugh Campbell; assistant Auxiliary aid, Miss Margie Cook.

We had lots of visitors with us. We are always glad to have visitors. They are just as welcome as members. We were more than glad to have three new members join our society. They were Mrs. Lester Johnson, Mrs. Walter Hugh Campbell, and Mrs. Bun Buckner. Our society has paid in full what we promised to pay. We also decided to get enough paint to paint the benches in the church, and shellac to put on the floors, and six song books, with some money we have in the bank.

Mrs. Epps Clark, Mrs. Ward Campbell, and Mrs. Frank Webster were elected as delegates to the branch meeting.

We will meet next month with Mrs. Wade Perry. At this time Mrs. Woody invited us into the dining room, where nice refreshments were served, which were enjoyed by all. Our society is doing a good work, I think. Pray for us that we may do lots better.

Brother Isley preached a splendid sermon the second Sunday afternoon, as he always does. Everyone seemed to enjoy and appreciate this sermon very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindley, who are in the State Hospital for treatment, have improved very much. Hope they can soon be back with us again at the church. Mr. Will Pugh is still confined at his home; hope he can soon be out again. Also Mr. A. G. Campbell. We were glad to have Mrs. G. M. Clark back at church today. She has been absent several Sundays on account of having the measles.

Mrs. H. K. Webster and daughter, Hazel, spent the week-end in Burlington with her children. Mr. H. K. Webster and son, Freeman, also spent Sunday with them.

Pray for our church.

MRS. FRANK WEBSTER, Reporter.

Rehoboth, Granville Charge, J. P. Pegg, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment March 20 at 11 o'clock, bringing to us one of his soul-stirring sermons. The attendance was very good.

Our Sunday school is now on an upward trend, and we hope it will continue to grow, now that spring is here.

The Missionary Auxiliary met with Mrs. William Strickland on Wednesday, March 23. The attendance was good and the meeting was enjoyed by everyone.

We were very glad to have Mrs. W. W. Grissom back with us Sunday.

We are indeed fortunate to have our conference president, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, present to conduct our services on April 3, and we are looking forward to a large attendance.

A committee was appointed Sunday to plan the Easter music for our church services on Easter Sunday.

We ask the prayers of all, that we may continue to grow in grace and be an influence to those whom we contact daily.

ASSISTANT REPORTER.

Community Church, Thomasville.—At the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Community Methodist Protestant church on Monday evening, Mrs. J. R. Sechrest was elected president to succeed Mrs. J. Clyde Auman, whose term of office expired with the end of March.

Mrs. Auman, in a few closing remarks, expressed her appreciation of the cooperation given her during her term of office, and her gratification over the year's work, as each circle had raised its apportionment in full, and many other deeds of a missionary nature had been done by the members in calls and visitations to the sick and shut-ins.

Mrs. G. M. Hobbs led the devotionals.

Miss Lela Maude Boyles, as chairman of the nominating committee, gave her report, which was accepted by a vote of those present. Mrs. Auman read the list of appointive secretaries, after which Rev. J. Clyde Auman formally installed the following as officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. R. Sechrest; vice-president, Mrs. G. L. McAdams; second vice-president, Mrs. C. R. Reed; recording secretary, Mrs. G. M. Hobbs; treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Taylor; also the following appointive secretaries: Missionary Education, Mrs. J. Clyde Auman; Christian Education, Mrs. E. C. Brandon; Benevolence and Christian Stewardship, Mrs. J. W. Boyles; Scholarships and Workers, Miss Isabel Boyles; Membership, Mrs. T. G. Perry; Literature, Mrs. Glenn Finch; Thank-offering, Miss Lela Maude Boyles; Spiritual Life, Mrs. J. E. Clodfelter; Temperance, Mrs. Howard Green; Young People's Work, Mrs. Douglas C. Crutchfield; Pastor's Aid, Mrs. H. C. Nicholson.

The meeting closed with the singing of a hymn and a prayer. Mrs. Auman, the hostess, served refreshments to the 40 members present.

Moriah, J. Leo Pittard, Pastor.—We were delighted in having Rev. Mr. Lowman, a student at Duke University of Religion, to preach for us Sunday in the absence of our pastor, who is attending a conference in Kentucky.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has finished out the year with great success. The budgets are paid in full and much work has been done at the church by them.

The Junor Bible class will give a 5-cent supper at the N. C. College Camp, located just off Pleasant Garden road, Friday night. Come and help us make it a great success.

We are glad to know that Alvah Hawkins is able to be out with us after an operation at Wesley Long hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Glenn visited at First church, Charlotte, recently and enjoyed a good sermon by Rev. T. E. Strickland, former pastor of our church.

ASSISTANT REPORTER.

Community Church, Thomasville.—In the annual meeting of the Auxiliary Monday evening of this week, Mrs. J. R. Sechrest was elected president to succeed Mrs. J. Clyde Auman, whose term of office expires with March. Mrs. Geo. L. McAdams and Mrs. C. R. Reed were elected vice-presidents. Mrs. Wiley Taylor was re-elected treasurer, and Mrs. G. M. Hobbs, secretary. Mrs. Auman in her closing remarks expressed her appreciation for the hearty cooperation which she received during the two years of her presidency. The meeting was well attended, there being between 35 and 40 women present. The installation service was conducted by the pastor.

At the close of the meeting Billy Boyles entertained the group with some pictures which he had taken with a movie camera, and Mrs. Auman served refreshments.

J. CLYDE AUMAN.

Mt. Pleasant, North Davidson, W. H. Neese, Pastor.—We've talked about what we expected to do, and told you we thought it was nearly accomplished. You will hear no more of that. We not only have our new benches; we are very proud of them. And besides benches, we have beautiful new carpet. If any building needs to be beautiful, certainly a church building does. One can worship so much better if he is in an attractive and comfortable place. It is more in keeping with the beauty of God. Our church lacked both beauty and comfort, but we are thankful that we can worship in a place that inspires reverence.

Brother Neese brought us a message on Sunday which was more uplifting and inspirational than the beauty of the place in which we worshiped. His text was, "I am doing a great work. Why should I come down to you?" On this great scripture Brother Neese built a great sermon; one worthy of his calling.

We regret to report that Miss Lizzie Clinard is seriously ill at her home. She has suffered much and has borne it well. She has been a faithful servant. Only a few weeks ago she gave very liberally toward the realization of our dream for new benches. We pray that she may soon recover and come back to enjoy them.

Many hearts are sad because of the passing of a Christian and a member of long standing in Mt. Pleasant church. Mrs. Laura Jane Clodfelter passed out of this life last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Clodfelter had been in declining health for some time, but we remember when she came to church regularly and often. She was not a spectacular and publicly active person; just a good, modest Christian woman. It makes us sad to see such a beautiful life taken from our midst.

J. R. PAYNE, Reporter.

Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Dr. T. M. Johnson, Pastor, March 29.—The Sunday school drive is certainly making some of our members and teachers put forth efforts, but the grand part—their efforts are bringing forth fruit. Several of the classes have already gained new members, and one class, the Willing Workers, had four new members one day. While March 13 was our record Sunday, during the drive, with 176 for Sunday school, we had 129 last Sunday, with 12 visitors.

The prayer meeting is continuing to grow, and we feel if the prayer meeting grows we are sure to grow as a whole, for as the sturdy oak has strong roots, the growing church which is growing as Christ would have it, I sincerely believe, is the church with a strong prayer meeting. Mr. J. P. Waddell, the efficient teacher of the young men's class, will lead prayer service this Wednesday night. Mr. Satterfield, from the Burnsville church community, conducted prayer service last week.

We are indeed sorry to learn of the illness of one of our dear, faithful workers, Mrs. W. M. Compton. We sincerely hope and pray we will have the pleasure of seeing her smiling face in our midst next Sunday.

Our pastor's message for last Sunday morning was on the sin of omission, using the text, Matt. 25:45, "Inasmuch as ye did it not."

The Sunday school is preparing the Easter program, and our pastor is planning to give us some special services each night from Wednesday through Saturday night of the week preceding Easter. He plans a study each day of the doings and sayings of Jesus on those last days of His life and crucifixion. He is also planning to have special singing three of the four nights.

We are glad to know Miss Estelle Smith is improved from a recent sickness, enough to be back at services.

The Willing Workers class ended a contest last Sunday which has been participated in the past three months in an effort to get old members back to Sunday school, and new members, also the present members on time, etc. Group No. 2, with Miss Nell Wood and Mrs. R. T. Bennette as leaders, were the winning group, and the others plan to entertain them at an outing and egg hunt Friday before Easter.

Mr. W. M. Compton, the beloved former Sunday school superintendent, who is now our honorary superintendent, had charge of the Sunday school Sunday morning. We all enjoyed having Brother Compton do this, and are too sincerely glad he is improved in health and gets to be at Sunday school most regularly now.

Mrs. B. A. McClimon returned to her home here last Friday after having spent the winter at Miami, Fla., recuperating from a broken back.

One item of praise the writer wants to especially remember is about that group of Junior Christian Endeavorers Sunday night. I went in the room with these children for part of the service. Afterwards I talked to the two superintendents, who showed me the scrap book and Bible stories these children had written. They also have a Bible drill. Who could ask for better training than these two efficient young ladies, Misses Esta Compton and Hortense Foster, are giving these children in their care?

MRS. LOTTIE L. WADDELL, Reporter.

Whitakers Church, D. R. Williams, Pastor.—We have had no report from our church for some time. Our reporter has gone, having secured a job in Concord.

Our organizations are functioning about as usual. The attendance at Sunday school and church services is not what we would like, but many things enter in to keep people away; some sick. One of our faithful ones, our Sunday school secretary, had a terrible burn over a month ago which has kept him in. Am glad to report he is able to be out some, but hasn't been able to be at church yet. Am sorry our pastor hasn't been so well this winter; has missed two of his appointment; but hope he will be better soon.

We had a death among our number, Mrs. Warren Woodard.

We gave our pastor a little pounding recently, which helped his pantry supplies some.

We will hold our second quarterly meeting Friday night, March 25.

MISS MOLLIE WHELESS, Ex-Reporter.

Love Joy Church, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge, E. G. Cowan, Pastor, March 28.—It is with joy that we can report that our church work is moving along fine. The beautiful spring weather is certainly putting a go into people's hearts. We are having splendid crowds out for church service and our Sunday school attendance is still improving.

Our pastor has delivered two inspiring sermons this month, using each time the subject of "Prayer."

Yesterday each Sunday school teacher gave a short talk along their line of work, which seemed to be very beneficial.

The Friendship Circle held its March meeting in the home of Mrs. Marvin Green, with 24 members present. A very helpful program along the line of missionary work, was carried out. At the close of the service Mrs. Green, assisted by Miss Stella Green, served fruit and candy. Mrs. R. J. Elliott invited the circle to meet with her for their April meeting.

Rev. Colon Reynolds, of Randleman, will preach at our church Sunday afternoon, April 3, at 3 o'clock. We are hoping a large crowd will come out to hear Brother Reynolds.

MRS. CLARA RUSSELL, Reporter.

Mount Carmel Church, Rev. L. E. Mabry, Pastor, March 28.—The Auxiliary of Mount Carmel church held its March meeting at Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swicegood's home in Lexington. The president presided over the meeting. Mr. Walter Swicegood led the devotional. At this meeting the officers were elected for the following year. Some of them are: President, Mrs. L. E. Mabry; vice-president, Mrs. Walter Swicegood; secretary, Miss Meredith Hedrick; treasurer, Miss Zula Fritts; devotional leader, Walter Swicegood; Auxiliary reporter, Beautus Waitman. The various other secretaries were also elected and the duties of each stressed.

The old year has been very successful. The auxiliary has done some good work, and many of these officers have been elected repeatedly. They have complied with most all of the requirements, therefore proving they are capable and worthy of such office.

BEAUTUS WAITMAN, Aux. Reporter.

THE SECOND FLOOD

Hardly had the waters of the Flood dried up, when a new flood was in process of formation. This flood began at the first drinking of fermented wine. This is Satan's flood, and he would like to wash away and destroy God's constructive work.

Last week the United Dry Forces of this state met in Greensboro to confer about fighting this flood. This convention recognized the drink evil as being of spiritual origin, a moral question too broad and deep-seated to be monopolized by any political party, and that therefore it is the responsibility of all parties. This body recognized both a spiritual side of the issue and a practical side.

The spiritual emphasis came early in the session. A young minister, whose parish is in a wet section, emphasized the responssibility of making the church members themselves our first field. One man urged that only total abstainers should be placed in church offices. One speaker insisted that the ministers should lead in this internal reform movement, speaking out from their pulpits. Judge Johnson J. Hayes contended that though we do these things our responsibility is not ended unless we also use all government agencies in the fight. It is an aggressive force against which we are going and if we do not make use of the government our enemies will. A solid back-bone which puts its convictions into action was declared to be the necessary link between the ideal of a sober nation and a government of men pledged to use the best means known toward that end. Judge Hayes has had an extended experience with this evil, under varied conditions, not granted to every one. Having held court in counties that have ABC stores and in those that do not, he stated that there is more bootlegging where the ABC stores are found than in those counties where there are none, and conditions are much better in the wettest of dry territory than in the best regulated wet territory.

There were several grey-haired men present who were designated "workers." Their reports and their looks showed determination, and that they were men of seasoned experience. They were going about in counties needing such work, speaking to adults and in high schools. One man said he spoke five times the Sunday before. We are faced with the fact that a few men have been carrying on the work at a cost to themselves out of proportion to the gifts of others. The responsibility that rests upon us should be more keenly felt than it is. A practical expression of the interest that we claim to feel in temperance would be an offering from each Sunday school on Temperance Sunday, to carry on temperance work.

Read a lesson from the Scriptures: II Kings 13: 17, 18, 19: "Then Elisha said (to Joash, King of Israel), Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them.

"And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.

"And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, 'Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice'."

Joash had victory and deliverance offered to him but he got no more than he took, and his zeal was the measure of his taking. Striking upon the ground may seem a little thing, but it was an indication of his zeal. Attending a meeting may seem a little thing but it is an indication of interest. If we are interested in temperance we will be doing something to help it forward. We will be found in the places where people unite their thought and their efforts, knowing that in union we find needed strength for accomplishment.

We should be as interested in presenting a united front to evil as were the Children of Israel in the day of the judges. "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they come not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5: 23, "My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the Lord. Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way." Judges 5:9, 10. (From the Song of Deborah, the prophetess.) Then read in Revelation how the churches are held responsible for the teachings and the behavior of those in their body.

The devil must like to see a disunited front in the churches. Are we trying to please God or the devil?

JOANA BELL.

The Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work will meet at Burlington, N. C., April 27-28. Be sure to be there!

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Dellinger

Barbara Susan Croft Dellinger was born March 25, 1855, and departed this life March 3, 1938. She professed faith in Christ early in life and joined the Bess Chapel M. P. church.

She was united in marriage January 7, 1879, with A. S. Dellinger, who preceded her in death. To this union two daughters were born, Mrs. S. P. Wehunt, deceased, and Mrs. A. A. Beam, Cherryville, Route 1. Also surviving are two brothers, A. F. Croft, Cherryville, Route 1, and F. W. Croft, Republic City, Kansas; 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Departing this world, she leaves many pleasant memories—memories of a kind and loving mother, a gentle and affectionate grandmother, and a loyal and sincere friend.

She was ever grateful for the many acts of kindness and consideration which her neighbors so willingly gave, and she remained cheerful throughout her prolonged sufferings. Her departure leaves a void in the hearts of the many who loved her, but she has claimed the promised reward of those who have stood the test of suffering and yet kept the faith.

The funeral service was conducted in Bess Chapel church by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Harkey, and her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

KATE HENDRICK.

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Fox

Mrs. Ellen Presnell Fox was born March 21, 1861. She departed this life after a lingering illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Osborne, January 29, 1938. Her age was 76 years, 10 months and 8 days.

The deceased was the daughter of Uriah and Mary Voncannon Presnell, and was born and reared in Randolph county, the Presnell homestead being on the highway only a few miles south of Asheboro, and near Flag Springs Methodist Protestant church. It was at this church that the family worshiped, and where the deceased, as a child, attended Sunday school, and later united with the church.

Mrs. Fox was twice married. Her first husband was the late Milton Cox. To this union there were born three children, as follows: Mrs. Charles Williams, Asheboro; Mrs. B. F. Osborne, Broadway; and R. D. Cox, Chadbourn. Only two of these survive, Mrs. Williams having died since her mother's death. One sister, Mrs. Lydia Morris, Denton, also survives.

In 1921 Mrs. Cox was united in marriage with O. R. Fox, of Asheboro. Upon coming to Asheboro to live, she united with the Asheboro Methodist Protestant church. Her membership was continued there for the remainder of her life. After the death of Mr. Fox, in 1929, she left Asheboro to make her home at Broadway with her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Osborne.

Throughout her life Mrs. Fox had been a Christian, and had striven always to live in obedience to God's purposes. It is comforting to believe that she has now entered upon that inheritance that God has in reserve for those who love Him.

The funeral was held in the Pugh funeral chapel, Asheboro, and was conducted by the writer. Interment followed in the Flag Springs burying ground. A mound of earth and a bank of flowers marked the resting place of her mortal form. But this is not the end. It is only the portal through which God brings His own to Himself. We bid her loved ones to be comforted with this assurance.

S. W. TAYLOR.

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Pugh

At 3 o'clock Sunday morning, February 27, 1938, Mrs. Annie Williams Pugh, wife of J. A. Pugh and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams, fell asleep in Jesus at her home near Gray's Chapel. She was born July 5, 1865, in the Sandy Creek neighborhood, near Liberty. Her mother died some years ago, but her father is still living and has passed his 91st year.

Mrs. Pugh, in early life, joined the Baptist church, but after her marriage to J. A. Pugh transferred her membership to Gray's Chapel to be with her husband. From that day to the time of her death, she lived a worthy church life, active in all departments of church work wherever she could lend a helping hand. Now, her voice is silenced in death, her hands can no longer administer to the wants and needs of loved ones on earth; but it is a glorious thought that now her voice is tuned to the melody of heaven's music, and that instead of singing in the choir at chapel, she is singing the song of redeeming love, safe in the arms of Jesus.

Her marriage to J. A. Pugh, some 40 years ago, has been honored with four children, as follows: Mrs. Mamie Ellison, of Greensboro; Mrs. May Hedrick Plummer, of Central Falls; Mrs. Hobart Lineberry, of the homeplace, and one son, Lucian Pugh, of Greensboro. She also leaves, besides the children and her husband, three sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Tom Brown, of Millboro; Mrs. Martha Field and Miss Ida Williams, of Liberty, R. 1; J. F. Williams, Greensboro, and J. C. Williams, Liberty, Route 1. Also nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The community and church at Gray's Chapel feel that they have lost a good neighbor and an interested church worker, but the loss falls most heavily upon the home, especially the husband and daughter, Mrs. Lineberry. Upon all the family we pray for God's sustaining grace. Let us meekly bow in submission to His divine will, and some day we will understand.

The funeral service was conducted from Gray's Chapel church, Monday, February 28, at 2:30 P. M. by her pastor, assisted by Rev. Edward Suits, a former pastor, and Rev. R. C. Stubbins, pastor of Calvary church, Greensboro. The fine floral display and the unusually large crowd that attended the funeral were evidences of the high esteem in which this good woman was held. May the Lord santify her going to the good of the community, the church, and the home. We all join the family in mourning and drop a tear of sorrow, yet behind this dark cloud we know the sun is shining brightly.

GEO. L. REYNOLDS.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to thank each and every one for their kindness during the two years' illness of our dear brother. May God's richest blessings rest and abide with every one. We also wish to thank Dr. Forrest especially, he did all that he possibly could for him.

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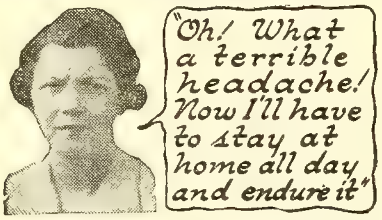
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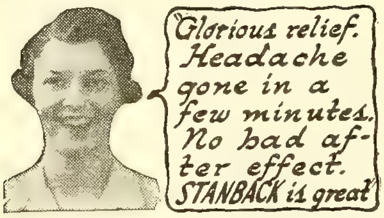
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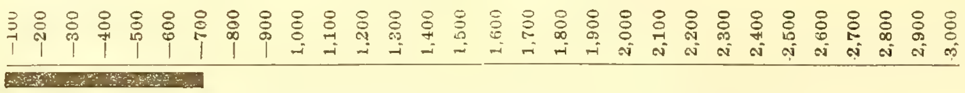

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In scanning the subscription list for last week to see who has led in the amount sent in, I said: "Look here! One of our big churches is taking the lead this time." Never thought but what that one would be at the top. But as the remainder of the list was scanned, I found that one of our smallest churches had overtopped them. Small so far as numbers are concerned, but as great as the greatest in faith, loyalty, liberality, and all that goes to make a church worth-while. This little church had an enormous debt when the depression came. They struggled on, and at times it seemed that it would be lost. But they had a great leader in the person of their building fund treasurer, and he never reached the breaking point but one time during all that strain, so far as I know. I went with him to see the Manager of Loans, Jefferson Standard, and he told him to just take the church and sell it, that they had gone as far as they could. "Why Mr. Amick, your church has made the best record of any church that owes us money during this strain. Go on back and do the best you can; we will take care of you." So we went back with renewed energy and during the period that I was there, during the hardest of the depression, they paid over four thousand dollars and the interest. I am not surprised, Moser, at your bringing this amount to pay on subscriptions. You are working it to be sure, but you have a responsive people. That's fine, keep going, and Fountain Place people will stand by you. And not the least in this is the Amick, G. L., that I have mentioned, who led so well on the church debt while I was there.

Thank you, Randolph, for another payment on subsidy. Brother Reynolds, working at it in this way, will soon put your figures in bold type. And from away down on Littleton comes a payment. Thank you, folks. Always glad to see anything good from down east. While I have never served Littleton, I have had lots of good friends there, as that was my nearest neighbor charge on the west and north.

Let's see who will get us up a number in charges that have paid all their subsidy bill for next report.

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Selling Horizons

There is a story of a pioneer preacher who when asked by a commercial traveler what his business was, replied, selling horizons. It was a new business to the salesman, so he asked to see the preacher's samples. The preacher took out his Bible and began to make a sale. Indeed, there is no book that has a better set of ideals by which a narrow life may be implemented to wider horizons and deeper sympathies than the Bible. It is one continuous record of human experience from beginning to end; and its record of behavior is completed, for all sorts of folk are dealt with. But the major purpose of its massages is to lift man up, to enable him to see beyond today, beyond himself, even beyond his age; as it were to "Forecast the years, To find in loss a gain to match," for the Bible deals with eternity and thereby brings to us new horizons; to get the Apostle Paul's range on life is like seeing the home land from an airplane—seeing it in all its parts to its utmost bounds.

When our Lord called upon His disciples to lift up their eyes and look upon the fields already white unto the harvest, He was selling them an entirely new spiritual horizon. Up to that day even Peter and John had been seeing the ministry and messages of Jesus beginning and ending with their own race. But today with them was different. The straggling Samaritans coming out to see the new prophet who had told a simple woman more about herself than her neighbors possibly knew was the trickle of drops soon to be a mighty stream; the faint light gleaming on the far away shores foretelling a new day; a day when even Gentiles might share alike with the Jews in the joy of redemption.

Of course, the preacher is a salesman, if not a salesman, he is in the wrong calling. But are all preachers like the noted Bishop Quale selling horizons? Many most assuredly are. He who goes into a community although entirely unknown yet soon by his life and labors transforms it, making it a place notable for its good citizens and loyalty to the Church, he has certainly wisely used the Holy Scriptures and like St. Paul has preached Christ the hope of glory there he has sold a new horizon. The story of the triumphs of Christianity in the South Sea Islands through the life and labors of John G. Paton still stands as a miracle in modern missions. For finding the natives Cannibals, he left them Christians. What a stretch he gave to the horizon of their lives, from cannibalism to Christianity, how wonderful; truly Dr. Paton was a seller of Spiritual horizons.

Or take the life of John Wesley as he was going into the little Chapel in Aldersgate Street, London, depending upon his good works for his redemption; thinking, striving, each moment to do the things which he believed would save his soul; but going out into the night declaring that the just shall live by faith; freed from the treadmill of Phariseaic righteousness; with his heart strangely warmed. And so with a message for all men he makes the world his parish as he leapts to the old task with a new zeal. He had received a new horizon that night.

But not only are such as we have listed great salesmen of horizons, there are teachers in one room school houses over this land who by their enthusiasm for truth have opened up new vistas of life to youth who before had never dreamed of a life larger or fuller than self-interest and the gratification of sordid desires. Yes there are mighty men and women who came from but coves, the mills, the shops of our land lured by the widening horizons of life they first glimpsed in a little single room school house, or in log cabins where the mother was the only teacher they knew.

Yes, selling horizons is a great work; has many wonderful returns, and any lover of truth may make a sale. Read these lines of a good salesman:

> "These things shall be; a loftier race
> Than ere the world hath known shall rise
> With flame of freedom in their souls,
> And light of knowledge in their eyes.
> They shall be gentle, brave and strong
> To spill no drop of blood, but dare
> All they that may plant man's lordship firm
> On earth, and fire, and sea and air.
> Nation with nation, land with land,
> Unarmed shall live as comrades free;
> In every heart and brain shall throb
> The pulse of one fraternity."
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> —*J. A. Symonds.*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Calendar

N. C. Branch Meeting, Burlington	April 27, 28
Mid-Year Meeting, Community Church	May 13
Pastors' School, High Point College	June 6-17
Leadership School, High Point College	June 20-25
Third Quarterly Assembly	
Annual Conference, Calvary, Greensboro	November 9-14

Payments to be made on: A. C. Expenses, January and February; High Point College, March, April; Church Extension, May, June; A. C. Debt, July, August; Superannuates, September, October.

Next Annual Session to Be at Calvary

Last week I announced that an invitation had come from a certain Church for us to hold the next session of the Conference there. Well, that Church is Calvary in Greensboro. By a unanimous vote of the Standing District Committee I am making the announcement that Calvary's invitation has been accepted and that the Conference will be held there November 9-14. I am sure that all of us feel like extending our thanks to the pastor, Rev. R. C. Stubbins, and the congregation at Calvary Church.

Rev. D. R. Williams in Hospital

Yesterday I learned that Rev. D. R. Williams, pastor of our Churches in Enfield and Whitakers is in the Alamance General hospital in Burlington. I hastened to the hospital to see him and found him to be in a right serious condition. He has been in failing health all this year and a week ago was brought to the home of his daughter in Burlington in the hope that the change would be beneficial to him. However, he grew worse and was removed to the hospital where a blood transfusion was given him. I am sure that his many friends will join us in prayer for his recovery.

Rev. R. S. Troxler Somewhat Improved

Yesterday I stopped at Duke hospital in Durham to see Rev. R. S. Troxler who has been there for several weeks and found him somewhat improved. It is probable that he may return to his home shortly, although it will be quite awhile before he will be able to take up his work again.

A Visit to Granville Charge

On last Saturday morning, an old fashioned rainy day I made the run of more than a hundred miles to the parsonage on Granville Charge for the second quarterly conference which was held at 10 o'clock. On this one trip I saw by the roadside the "remains" of two rather serious wrecks, one being very serious in that one man had been killed and another seriously injured. The quarterly conference was somewhat different from the usual one in that all three of the pastors in that district and their families were present. Quite a goodly number of the women from the Granville Charge had come and had brought baskets of lunch and at the noon hour a picnic dinner was enjoyed, those present remaining as long in the afternoon as they wanted to. The reports in the quarterly conference showed considerable activity and there was every evidence that the work is moving along in a satisfactory manner. This is the first year that the pastor, Rev. J. P. Pegg, has served this Charge but already the people have learned to love him and his interesting family and he and his family are greatly pleased with the Charge. Brother T. T. Ellis, of Union Chapel Church, and Brother Willis Kittrell, of Rehoboth Church, were nominated as candidates for delegate to the next Annual Conference. The pastor recommended that the offerings for the Children's Home be taken in the Sunday School rather than at the Church services, thus leaving the Church services free for offerings for the Annual Conference Budget and the Fellowship Crusade. After some discussion it was decided to leave the matter for each local Church to decide.

The Sunday morning Church service was at Rehoboth Church. This is one of our old, well established Churches. It is located some ten miles or more rather southwest of Henderson. The congregation almost competely filled the auditorium. It was a pleasure to preach to them. This Church is not only to be congratulated for what it now has but for what it has done in the past also. It is the old home Church which sent out into the world such people as the Harris family and the Hicks family and many others who made our Church in Henderson the leading Church in our Conference a good many years ago.

A Sunday Evening in Henderson

After saying goodbye to the Granville people I moved on into Henderson for the second quarterly conference which was held at the Church at 7 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, and his people gave a good account of themselves in the quarterly conference. Something like half of the quota for the Fellowship Crusade had been subscribed and steps were taken to raise the remainder. Other departments of the work seemed to be going well. Brother Whitehead has been doing the preaching in a meeting which is still in progress and I trust they will have good results.

The nominees for delegate here are Mrs. J. B. Baity and Mr. Alvin Nuckles. At 8 o'clock it was my privilege to bring the message to a union congregation of our Church and the First M. E. Church, South. It is always a pleasure for me to speak in this Church where I served for five years some years ago. This is Brother Whitehead's second year on this Charge and he and his wife are held in high esteem. The people seem to be cooperating with them and I predict for this Church another good year.

The College Assessment

I am again reminding ourselves of the fact that the assessment for High Point College is to be raised and sent in during the months of March and April. Time is rapidly passing. Let no one fail here. In our effort to raise the amount for the Fellowship Crusade let us not neglect the regular assessments.

Appointments

Saturday, April 9—7 p. m., Friendship on the Friendship-Love's Grove Charge.

Sunday, April 10—11 a. m., Love's Grove; 2:30 p. m., Mill Grove.

Sunday, April 17—Cleveland Charge, Oak Grove at 10 o'clock; Kistler's Union at 11 o'clock; and Piedmont High School, Commencement Sermon, at 2:30 p. m.

Sunday, April 24 — Morning service, First Church, Thomasville.

J. E. Pritchard.

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A Message in Verse

"When the day is dragging, dragging,
And your heart is sorely tried,
When your work is sadly lagging,
And ambition's ends denied,
Keep Sweet.

"Hold your faith to constant hoping,
Never doubt amid your grouping,
Keep Sweet.

"When your enemies assail you,
And your character impugn,
When your course seems to fail you,
And your voice is out of tune,
Keep Sweet.

"Hold your hope to constant winging,
Never let your soul cease singing,
Keep sweet."

—*Elmer Allen Bess.*

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Jealousy

Jealousy is the feeling that one has a rival. It too often reveals its presence in our daily lives. You may see it exhibited in the professions, the trades and the religious callings. It happens sometimes that success to one brings sadness instead of joy, because of the jealousy of a fellow worker. Is it not pitiful to see? It really makes one fear for the future of the human race, sometimes, as these vile weeds of destruction flourish in our hearts. Haman jealous of Mordecai is typical. Although he had a good position, was honored at the throne, had a happy home, yet because there was one lowly Jew who did not bow to him in recognition of his high honor, he went home in a rage. So we see the human race divided into cliques, bands, armies, seeking each other's defeat or destruction moved on by jealous rage. Many of the most brutal wars were caused by the jealousy of one nation for another. Many a tradesman's dislike for another is due entirely to the spirit of jealousy of the other's success; and what shall we say of the bickerings and strife in the social circles caused by jealousy? A Christian ought to be ashamed to be influenced by it.

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Pastors and Herald Agents

Please compare your list of Herald subscribers this year with last year at the same date and see whether you are behind or not. We would like to give a statement the week of the Mid-Year meeting showing how all the Charges stand on their Herald quotas, comparing this year with last. We are serving notice in time.

"Fan Mail"

We appreciate the words of our subscribers as they come from time to time expressing their appreciation of the Herald. In sending in money for the club subscriptions from Shelby Mrs. J. T. Ramsey says she has taken the Herald for twenty-seven years, and that she could hardly get along without it. Brother Trogdon threw a bouquet in the same mail. Two a day is unusual, but we might stand more of the same kind.

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Practice the Placing of Emphasis on These Lines

I never said he stole the money.
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I never said he stole the *money.*

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The spade that objected to being taken into the garden because it believed that if it went it would be *infra dig,* reminded me of an anecdote of a famous literary man whose dignity was hurt one day, and he told some friends about it at his club, "I was looking," he said, "at the second-hand books in Charming Cross Road the other day, when I was vastly annoyed to find a copy of one of my books in a box marked, 'This Lot Two-pence Each'." Amid laughter some one asked: "Did you buy it?" "Oh, no," said the writer, promptly, "but as a prop to my dignity I waited until the proprietor's back was turned. Then I put it into the four-penny box!"—*Selected.*

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God never forgets. He never loses count of prayers nor of time. Prayers may seem unanswered. But, when the heart's in right touch there's always thoughtful love in the delay. The waiting-time is a training-time for us. More is being planned for by God than had been prayed for by us. Hannah found this out with Samuel, and Zacharias with John. Let's keep faith's fire burning even through long waits and heavy rains.—*J. H. Jowett.*

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The peril of today is not lack of knowledge but of moral principles. What the world needs so desperately in these critical days is a leadership that is not only intellectually strong but morally right.—*Edgar P. Hill.*

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We ought to esteem the man who is liberal, not the man who is able to be.—*Machiavelli.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Lost—The Individual

Woodrow Wilson once said, "I have heard a great deal of preaching and I have heard most of it with respect; but I have heard a great deal of it with disappointment, because I felt that it had nothing to do with me." He also stated, "The end and object of Christianity is the individual, and the individual is the vehicle of Christianity."

Yes, the individual is the supreme unit in human society and the only way to have a good society is to have one made up of good individuals. But this principle is being disregarded these days. We now let the individual go and direct all effort toward the group. This at least is the trend. The idea has gone to seed in Europe, of course, but the disease is also spreading here. Hitler and his kind tell us emphatically that the individual exists for the state. We call such government a totalitarian state because it claims and controls the life of the subject in its totality. Everything the individual does looks toward the central government, and the government in turn makes the choices and decisions of the citizens. Initiative is gone, and such a thing as individual direction of life is unknown. The state is everything, the individual nothing.

Now this same vicious and dangerous doctrine is injecting itself into the social, religious, and political life of America. Little by little our liberties are taken away while more and more the central group does our planning and thinking for us. Most writers, and most influential preachers, so far as I can see, hope to rescue society and thereby take care of the individual later. They never seem to realize that an individual could possibly bring success or disaster upon his own head. They condemn society for every evil but seldom blame the person for any disaster that overtakes him. To hear or read these reformers you would suppose that a newly enacted law at the capitol would transform a native of the back-woods. But the truth remains that passing a resolution at headquarters will not make a man love his neighbor nor drive the appetite from the throat of the drunkard. If we want to help an individual we have got to work on *him*. This was Christ's method and there is no other way.

Think what happens when we overlook the individual. For one thing we thwart the plan of progress. Social advancement always comes through outstanding individuals—the very individuals who are stifled by the "social emphasis." History of progress is the history of a few well-developed men and women. In science it is Newton, Edison, and men of that type; in religion it is Abraham, Paul, Luther, Wesley, and their kind, while in literature it is Milton, Shakespeare, and Poe. Ford, Vanderbilt, and Schwab represent the same fact in industry. Suppress the individual and advancement stops.

Again, every individual possesses supreme worth and we neglect him only in violation of his sacred personality. Jesus said something about it being better for a man to have a millstone about his neck and be cast into the sea than to be guilty of offending another personality. Our highest obligation is to develop the possibilities in ourselves and others. It is no virtue to do for another person what he can do for himself.

Finally, to take responsibility off of the individual you are robbing him of his highest opportunity to become like God. Personal achievement is God's superb reward. "To him that overcometh" is still the mark of divine favor. Take the personal element out of religion and you have destroyed it. It is still a charge to keep *I have;* it is still the remission of *my* sins that counts, and it is still, as with Paul, a crown of rejoicing laid up for *me*. Let every man prove his own work, as the Word declares, "and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another."

Then let the Church again strike the long lost chord of individual responsibility. Proclaim the glory of the self-directed life. W. T. Ellis once wrote that it is not more men we need; it is more *man*. Individual souls like Luther and Wesley can start vast movements, but no movement can make *them*. One thing certain, Jesus can not be explained in terms of His environment. Let us call men to exercise their Heavenly right to be somebody. Every biography I have read was the story of some individual who came up through great trials and tribulations. No environment can make a biography worth reading, but it is the flaming fire of ambition within that burns the soul's pathway across obstacles of every kind. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

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FINDING OURSELVES IN SERVICE

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, April 10

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 8:27-38.

Golden Text—"What doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life?" Mark 8:36.

Our lesson today represents one of the frankest presentations of what is involved in this matter of being a Christian that is found anywhere in the Gospels. Here, Christ is not mincing words, but is setting forth in no uncertain terms what it means to be a confessor of Him.

The first thing that catches our attention is the two kinds of confession. "Who do men say that I am?" "John the Baptist, Elijah, One of the prophets." "But who say ye that I am?" Here we believe that Peter answers for the entire group, "Thou art the Christ." Apparently to this latter statement the Master agrees. Or to state the two positions in other words we have: Jesus, the great man like other great men we have known over against Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God. The real difference here may be more fundamental than at first we may recognize. The first is a strictly human or physical interpretation of the Master. He was a great man, no one can deny that. But the disciples saw in Him something more than mere physical and human qualities. They saw in Him qualities and powers which could not be accounted for on the strictly physical or natural level of life. Their confession was essentially the same as was the confession of Nicodemus: "Master, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can show the signs that you do, unless God is with him." (Godspeed and Smith translation) Nicodemus sees in Christ a spiritual life which comes from God. The Master agrees to this fact and further asserts that everyone must be born of this spirit from above if he is to see the Kingdom of God.

Upon hearing this accurate confession from the disciples the Master immediately began to teach them what it meant to be the Christ. "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, and the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again." Peter's rebuke makes it evident that the disciples did not know what was really involved in their confession. Had they known they might not have been so enthusiastic in their statement. They, like the Palm Sunday crowd, were thrilled with visions of kingdoms, empires and power, but the other side of the picture they had not seen nor did they care to see. Hundreds carried the palm branches, gladly, but only one man helped to carry the cross and we are led to believe that he did it unwillingly. Such is the disgrace of the Christian world through the centuries, loud in their praise of the Christ but unwilling even to admit their acquaintance with the suffering servant, the Son of Man; and slower still to bear with Him the cruel burdens and crosses of life. So, Simon Peter began to rebuke the Master, saying to Him, I imagine, something like this: Be quiet, such statements will hurt your cause, besides you shouldn't shock our sensitive souls with visions of cruel suffering and death. In other words in their ambitions the disciples were as truly selfish as were the people of the world. In the suggestion that Peter put to the Master he was as truly satanic as was the tempter in the wilderness.

It is in response to the above statement that the Master turned upon His disciples and to other people near by and told them in no uncertain terms what it meant to be a follower of Him. My way is not a way of glory and honor and if that is what you are after you may as well go back home. My way is a way of service, suffering and death and if you can't bear to hear that then you may as well quit calling me the Christ. My way is a way of self-denial and the cross, if you are afraid of that you are not worthy of me. In modern terms He might have said, there it is, take it or leave it. But the passionate love of the Master would not let Him be so abrupt. I hear Him as He continues to say in all the passion of His soul: I am not trying to make life hard for you, I am just showing you the way into real life indeed. You have got to forget your anxieties, your little selfish ambitions, the petty jealousies and trivialities of life. Lay hold of something bigger than yourself, something for which you are willing to die. Get into this spirit and way that comes from God, move out into the realm where the matter of mere physical existance becomes of secondary concern. Then you will be living above the anxieties of a selfish existance, then you will be living indeed. And this kind of life is worth far more than all the worldly goods a man can possess. This is the law we see working all about us. Wheat must die in order to bring forth its fruit, one must give up the imperfect in order to take on the more perfect, must give in service in order to find in usefulness, in fact must die in order to rise to a more glorious life. So the real message of our lesson: "For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

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IF I WERE A PREACHER

By A. Ritchie Low

(An interview with America's Poet-Philosopher,
Edgar A. Guest)

Suppose you were a minister, what would you preach about? What sort of young people's program would you organize? In the homes of your people what would you talk about? Where would you put the emphasis in your parish work? Do people need stirring up or are they primarily in need of comfort?

These were some of the questions I raised when I sat down the other day in the quietness of the home of Edgar A. Guest, one of the nation's beloved poets.

He began by saying that if he were a preacher he should put stress on a joyous religion. The Christian, as he sees it, should be one of the happiest of men. Nowadays, said Mr. Guest, men and women, even in our Churches, associate the weekly prayer meeting with an old-fashioned kind of dour, melancholy sanctimoniousness, whereas in the old days the prayer meeting was a lively affair, the place where men and women gave expression to the gratitude they felt. In the past they sang melody unto the Lord, and the joy bells rang in their hearts. Today, by and large, it is not so, and why? Because, explains Detroit's well-known author, religion has become a problem rather than a delight.

Mind you, he is not an advocate of the happy-go-lucky school of thought. He is familiar with life, and he would not for a moment dodge its issues. On the other hand, he is quite sure that we are not making religion the happy, wholesome thing that Jesus made it. We tend, he says, to emphasize things, whereas our Lord stressed human fellowship and everyday neighborliness.

While admitting that the ministry is one of the toughest jobs in the world, nevertheless Mr. Guest is certain that this is a great day to be alive and that opportunities confront the clergy on every hand. "People are desperate for something to hang on to," he told me, "and who can supply what they need other than our ministers of religion?"

Mr. Guest believes in applying one's religion to every day affairs. Just the same, he is not so sure about the many sermons now being preached on social issues. "Ministers should not preach economics in the pulpit because that's out of their line," stated the poet-philosopher.

Does that mean, I asked him, that preachers should abstain from applying in a practical way the message of Christianity? He replied by saying that of course the minister should make his sermons specific, concrete, and call a spade a spade. When a man gets up to preach he should aim to hit the bull's-eye. He should not talk in a general, vague way about selfishness, for example; he should bring his message home where people live. When most of us talk about selfishness and greed, it is always the other fellow's we are referring to, Mr. Guest observed.

Asked what he thought of the work being done for young people, Mr. Guest expressed his belief that the Churches were doing a good job. He admitted quite frankly that if he were a minister he would not spend a great deal of energy laboring among those over forty. "After that," he explained, "a man's ways are set and it's pretty hard to do much with him, but with youth it is different. They have all of life before them."

If the author of "Just Folks" were a preacher, another thing he would try to do would be to humanize the Bible.—*Zion's Herald.*

THE GOING ON

The writer to the Hebrews (6:1), was either announcing his resolution to leave the first principles of the doctrines of Christ and go unto more advanced studies; or he was exhorting them to a higher plain of Christian living. The context favors the later view. The problem then was to get the people from where they were to where they ought to have been. Numerous ones of Christ's good and faithful servants have faced the same problem. Methodism is engaged in that gigantic undertaking now, in connection with the two hundredth anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience.

Often well-meaning people have stumbled over the English word "perfect," in the Scriptures. I'm not discussing the English word perfection, but the Greek word so translated. The idea conveyed is that of a successful completion, as Jesus expressed from the Cross. Some one will ask, "Is it as simple as all that?" Yes, just as natural, logical, reasonable as the carpenter leaves the foundation of a house and proceeds to complete it. The oak sprouts do the same, as they leave the embeded acorns, sending their roots out through the soil, and their branches Heavenward. The scholar leaves his primer for the more advance studies. When people become as afraid of imperfection, as they have been of perfection, they will be much better spiritually.

As "Onward Christian Soldiers" moves so much faster in the hymn book than on most of our fields, so this manner of going on moves much more freely in theory than in practice. The tragedy of Peter Pan was that he never grew up. Many people travel backwards like a crab, and many more are found tied to some Scriptural teaching, or doctrine. I knew one well-meaning man, who spent most of his time discussing feet-washing, as taught in the Scriptures. Many more have come under my observation that anchored to water baptism. Others have missed the inexhaustible riches of Christ's Gospel by spending their time discussing the last times. While others have won the right to be classed with Abraham Lincoln's "Eternal Bores," on account of their second blessing views.

"Ye shall be perfect, as your Father in Heaven is perfect," shows that perfection is the natural goal. "I shall be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness," shows that in our higher, better moments we are anxious for that very thing. The casual reader may conclude from the word some times translated "go" and some times "press," that the struggle toward perfection depends largely upon man. But such is not the case. When that same word is translated "borne," and it should be, we get a new slant on the requirement. Just as the tides will often bear us to our haven of safety; so the tides, urges, influences of the Holy Spirit will bear us surely unto perfection. All we need to do is not to quench, nor resist the Spirit's wooings, but yield ourselves to Him. The fulfillment of this great text is accomplished by thus yielding to Him. He will bear us unto that within the veil,—yea, that second rest.

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PLAYING AT CHRISTIANITY

He has commanded us to keep His day holy; and yet there are large numbers of His people who pay no attention to this commandment. Large numbers of His people take His day for a day of recreation and for sport, and without shame or a blush upon their cheeks when they do so. He has commanded His people not to forsake the assembling of themselves together; and yet, more of His professed followers do not worship Him than there are those who do. He has commanded His people to be true and faithful to Him, and to His kingdom; and yet there are those who pay no attention to this command. He has commanded us to go out into the highways and hedges and bring them in that His House may be filled with guests; but very few of His disciples pay any attention to this command. He has commanded us to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ; but the most of His disciples feel that they have enough to do to bear their own burdens, and they therefore let the other fellow get along with his burdens as best he can. He has commanded us to do as the Samaritan did, to go and bind up the wounds of bleeding and suffering humanity, but we feel that we have done enough when we bind up our own wounds. He has commanded us to love Him with all of our hearts, and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves; but we bring to Him only a part of our love, and ask Him to let that do. He has commanded us to live soberly and godly; but we sin against Him much both by commission and by omission. He has commanded us to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Two thousand years have almost passed away since He gave us His marching orders; and yet there are millions of people in the world who have never heard of Him; and yet there are more people in the world who do not know Him than there are people who do know Him. This alone, to my way of thinking, is proof enough that we are playing at Christianity.

Are we playing at Christianity today? What do you think?
—R. S. Fountain in Biblical Recorder.

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IT'S THE DRINKER WHO'S A SISSY

It takes more courage to be the only one in the crowd who does not drink than to tag along with the others.

So they called you a "sissy" when you refused to drink, did they?

Well, don't let it get you down. They always have, and I suppose always will call us sissies (for I do not drink either), unless they get wise to themselves.

The next time they call you a sissy, just remember this—it's the drinker who's a sissy. He just can't take it.

The drinker is a sissy because he is afraid of the crowd—can't take the alcoholic ridicule—can't take the pressure they put on him—the "wet blanket"—"lilly" stuff—the "come-on-be-a-sport" hokum—the "don't-you-want-to-rate" gaff.

Of course, there is the fellow who drinks to get away from some problem, or unpleasant situation such as lack of social acceptance, disappointment, or failure of some kind. But he, too, is a sissy—running away and taking the cheap way out.

Let's look at this proposition of ridicule first, and try to understand its psychology. Why does the drinker ridicule the non-drinker? Because, almost without exception, the drinker feels inferior to the non-drinker.

This point has been pretty well stated by Roy Dickerson: "Many a drinker feels inferior to the non-drinker. That means that he has respect for what he views as superior powers of self-control. But the inferiority feeling is uncomfortable. So the drinker frequently seeks to escape it by ridicule. That is an attempt to discredit the behavior (abstinence) which causes the inferiority feeling. The drinker's ridicule, therefore, is not what it seems to be. It reflects genuine respect for the very behavior it seems to belittle."

Get the idea? This ridicule they throw at us, and which seems to be an expression of lack of respect for us, is, in fact, the very opposite—unconscious respect and admiration. Queer things, we humans; and queer things we do.

So, don't you see, it's the drinker who is really the sissy—who is suffering from an inferiority complex, is unable to get up enough courage to meet your kind of courage, and who seeks to cover up by calling you a sissy.

Now look at it from another point of view. There is the fellow, who, apart from the crowd, just can't take it on the chin when things don't go right.

Dr. Alexander Lambert says: "To those who cannot, or have not been taught to adjust their emotional balance to their environment, alcohol is an easy method of balancing a mental deficit. It cuts off the sense of inferiority, it blunts a sense of failure, it possesses above all drugs that which London called 'White Magic' so that when under its influence, whatever we did or said, no matter how inaccurate the fact, it all seemed to be the most perfectly done, and the most brilliantly said."

Another answer that can't be dodged comes from Albion Roy King, a psychologist, who has been doing a lot of work in this field: "Intoxicating beverages furnish the easiest and cheapest means ever discovered for escape from the reality into the lighter and freer world of one's own fancies. It is a characteristic of mind to 'compensate' for the failures and disappointments, the misery and hardships, the tedium and monotony of human existence, by escape into a dream world of fancy where all desires may be imaginatively realized. One needs only a quiet hour for reverie or sleep, or the aid of a novel for such escape; but long ago it was discovered that certain drugs, which deaden the perceptual and motor functions, greatly facilitate the exit into that artificial world of feeling and fancy . . . The resort to alcohol is always an artificial and cowardly way to meet the dissatisfactions of existence. It never cures any evils, and always causes a plenty."

Just this last suggestion, before I go along my way. Have you had to face the question of what to do when you were visiting and cocktails were served? Have you been worried about what to do?

Take a tip from a distinguished British newspaper man, Mr. Philip Whitwell Wilson: "It is plainly a breach of good manners for any host or hostess to place a guest in a difficult position. Let us say he prefers not to add pepper to his soup or have a glass of champagne with his chicken. If plain speaking be permitted, there is in the United States a definite attempt by many hosts to make it socially impossible for a guest to refuse liquor. It is no longer a case of compulsory abstinence. The compulsion is the other way."

Personally, I do not like parsnips, ripe olives, or cottage cheese, so when my host or hostess insists that I have another helping I try to leave the impression that the first serving was one too many. This courtesy business is supposed to work both ways, and it is a pretty poor host who crudely embarrasses the guest. I know places to go where I am not embarrassed.

So—don't let this sissy business get you down. I, too, have been on the spot. But I am not posing as a hero, one who defies the crowd and look with "pitying scorn upon the weaklings of the mob." (Please, let's not get a superiority complex by way of overcoming an inferiority complex). I meet the situation as it comes, and do not apologize for my refusal.

It seems to me, if you want to look at it this way, that it takes more courage to be the only one in a crowd who does not drink than to tag along with the crowd and do all the foolish things everyone else does. And, by the way, does the crowd ever give you any special credit for courage? Of course, you become a "good sport," a "great fella," and all that, but for how long? When the crowd really gets to going places, unless you are out in front acting crazier than the rest, who gives you any credit for being along?

Well, it has been good to chat with you. Think through this "sissy" business carefully. My own answer is that I see nothing intelligent in running around labeling myself as a psychological sissy. For that's what the average drinker is.—*D. Stewart Patterson in Epworth Herald.*

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The pastor makes the Church and the Church makes the pastor, is nearer in accord with the facts than many people are willing to admit. Some pastors wherever they go have a desirable Church and some Churches never fail to have a good preacher. While on the other hand some preachers never have a desirable congregation and some Churches never were known to have an acceptable preacher. There is a reason. Who can explain?—*N. C. Christian Advocate.*

THE PERIL OF THE IRRESPONSIBLE

I am very sure that many of the things I am writing will not be relished by a large element of the American people, but perhaps that is not important because it is likely that few or any of that irresponsible group will ever read what I have written.

America is utterly fickle. Its dominant life is shallow, gullible, selfish, indifferent, insincere, cynical, wisecracking, bombastic, jazz-minded and pleasure-mad.

With feverish haste we rush from one fad or *ism* to another. The whims of one week are lost in the follies of the next. The life-span of a popular song is less than two weeks.

Our nervous eagerness to find something ''new'' has produced instability in conscience and morals. What is revolting to moral conscience today is accepted with complacency tomorrow.

Out of such it is impossible to build civilization.

Just what is the cause of this? We are governed by public opinion, and public opinion, in large measure, is created by propaganda. The three great agencies of propaganda are the press, the radio and the motion picture. Designing men of this generation, wiser than the sons of light, map out what they want to put over, then harness these agencies for action. The unthinking populace gulps it, and calls it ''good,'' no matter how diabolical.

Only 40 per cent of our population has the power to reason and initiate anything, and only 3 per cent of that 40 has outstanding ability in that respect. If that 40 per cent were suddenly wiped out, the remaining 60 per cent — without reason and initiative of their own—would immediately revert to barbarism.

Our present peril—the greatest our nation ever faced—is that the politicians have organized this irresponsible 60 per cent, for the purposes of exploitation, into a merciless voting machine that will ultimately crush the nation unless it is smashed.

Our imperative need therefore is of men and women who have the ability to make a proper evaluation of things, who can separate the wheat from the chaff and will act according to conscience no matter what the consequences.

Patriotism means personal integrity. No drunkard, adulterer, murderer, liar or thief—in short, no one given to lawlessness—can be a patriot. It is impossible to fit the essentially bad into any decent scheme of things. Men are required who will stand up and refuse to take their moral standards from the vacillating multitudes, or to sell their convictions for a price. Their moral power cannot be computed. One such can chase a thousand, and two of them can put ten thousand to flight. Before them licentiousness will flee and around them decency will rally.

If America escapes the abyss into which Rome, Greece, Assyria, Babylon and Egypt plunged, it will be because a few men of inflexible purpose hurl themselves against the onrushing tides of human selfishness, greed and hatred, and turn them back into the gulf from whence they came.—*Charles L. Brooks in Supreme Council Bulletin.*

WHAT PRICE?

The three years following the opening of the flood gates of liquor in 1933, happen to be the period designated by J. Edgar Hoover, of the United States Department of Justice, as ''the most terrible period of criminal history in the life of America.'' The last of those three most terrible years, 1936, registered the number of felonies committed in the United States during twelve months as being 1,333,526, but the number this last year, 1937, was 1,415,000, which stands as an all-time high record. One murder in that ''most terrible period'' was committed, in the United States, every 45 minutes. During 1937 there was one murder every 39 minutes. The Bureau of Investigation of the Federal Department of Justice declares that the underworld army of crime in the United States today consists of 4,300,000 persons, of which number 700,000 are boys and girls under age. Mr. Hoover estimates the cost of crime in the United States to be fifteen billions of dollars annually. The President of the American Bar Association last year estimated the annual crime cost to be twenty-four billion dollars. If Mr. Hoover is right, that represents almost one-fourth of the total income of the people of the United States. If the President of the American Bar Association is correct, it means almost 40 per cent of the annual income of the American people.

Practically every group of scientists that has investigated the problem of crime in America during the last 75 years has placed alcohol in the position of being a most important factor in crime. General estimates of crimes related to the use of alcohol vary from 20 per cent to 65 per cent, with a few estimates even higher. It is almost impossible to draw a picture indicating in any adequate degree the American crime problem and the significant part which beverage alcohol plays in that problem. There is sufficient conclusive evidence, however, as to the relation between alcohol and crime to make it clear to the man who runs and reads that the revenue which alcohol pays to the government and the profits which it pays to business enterprises are small in comparison even with the actual dollars and cents cost to the American people of alcohol-caused crime.—*Ernest H. Cherrington in The American Issue.*

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A LETTER FROM JAPAN

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Dear Friends:

The times goes so rapidly it hardly seems possible that we have reached the end of another month. We trust that this is also the end of the winter. We have had cold weather continuously since the first of December, with a number of snows, and that is rather unusual for this part of Japan. There has also been quite an epidemic of influenza this winter, and many of our people have been sick. Practically every family was affected but fortunately we escaped very lightly.

Nevertheless, our work has continued quite satisfactorily during the winter. From previous letters and reports no doubt you have learned of our splendid evangelistic meetings last fall, when 75 of the boys in the third, fourth, and fifth year classes of our Nagoya Middle School accepted Christ and entered the pastor's special classes to prepare for baptism. It has been my very heavy but joyous responsibility to work with these boys individually and in small groups to try to explain to them the fundamentals of our Christian faith. Forty of them were baptized and received into the church during December, eleven in January, and twelve this month. Sixty-three of the seventy-five boys have thus fulfilled their original decision. The others will require a little longer period of training. We know you will rejoice with us that these boys have been brought into the Kingdom. Congregations at the church have been averaging over a hundred, which is very good for the winter term.

It hardly seems possible, but it is a fact that next month I will have rounded out three years as superintendent of the Nagoya conference district and as pastor of the Chukyo (Klein-Colbourne Memorial) church. The church now has a membership of 570, the largest in our Japan conference. Our resident membership is only about one-third of that figure, as most of the members were students when they united with the church, and since graduation have scattered to various parts of the country. It is no easy task to minister to a membership of this kind, and to relate the work of the school and the church to the best advantage. With inadequate language and different psychological background, I have sometimes felt that I could not continue. The Sundays have come with relentless regularity. I am well aware of the fact that my so-called sermons have been exceedingly feeble attempts. But the patience and long-suffering of this congregation has been amazing. The Holy Spirit has been at work among us, and with the loyal support of a number of the members we have been able to accomplish something for the Kingdom, we trust. During the three years we have received 263 new members, 220 of whom have been our school students. Of course many of them are still "babes in Christ," but we trust they may grow to be a great power for the Kingdom in Japan. Will you, friends at home, not pray for them, and for this church, that it may be used of God even more largely for the bringing of many of the youth of Japan into a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Our school enrollment is now back to the normal pre-depression figure of 1,000. This week we will graduatte 135 boys, just half of whom, 67, are Christians, and 63 of them belong to our church. This is just as good a percentage of Christians as last year, although the class is twice as large this year. Will you not also remember these boys especially in your prayers, as they go out into public life in these troubled times?

It seems that I have a birthday next month. I might have forgotten it in the rush of ordinary activities, but so many birthday cards have come from you kind friends at home that I can't forget it this year. In fact, ever since last month cards have been arriving, and still they come, and my birthday is still a month off! The way time flies out here in the Orient it seems that birthdays come oftener than once a year, or else the years are shorter, or something. Anyway, many thanks to the kind friends who have remembered me so generously. As it will be impossible to acknowledge them individually, will you not all accept this as my sincere thanks for the many beautiful cards which I have received?

As some of you may know we are expecting to arrive back in the United States for a short furlough very soon. Our plans now are that we shall arrive in New York on the Japanese freighter "Komaki Maru," on May 5. We don't know just how much visiting we may be able to do while we are at home, but we are looking forward to seeing some of you, at any rate. Naturally we are looking forward to the trip. Dorothy and the baby are already quite excited. The latter (though he is quite a big "baby" now) is already chattering about "ridin' on Komaki Maru": Incidentally, he has acquired a good-sized vocabulary of Japanese words already, which we (who have struggled vainly for years with this difficult language) think is quite an advantage. And I suppose the grandmothers at home are "doing the stork neck," which is a Japanese expression for eager anticipation.

In spite of the troubled situation here in the Orient we are still living in perfect peace and safety. The newspapers may have led some of you to think otherwise, but please take my word for it that we are quite safe and our work undisturbed.

Meanwhile may God bless and keep you all in His protecting care. With best wishes and prayers, I am,

Sincerely yours,
PAUL F. WARNER.

SODERBOMS ARRIVE IN CHINA

Kalgan, North China,
February 22, 1938.

Dear Friends:

We left Stockholm on January 12 and arrived in Peking January 27 and Kalgan, February 1.

The journey was very tiring, especially the part through Russia. It was very cold then and every time the train stopped, the brakes froze to the wheels, and had to be jerked off. So each time everyone got a bad shaking and a consequence very little sleep for eight days. So naturally we were tired when we arrived. But then one must expect some inconveniences on long journeys. Traveling by sea would have taken much longer but would have been more restful. We were warned about losing baggage en route especially in Poland and Russia. But although the eight customs examinations were strict and sometimes unpleasant we lost nothing and neither did we have to pay any custom fees.

We were indeed thankful to our Heavenly Father for bringing us through in safety. Before starting we felt a bit timid, but all things came out so well, one after the other, that we could not help but feel "all the way, the Savior leads me," for we felt His leading all the way.

When we boarded the transcontinental train in Berlin, we were very happy to find in the next compartment, Dr. and Mrs. Pedersen, of the Danish Missionary society. They had made this trip several times and one of us five times. But times and conditions have changed, so we were all glad for mutual company and help.

The train was quite warm but it was very cold in Russia. But we felt the cold and dust more in China, arriving as we did at the coldest time of the year. The train from Peking to Kalgan had no heat for the first three hours of the journey, but the rest of the way was as hot as it had been cold. Mr. Day met us in Peking, and we came to Kalgan together. Here a number of Chinese and Foreign friends greeted us as we stepped from the train.

Due to the kindness of Mrs. Larson and Mr. Day we found our house cleaned, the furnace going, and old faithful servants waiting to welcome us home. It was indeed a happy homecoming.

Kalgan is peaceful now, and we are happy to say that we found things here much better than we expected.

We did not have our usual Chinese New Year Evangelistic campaign this year as it is not wise to gather big crowds. But instead there have been many meetings held in the homes which are open everywhere for small groups. A number of non-Christian homes, yet friendly to the Christian movement, are also open for these meetings. One of our Bible women told me the other day that more meetings have been held in the homes of non-Christians than in the homes of Christians, this last year.

With many greetings,
C. G. and M. L. SODERBOM.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Schools:	
Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Union	$2.00
Saxapahaw, Salem	3.00
Winston-Salem, First	2.50
Siler City	2.00
Randolph, Bethel	3.00
Denton	4.00
N. Davidson, Bethesda	4.00
Greensboro, Grace	4.00
Mt. Hermon	3.00
Guilford, Mitchell's Grove	3.00
Christian Endeavor:	
Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Union	.50
Siler City	1.00
Friendship, Fallston	1.00

J. CLYDE AUMAN, Treas.

ATTENTION WOMEN'S AUXILARIES!

April is the month to send in your High Point College apportionment. Please send it to Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C., before April 25.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Porter, C. G. Isley, Pastor. — Our pastor filled his regular appointment yesterday, April 3. bringing to us one of his soul-stirring sermons. The attendance was very good.

Our Sunday school is on an upward trend, and we hope it will continue to grow, now that spring is here.

The Fellowship Crusade membership cards were given out yesterday at our service.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. S. B. Thompson on March 18. The attendance was very good and the meeting was enjoyed by everyone.

The Auxiliary for April will meet at the home of Mrs. P. J. Poplin on April 15.

A committee has been appointed to investigate cost, etc., of Sunday school rooms for our church, which is needed very much.

Our friend and neighbor, Mrs. Theodore Curlee, does not improve very much in health, we are sorry to say.

The week-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Mabry died Sunday morning. The family have our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Best wishes to the Herald and all its readers.

MRS. A. S. WHITSON.

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Friendship Charge, Earl A. Cook, Pastor.— We are indeed glad that both our Sunday school and worship service are moving along fine. Our Sunday school has increased one-third this year, and our preaching service one-half.

Last Sunday Brother Cook brought one of his most helpful sermons with the text taken from Job 22:21. Every one enjoys the messages he brings, it is food for the soul.

Brother Cook began a spring revival meeting Sunday morning with good attendance and much interest shown. It will run all this week. We are hoping, trusting and praying for a great revival. Pray for the interest of our meeting.

Since conference we built six Sunday school rooms in our church, completed them with seats, also painted the church inside and the parsonage inside and got it all paid for.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is doing good work.

We were indeed glad to have Brother Cook's father and mother, brother and wife in our church service Sunday. We are always glad to have visitors.

A MEMBER.

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Kannapolis, D. T. Huss, Pastor. — The Ladies' Auxiliary met at the church Saturday night for their monthly general meeting, also to elect new officers for the coming term. There were many good reports turned in from each circle.

Mrs. J. S. Marshall, the former president of the Auxiliary, has indeed been a wonderful help to the church during her term, her untiring efforts have accomplished much for her church and various other causes. Mrs. Marshall has served three years as president of this group of circles. Miss Laura Braswell was elected for our new president and we feel sure she will be a splendid worker with the cooperation of the other members. Mrs. D. B. Cartner is vice-president. After the election of officers, the play, "Local and Long Distance," was presented by a group of Juniors and Intermediates which compose the Sunshine circle. This is the play which was directed by Mrs. G. L. Slawson, leader of this circle, and Miss Beatrice Cartner. A large crowd was present.

On the evening of the 17th which is Easter day, an Easter cantata, "On the Third Day," will be given. April 25, our missionaries of China, Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams, will speak to us. We know every one will enjoy hearing the wonderful and sad experiences of these two people who have been in China several years, praching and teaching the Gospel to lost souls.

Our second quarterly conference will meet April 30.

Mrs. J. F. Faggart is improving some in Cabarrus hospittal, where she has been a patient for several weeks. We pray for her speedy recovery to health. We also have one of our members confined to her bed with a case of mumps, Mrs. Ed Sides. Miss Beatrice Cartner is able to be back with us again after spending a week in bed with influenza. We still have many children absent from Sunday school with mumps and measles.

OLLIE SLOOP, Reporter.

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New Hope, Why Not Charge, C. H. Hill, Pastor, April 3.—A very good crowd was present for the morning service here. Brother Hill preached at 9:30 o'clock; his theme being, "Much Joy."; then Sunday school was held afterward. All the services at this place begin at 9:30 a. m.

A program is being prepared to be presented at Easter.

Plans are underway to build a new parsonage on this work. The well has already been started. The new building will be located on the hard surface road leading from Asheboro to Seagrove. The land was donated by Mr. W. R. Williams, a member of this church.

Mrs. Jesse King, our assistant pianist, who has been in the hospital, has returned to her home very much improved. We hope she will soon be able to be out again.

Mrs. Alfred Williams, who has been confined to her bed all the winter, is able to walk about again, we are very glad to note.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Presnell, of Concord, spent Sunday with Mr. Presnell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Presnell, of this section.

We are hoping that with the coming of spring more of our folks will be able to get out to services.

REPORTER.

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Central Church, Asheboro.—"We can't do anything about our heredity, but we can improve those who come after us," stated Dr. Lewis S. Gaines, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lexington, who was main speaker at the father and son banquet held Tuesday evening in the Central M. P. church. Around 115 fathers and sons attended the enjoyable affair, which was held in the social room of the church.

L. F. Ross acted as toastmaster, and presented Dr. Gaines, who sang Dr. G. W. Anderson's composition, "The Shepherd's Song," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. N. M. Harrison. Robert Lloyd led the group singing.

Dr. Gaines, who was accompanied by his son, Bruce, spoke on "Some Forces That Shape Our Lives." The first force which he recounted was heredity, and he advised:

"Don't lay too much stress on who your ancestors were. You have had 2,046 direct ancestors since Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded."

The second force, environment, he declared has much to do with the development of character. Aristotle, an orphan, grew up in abject poverty, and became one of the greatest of teachers. Edison's only schooling was up to 13 years of age. Our Lord was born in a stable, and Lincoln was born in a humble hut. "We can do something about our environment and make the world a better place for having lived in it," he added.

The third force Dr. Gaines discussed was training, and he urged the boys to get all the schooling possible while they were young. The fourth force, association, he stressed by quoting the old adage, "If you run with the wolves." He then described the pressure exerted by public opinion, and the influence of religion and moral philosophy.

Dr. Gaines concluded by reminding his listeners to be grateful for living in a great, free country, and urged them to lead well-rounded useful lives, following Christ's example.

The delicious supper was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the tables were attractively decoratted with Easter baskets and biddies, and flowers in pastel spring colors.—In 'Randolph Tribune."

CLETA RICH.

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Concord, E. O. Peeler, Pastor, April 4—The last Sunday in March we were very happy to have the B. and S. class for our honor guest. Most all the women in the class are members of our Auxiliary and they certainly are a working crowd of women. They are very busy now paying for one of the pews for the new church; on last Saturday night they held their monthly social with Mrs. Hoy Misenheimer with a large crowd present at this meeting, they had a hat sale and they have been selling coat hangers to the cleaners. They are all cooperating in a fine way and we know they will soon have their money for the pews.

We were very happy to receive Mrs. Rosie Bean back into our church although she was not able to be with us. We hope if it is the Master's will that she will be able to come to church again some time.

Last Sunday we were very happy to have the Adult Bible class for our honor guest. This is a class that we depend on and feel like it is the salt of our church as a large number of our older folks belong to that class. In less than six months two of the oldest members of this class have gone on to their reward.

On the last Sunday night in March we had Rev. and Mrs. Gerheart with us and also glad to have Mr. Gerheart give us a lecture and show pictures of the Holy Land. It was really more interesting to us as we had just received a book on "This Moselem World."

We were happy to have Rev. Jimmie Johnson with us last Sunday. Rev. Johnson is conducting a meeting here in the Brick Temple on Church street and he taught our Baraca class Sunday morning and Mr. Bamberg sang in the class. Mr. Johnson and Mr. D. D. Nash assisted Mr. Peeler with the communion service Sunday morning.

Last Sunday was what we called blind Sunday. We tried to get our money to pay for the blinds for our windows. We are still hoping to be in our new church Easter Sunday. Mrs. E. F. Litaker is working on our Eastter program and we are sure it will be a good program.

There is always some sadness in all families and our church family is so sad with the family and relatives of Mr. J. A. Burris. Mr. Burris had suffered for a long while with his heart and he felt like he would be called sudden, but we somehow just tried not to think so, and we never would say anything to him about his condition as he was always jolly and had a smile or maybe a joke for his friends. Mr. Burris was loved by everyone who knew him. He was one of our most faithful members and never missed church unless he was out of town visiting some of his children. He had not been working for some time and he was anxious to see the new church finished and since he has not been working he would come often to see how the work was going on at the church. He had talked to Mr. Peeler just a short while before he died. There are lots of good things I would love to say about Mr. Burris, but I am in so much sympathy that my heart aches as, I, too, have a father on the other shore and I feel like he and Mr. Burris are happy over there.

We are sorry to know that Mr. C. W. Whitting is in the hospital in Columbia, S. C. We hope he will soon be able to come home and back to church. Little Larry Sides had his tonsils removed last Saturday. Mrs. Peeler has been visiting in Enfield last week and we missed her so much; we hope she came home today.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

Bess Chapel, W. L. Harkey, Pastor, March 22.—The Western Pastors' Federation was held in our church. Rev. C. E. Ridge who is president of this group, presided. Practically all the ministers were present. The local church attendance was very good, considering the beautiful spring day it was, with so much field work on hand. Words of welcome were spoken by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Harkey. Rev. C. E. Ridge responded. The first address of the morning was by Rev. L. E. Mabry. His subject being "Aldersgate." The message was very impressive and gratefully received.

Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of our conference, was the next speaker. Dr. Pritchard spoke of the work of the church in general. He was very optimistic and positive, but was forced to give the negative side of some of the church problems. Dr. Pritchard is very enthusiastic in the work, and our prayers and best wishes are that he may have a very successful year.

Rev. T. G. Madison, secretary of the federation, was present and gave the minutes of the last meeting in his own amiable way.

Lunch was served by the women of the church.

The first address of the afternoon was by Rev. O. C. Loy. He spoke on "What Is Right With the Church." This message was thoroughly enjoyed, and is one every church member should delight in hearing.

Next came Dr. R. M. Andrews, truly a man we all love and in his gracious and loving way, presented the Fellowship Crusade.

The next meeting of the federation will be held at Caroleen.

Last Thursday evening the Junior-Senior banquet was held in the high school auditorium. The women of our Auxiliary furnished the eats. From this we were able to add several dollars to our treasury.

Present at the federation meeting was Rev. D. T. Huss, a former pastor, and Mrs. Huss; we are always happy to see them.

Rev. M. C. Henderson, also a former pastor, was present and spoke a few words of appreciation on being able to attend. So sorry Mrs. Henderson and the children could not come.

Rev. and Mrs. Harkey were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hauser last Sunday evening.

Our April Auxiliary meeting will be with Mrs. J. Lee Beam.

REPORTER.

Chestnut Ridge Church, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday. He brought a very interesting and helpful message, using as the scripture lesson a portion of the Gospel according to St. Luke. His theme was "The Cost of Christianity."

We are very glad that our Sunday school is increasing since our last report, and hope the people will take more interest in coming to church as the weather grows better.

The Fellowship Crusade committee is making plans for our Home Coming day and Mother's day for the second Sunday in May. We are hoping to secure Rev. D. R. Williams to deliver the morning sermon. During the noon hour we are planning a picnic lunch. We hope that every member of Chestnut Ridge church will be there to answer present to his name as our pastor calls our church roll. We wish to invite everyone who is a member, former pastor, friend, or has any interest in Chestnut Ridge to attend.

Our Easter service will be held on Easter Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Our program committee is working on a special program for this occasion. Surely our church should be well represented on Easter Sunday.

We noticed that several of our large congregation present on Sunday were visitors. We were indeed glad to have them and sincerely hope that they will come often.

With the coming of spring and beautiful weather, let us try to attend church more regularly and give to God our utmost service.

ANNIE RUTH PENDER, Reporter.

West End, Greensboro, N. G. Bethea, Pastor.—The Woman's Auxiliary held its March meeting at the church. Reports of the year's work were given by the various officers of the group. The circle chairmen made exceptionally good reports on the social service work they have been doing. Near the close of the meeting, the report of the nominating committee for officers for the new year was read and accepted. It was decided that these officers be installed the last Sunday night of the month, using the installation service given in the "Missionary Record."

Since the prayer meeting services have been in charge of the different classes and organization of the church, new interest has been aroused on the part of our members and there has been a large increase in attendance. We have had as many as 50 several times. All this is encouraging and we are sure that with such increased interest in the mid-week prayer meetings that our people are becoming more conscious of what prayer meeting really means.

Last Sunday evening our pastor brought us a splendid sermon on "Three Mistakes Made by Lot." He took for his text Genesis 13:12. Lot's mistakes, as the speaker outlined them, were: (1) taking advantage of an elder, (2) lining up for a move to Sodom, and (3) breaking away from good association. These mistakes could be made by any of us today, so let's check up on ourselves and see if we are making any such mistakes, and, if so, make a change for the better.

For several weeks now the Young People's choir, under the direction of Mr. L. M. Foust, has been hard at work on an Easter cantata, "The Victorious King," which is to be given next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, and a second rendition will be given the following Sunday evening. A number of the young people have special parts such as solos, duets, and quartettes. These are getting along nicely, and with the support of the rest of the choir, we are sure this is going to be one of the best Easter programs ever given at West End.

REPORTER.

Corinth Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment at this church yesterday at the 11 o'clock hour. He brought us a very good message.

The Union Sunday school this quarter will be held at Bobbitt's Chapel.

We were very glad to have Mr. C. L. Hardy from Baltimore, Md., worship with us yesterday. He taught the adult class in Sunday school. We were also glad to have Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morris from Richmond, Va., to worship with us yesterday.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Laura Powers, one of our members, is improving after being very ill for several days. Her sister, Mrs. A. S. Glasgow, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and brother, Mr. George Barns, of Newport News, Va., were here during her illness.

Mrs. Sallie Williams and Miss Annie Perkinson are our nominees for delegate to the Annual conference.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morris, of Richmond, Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hardy, of Baltimore, Md., and C. T. Hardy, Jr., of University of Virginia spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Morris.

Miss Daisy Porter entertained the Sunday school at a social at her home one night recently. After games were played the hostess served delicious refreshments of sandwiches and home-made candies. Every one present reported a good time.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

First Church, Charlotte, T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—The cottage prayer meetings have been small but the benefit that those attending received was very good.

The Sunday school also is rolling along smoothly, despite the rain and cold wave we have had.

Mr. Green certainly has done wonderful work with the choir in the last few weeks. The music of the church has improved very much. The meetings seem to have so much more influence when we have good singing.

We are planning to have our revival beginning April 15, Rev. Joe Parsons is to do the preaching and as Rev. Strickland puts it, "he will do the pushing." We hope to have a successful meeting and we ask the prayers of the entire conference that we may have a successful meeting and that our little church, in Charlotte will ever be a lighthouse for the Lord.

We are going to have an Easter pageant, to be given by the Sunday school under the direction of Mrs. John Muse. The music will be furnished by the Young People's choir.

The Senior C. E. society held their monthly business meeting last Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Garmon. There was quite a lot of business transacted and we voted to begin a membership campaign which will begin Easter Sunday. We also were very fortunate in having at our meeting Sunday, Mr. David Kelly, Mecklenburg county registrar, to the North Carolina C. E. convention which will be held at Queens-Chicora college in June. He talked and explained the details of the convention.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Charge, J. W. Braxton, Pastor. — Attendance at Sunday school last Sunday was 220. At the church hour, Rev Mr. Braxton preached to a well-filled church on the subject, "Being a Christian." After the service Dr. P. T. Lindley, of High Point, christened two babies, Minnie Alice, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Braxton and Shirley Ruth, daughter of Mrs. Clara Cox.

Rev. Lawrence Little and family of Westminster, Md., spent Saturday night with Rev. and Mrs. Braxton. Dr. Little is a brother of Mrs. Braxton.

Plans are almost completed for the painting of our church which will include both inside and outside painting.

Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Lindley, and John Lindley, of High Point college, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Braxton.

Mrs. Nannie Lowdermilk has been in our community again for some time. We all enjoy being with her.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, April 4.—The work here seems to be moving along very well. Sunday was the beginning of a new quarter and as is our custom a new roll was started. The enrollment is 257 with 265 in attendance last Sunday. Our pastor filled his regular appointment and preached from the text John 19:28, "I Thirst." He brought out the fact that the church has lost its thirst for God. In this fast changing day it seems that Materialism is the throne but there is a challenge to the church to prove that God is supreme in the individual life and in the church. He also stated that the ministry needs a deeper thirst for God. The church needs a general awakening to its responsibility in its thirst for lost men and women. God's spirit will bring about this needed awakening if we place and keep ourselves in the center of God's will.

We realize that the Easter season is rapidly approaching, and we feel that it brings to us new life and encouragement to press forward. We trust that this Easter season shall mean much to the church at large. The C. E. society is preparing a program entitled "The Christian Trail' which will be presented on Easter Sunday night.

The second quarterly conference of this charge will be held at Friendship church on Saturday, April 23. We hope that all members may realize it is his or her duty to be present.

Our Woman's Auxiliary has just closed one of its best and probably the best year in its history. We have a membership of only 40 active members but they have done well this year. The three circles have raised a total of $111.37 this year and with what we had on hand at the beginning of last year we have paid out $135.81. Our Auxiliary sent $20 to help in the "Prayer to Share" movement and $10 to the Children's Home at Thanksgiving, over and above our budget apportionment, besides the work that was done and money spent for our local activities. The new officers have been elected for the new year and we are ready to begin a new, and we hope, a better year than last. Mrs. C. E. Ridge has been elected as our dlegate to the Branch meeting this year.

Continue to pray for us in our work that we may ever do the will of our Father in the spreading of the gospel and the advancement of His Kingdom.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

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First Church, Lexington, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—We wish to announce that our pre-Easter services will begin Monday night, April 11, at 7:30 o'clock and will continue for one week. There will be a different speaker each night. On Monday night, Rev. H. G. Allen, of the M. E. church, South, will preach. Tuesday night, Rev. Mr. Honeycutt, of Linwood-Southmont M. E. church, South, will preach. Wednesday night, O. C. Loy, of State Street will be the preacher. Thursday night, Rev. Mr. Ingram, of Midway M. E. church, South. Friday night, Rev. L. S. Gaines, of the First Baptist church. Saturday, Rev. C. E. Ridge, of Shiloh church. Rev. Mr. Mabry will close the meeting Easter morning, and will open the doors of the church for those who wish to join.

The Junior Christian Endeavor was organized last Sunday night with 32 members present.

Mr. Moffitt, of the Wennonoah cotton mill, donated $35 to finish paying for our heatrola. The Ladies' Auxiliary collected the sum of $24 with the aid of the penny barrel banks which were given out in members homes; this money will be spent towards painting the church.

Joash day was observed at First church last Sunday morning. There was placed a chest in front of the church and the members dropped their offering in this chest; almost everybody took part in this offering.

REPORTER.

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Rankin Memorial, High Point, April 4.—Since spring has arrived, our attendance in Sunday school is somewhat larger. Although we haven't reached the 200 goal which we were hoping to reach by the first of April, we have had 186. However, on last Sunday our number dropped off a little; but we are growing, slowly, but surely.

Our pastor occupied the pulpit at both the 11 o'clock and 7:30 services. At the morning service he spoke about us keeping our vows that we have made to God. He reviewed the vows which we made when we were baptized and when we joined the church. At the evening service he spoke of "Faith." The messages were inspirational to those present. At the close of the evening services we welcomed a new member, Mrs. Lily Jones, into our church.

We are continuing to press on toward the completion of some more Sunday school rooms; one having been completed recently. Work will be begun pretty soon on the basement. We don't have the money in hand to complete this job, but we hope to get as much of it completed as possible, and then trust that some more funds can be raised to finish it up.

An Easter program is being planned which consists of recitations, songs, etc., by the children; and a play entitled, "The Easter Miracle," by members of the C. E. society. The committee in charge is: Mrs. H. T. Troxler and Misses Kathleen Embler and Bernice Livengood. The program will be given at 7:30 p. m. on Easter Sunday, and the public is invited to attend.

REPORTER.

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State Street, Lexington, O. C. Loy, Pastor, April 4.—The work of our church is progressing nicely. Everybody seems to be in the mood for work. We notice a decided upward trend in attendance for every department. The C. E. society is very enthusiastic over the membership drive, under the direction of the president, Jimmie Jenkins.

The ladies served a chicken stew in the dining room of the church three weeks ago, which proved a success; $44 was realized and used for a worthy cause.

The Auxiliary held their last meeting with Mrs. Joe Everhart, the majority of members attended and heard reports from the sale of flavoring. Unique trays were given to the ones making the highest points by selling most. Winners are as follows: Mrs. O. C. Loy, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. J. B. Leonard, Bobby Hinkle, Frances Holt, Mrs. Wilbur Sink, and Mrs. Annie Harkey, president.

The Thank Offering service was held last Sunday night. Mrs. Harkey was in charge of the program. Mrs. Nicholson, from Thomasville, was the speaker for the evening. Mrs. Grey Davis sang, in her talented way which is always enjoyed. We were glad to have Mrs. Nicholson's husband and daughter as visitors.

The Lindsay Philathea class is planning to have a spring festival on the 22nd. The program will consist of devotional readings and plays. A name will be drawn for the pretty quilt made by the class.

The two Junior classes and their teachers, Mrs. W. T. Neal with boys, and Mrs. Joe Everhart, with girls join the primary department with their teachers, Mrs. F. J. Cox and Miss Ella Stuart Cox each fourth Sunday for a mission study with all collections going to the mission fund. The children enjoy meeting together and readily respond when called on to give the study book or help in other ways.

Six weeks ago $5 was sent to the Minnis children for educational support. We feel greatly indebted to the children for their loyal attendance and help in so many activities.

Sunday morning, April 3, Mr. Loy selected characters for the pageant to be given Easter Sunday night. We look forward to that as an outstanding service because Easter brings to our minds afresh the saddest day and gladdest day in Jesus' life. Just three days apart there is so much to say in honor of our Master if space would permit, but in the distance we see a loving smile when we do little things with a clean, sincere heart. We look to Him for divine guidance in every undertaking.

The mid-week prayer service has been held recently in homes where members are not able to attend church. Mr. Jeff Aaron and Mr. Bob Redwine requested and enjoyed the services in their homes and this Wednesday night meeting was requested by our Sunday school superintendent, Mr. R. L. Leonard. A large crowd is expected.

Sunday night, April 3, Dr. and Mrs. Sly, from New York, gave a lecture on "Peace," including pictures dating back several years before the birth of Christ down through the ages to the present time. Am sure each one gained helpful points that will go with us through life.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

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Seagrove, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. E. G. Cowan, filled his regular appointment Sunday morning, using as his text, Matthew 6:9: "After this manner therefore pray ye; Our father which art in Heaven Hallowed be thy name. His subject, of course, was "Prayer," and his discussion was interesting and inspiring.

Our Sunday school and church services have been somewhat handicapped by measles and the attendance hasn't been so good for awhile, but as spring opens up and the measles die out we are expecting better attendance; in fact the attendance is much better now than it was a few weeks ago. Nearly every child has had measles this winter that hadn't already had this disease.

Our Christian Endeavor society was discontinued during the winter months but we started it up again Sunday night, and we are hoping for a splendid crowd of young people to attend these services.

Plans are being made for an Easter program.

The March meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary met with Mrs. Clyde Russell and new officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Nettie Allen, president; Mrs. W. C. Auman was reelected secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Charles Russell, vice-president. Delicious fruits were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. M. Greene April 15.

MRS. NOAH WILLIAMS.

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Pleasant Grove, Fred R. Love, Pastor.—I am taking this opportunity of writing to the paper. We have a very capable and efficient reporter, but she is very busy with her school work and does not have the time to write as often as she would like to, so I am helping her until she is out of school.

Our work here is going along just fine. We have good attendance at all our services. There was 179 in Sunday school last Sunday, the offering was $15 for the Children's Home. The preaching hour was also well attended. One feature of the morning worship was the music rendered by the Junior choir. This choir is doing splendid work for the time it has been organized. Mrs. Quentin Veach is the director. I can assure that she knows how to perform her task in a way that will bring lasting good to her church.

There has been quite a lot of sickness in our community recently. Mrs. Clarence Blakely is recovering from an operation at the Guilford General hospital in High Point. She is able to be carried to the home of her mother, Mrs. B. E. Payne. Mrs. Clyde Payne has been confined to her bed for some time, but is slowly improving. The infant son of Rufus Griffin has been very ill with double pneumonia, but is showing signs of improvement. I am very thankful that God is blessing and strengthening them, and we are expecting them to be back in our services in the near future for we miss them so much.

The organizations of the church are working nicely. The Brotherhood held its monthly meeting at the home of J. E. Veach. Each one that was present made a contribution to the meeting which was very interesting.

The Ladies' Auxiliary and Aid societies will meet this week. They are doing a great work in our church. Pray for us.

PASTOR.

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Mrs. Warren Woodard

Mrs. Warren Woodard died at her home in Whitakers Friday night, March 11, 1938, and was buried Sunday evening, with final rites conducted by her pastor, Rev. D. R. Williams, assisted by Rev. Mr. Craighill, of Rocky Mount. Funeral music was furnished by members of her club in Rocky Mount; interment took place in the family plat of Speight's Chapel cemetery, where a number of her ancestors were buried, having been members of the Chapel, of which she was also a member.

Mrs. Woodard was Miss Margarett Braswell, daughter of the late William T. Braswell, and his wife, Annie Prince Braswell. Mrs. Woodard was a gifted musician, having studied in different schools, and she finished in the Boston Conservatory of Music. She taught in several places and was active in the musical activities of Rocky Mount, having lived there some years.

Her death was the result of a lingering malady, having been operated on in August or September. She recovered from the operation, but was never fully well again, though she made a brave fight, keeping her sufferings to herself. She leaves of her immediate family a step-mother, Mrs. Josie Cutchin Braswell, of Whitakers; two half-brothers, Marion Braswell, of Winston-Salem, and Billie Braswell, of Whitakers; three step-children, Mrs. Ethel Woodard Sharp, of Greensboro, Mrs. Higginbotham, of Greenville, S. C., and Alvin Woodard, of Whitakers. Her pallbearers were from among her cousins. She leaves a host of relatives and friends who feel their loss very keenly.

A FRIEND.

O. H. Berrier

On Sunday evening, February 27, while others were at church, the angel of death came and claimed the soul of Brother O. H. Berrier. So swiftly did he slip away that even the immediate members of the family had little time to prepare themselves for the end.

Brother Berrier was born April 19, 1878, and died February 27, 1938, aged 59 years, 10 months, and 8 days.

He was married twice. He was first married to Lu Leonard (deceased 1919) to which union were born the following children: Beulah (Mrs. J. E. Hankins), Concord, N. C.; Blanche (Mrs. F. A. Cook), Concord, N. C.; Bessie, Etta, Emma (Mrs. W. T. Temple), all of Thomasville; Carl, Earle, Joe, and Clunette Westmoreland, all of Thomasville.

The second time he was married to Mintie Kendley, to which union were born two children, Dorothy and Billy.

Aside from his immediate family, he leaves to mourn his passing, his aged father, Phillip Berrier; brothers, G. A. Berrier, C. L. Berrier, A. L. Berrier, and H. P. Berrier, all of Thomasville, rural route, with the exception of C. L. Berirer, who lives in Thomasville. Sisters, Mrs. B. E. Weavil, Mrs. Fait Crotts, and Mrs. G. B. Brown, who likewise live on Thomasville rural route. Along with these remain a host of friends who had learned to appreciate and love Brother Berrier during his lifetime.

When a boy he joined the Bethesda M. P. church. Later in life he moved to High Point and united with the Welch Memorial M. P. church, where he was a member until he united with the Community church on his return to Thomasville.

Wherever he has gone he has been active in the church. While a member of the Welch Memorial church he was Sunday school superintendent and teacher. While residing in Winston-Salem a brief period he attended a Moravian church, and here was a Sunday school teacher. And at the time of his death he was a teacher in the Sunday school of which he was a member.

He was a devout Christian and ardent church worker. He was a quiet type of a man, never advertising himself. As the children sought to give a hasty evaluation of his life, they recalled that he was never known to use a curse word, or to grow impatient when they were called upon to go through crises. He was a believer in prayer, and often reminded his children of their duty to God and the church.

The funeral was conducted in the Community Methodist Protestant church of Thomasville, and his body was laid to rest in the Unity Chapel cemetery. The writer, assisted by Rev. W. R. Jenkins, had charge of the service. J. CLYDE AUMAN.

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In Memoriam

It is with sad hearts that we, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of Gray's Chapel Methodist Protestant church, record the passing of one of our most faithful and loyal members, Mrs. Annie Williams Pugh, on February 27, 1938.

She was ever an inspiration to all who knew her devoted life to Christ and her church. Our hearts go out in sympathy to those near and dear to her. We commend them to the One who alone is able to comfort them.

Therefore, be it resolved—That we offer this tribute of love to her memory—the first that God has called from our number.

Be it further resolved—That a copy of this memorial be sent to the family, a copy to the Methodist Protestant Herald for publication, and one filed with the minutes of our Circle.

MRS. CARL BROWER,
MRS. ED PUGH,
MRS. BROWER YORK,
Committee.

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Lee Roy Tapp

On Friday evening, January 28, 1938, the death angel visited Chestnut Ridge community again and took away another faithful neighbor and friend.

Lee Roy Tapp was born April 3, 1889, his age at time of death being 48 years, 9 months and 24 days. He died suddenly at his home on Route 2. He was the youngest son of the late Richard and Harriet Foust Tapp, both deceased.

He saw service during the World War, 1917-1918, and was a member of the Eagle Lodge No. 19, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for about 25 years.

Death was not unexpected to him, for he had been in declining health for nearly two years. Death came as a relief to him. He bore his sufferings patiently and never complained, and told his loved ones not to worry about him, that he was ready to go, and that he wasn't afraid to die.

Lee went to church often until his health failed him. He liked to read the Bible, and searched its chapters.

He will be missed everywhere, but most of all in the old home that he loved so well. We hope some day to meet him in a great reunion in heaven.

He leaves to mourn their loss, one sister, Mrs. J. L. Hogan, Graham, Route 1; two brothers, T. R. and P. F. Tapp, both of Efland, Route 2; 13 nieces and nephews, and a wide circle of relatives and friends.

Funeral service was conducted Sunday evening at 3 o'clock by Rev. C. P. Morris, at Chestnut Ridge church, and the Masonic lodge had charge of the service at the grave.

A. C. L.

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In Memory.

It was the will of our Heavenly Father to remove from our class three of our best and oldest members: On February 4, 1937, the death angel called home Mr. W. L. Winecoff. He was a member of the M. E. church until he came to live with his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Faulkenberry. Then he attended the First Methodist Protestant church and took great interest in the Adult Bible class.

While we were still feeling the lost of this good servant of God, the Master said it's not enough, and on December 1, 1937, He called from us another good man, Mr. W. R. Earnheardt, better known as Uncle Billie; he being one of the oldest members of our church.

Our class again on March 23, 1938, lost a good member. While Mr. J. A. Burris seemed to be in his usual health and sitting on his porch enjoying the beautiful sunshine and lovely flowers of spring, the Lord spoke to him and said, servant of God, well done, come up higher. Mr. Burris and Uncle Billie were both charter members of our Bible class. Their seats are vacant, never to be filled. While we know the aged must go it grieves us to give them up. While the rest of us are going down the sunset side of life and know that we, too, soon must go, let us follow their examples that all may meet in a larger class in Heaven. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved families.

Bless be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred mind
Is like to that above.

When we assunder part
It gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again.

Members of Adult Bible Class.
Concord, N. C.

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John Cornelius Reynolds

John Cornelius Reynolds, born December 28, 1864, in Randolph county, a son of the late Wendlock Reynolds and Martha Pugh Reynolds. His parents moved to this community in his infancy where the deceased lived his entire life.

On Tuesday morning, March 22, 1938, he was suddenly called to his Heavenly home.

In early life he professed faith in Christ and later joined Tabernacle Methodist Protestant church where he remained a faithful and loyal member until his death. He taught

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classes of both men and women in that Sunday school for many years. He was firm in his convictions and supported his church untiringly. He was a man of great energy and courage.

The deceased was engaged in the flour milling business for 45 consecutive years with the Company Roller Mills and the last ten years of his life was with the Julian Milling company. He retired from active service about one year ago.

On October 26, 1882, he was married to Emma Garrett. To this union seven children were born, six of which are now living. Three daughters: Mrs. Henry L. Hanner, of Asheville; Mrs. Ross Bowman, of Greensboro; and Mrs. Fred Coble, of Guilford county. Three sons: T. B. Reynolds, of Julian; Edison V. Reynolds, of Guilford county; and Floyd G. Reynolds, of Greensboro.

Emma Garrett Reynolds died September 16, 1905. September 17, 1914, Mr. Reynolds was married to Ida Woodburn, to this union two children were born: Mary Ida, who died in infancy and a son, Talton, who now resides at the home place.

Three brothers also survive: C. O. and W. C. Reynolds, of Guilford county, and Nathan E. Reynolds, of Hot Springs, Idaho. One sister, Mrs. Dora Neece, of Guilford county; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Noah Grubb

Funeral service for Noah Grubb, age 63 years, was held from Bethesda church where he was a member, on March 16.

Brother Grubb was a good man, and held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was stricken ill almost suddenly, and never fully regained consciousness.

The last time he attended church, he led his Sunday school class in prayer for the recovery of a fellow member who was ill. Brother Grubb's absence will be felt for a long time. His church, his community, and his companion and children, his brothers and sisters will feel more keenly the loss sustained by his going.

The service was in charge of the writer, assisted by Rev. Mr. Holden, a local preacher.

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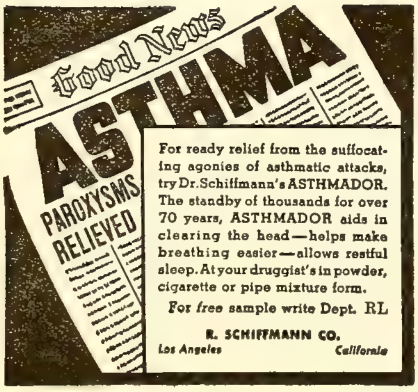

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ADDITIONAL GLEANINGS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY REPORTS

Seagrove-Lovejoy, Rev. E. G. Cowan, pastor.—Young People's day was observed in the evening service and the Youth Candlelight Communion service was used. Offering, $3.90.

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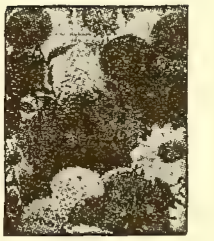
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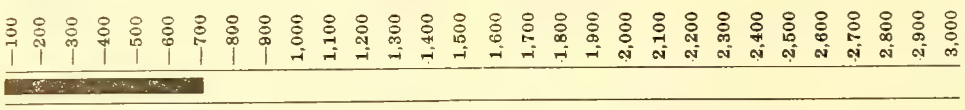

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Fine list came in last week. A column and a fourth! That is fine. Who will be the next with a $46 list? A few like that would send us a long ways towards the 3,000 mark,

But listen! Five months of the Conference year has gone and only one charge that has the subscription quota and subsidy, too. LOOK AT WHITAKERS! Let's vote to make the thing complete and put the figures in bold type as well as have the charge in capitals. We are still at THIRTEEN on subsidy. Who will pull us away from there this week?

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We have just closed a very successful Auxiliary year. Now let's start the year right by getting the High Point college apportionment paid in full during April. Your college apportionment for this year is the same as last year. The annual meeting will not be held until April 27 and 28, but I am urging that this apportionment be paid in full before this meeting.

MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treas.,
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CHILDREN'S HOME HISTORY

We hope to close this project with our Branch meeting. Other states are ordering for their meetings. If you already have some please try to sell them before our Branch meets in Burlington this month and send the money in for them. We will have the History on the floor. Do your best just a little longer, won't you? Our Home needs this help.

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ATTENTION WOMEN'S AUXILARIES!

April is the month to send in your High Point College apportionment. Please send it to Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C., before April 25.

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The Bible Story of the Resurrection

And when they came to a place called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father forgive them for they know not what they do. . . .

And the people stood beholding . . . and the rulers also with them derided him, saying, he saved others, himself he cannot save. . . .

And the soldiers mocked him saying, if thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself.—*St. Luke.*

And Jesus cried, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? . . . . And behold the veil of the temple was rent in twain from top to bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent. — *St. Matthew.* And when even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple. He went to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus . . . And when Joseph had taken the body he wrapped it in clean linen cloth. And laid it in his own new tomb . . . and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed . . . The chief priests and the Pharisees came unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, after three days, I will rise again. Command, therefore, that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night and steal him away, and say unto the people he is risen from the dead . . . Pilate said, ye have a watch, go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone and setting a watch.—*St. Matt.*

In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And behold there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. And the angel said unto the women, fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified. He is not here for he is risen, as he said, come see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead. . . . And as they went . . . Behold Jesus met them, saying, all hail. And they came and held him by the feet and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, be not afraid; go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. . . . Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore and teach all nations.—*St. Matt.*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Calendar

N. C. Branch Meeting, Burlington	April 27, 28
Mid-Year Meeting, Community Church	May 13
Pastors' School, High Point College	June 6-17
Leadership School, High Point College	June 20-25
Third Quarterly Assembly	
Annual Conference, Calvary, Greensboro	November 9-14

Payments to be made on: A. C. Expenses, January and February; High Point College, March, April; Church Extension, May, June; A. C. Debt, July, August; Superannuates, September, October.

Mrs. R. L. Vickery Claimed by Death

Early Monday morning of this week Mrs. R. L. Vickery, wife of the pastor of our First Church in Danville, Va., and mother of Rev. T. H. Vickery, a student of High Point College and pastor of the Yarborough Charge, passed to her eternal reward after an illness of eleven days. The funeral services were held in Danville Wednesday afternoon and burial was in High Point. Brother Vickery and the children will have the sympathy of the entire Conference in this their great loss.

Send the Easter Offering in Immediately

In as much as the financial year of the General Conference closes with the last day of April it is very important that the Easter offering this year be sent in immediately so that the Annual Conference Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Allen, can send it to the General Treasurer before the end of the month. Our Conference never makes any too good a showing for World Service and it is very important that we do get our money in so we can get credit for what we do. Let every Church take an Easter offering and then send it in.

A Visit to Friendship-Love's Grove Charge

Saturday night of last week was spent with the Friendship Church, Rev. Earl A. Cook, pastor. Revival services had been going on all week and I was asked to come and preach Saturday night. Notwithstanding the fact that there had been an abundance of rain and the weather was rather disagreeable, there was a splendid congregation out. I was told by the members of the Church that the revival had been the best in many years and that there had been many professions. This Church has recently built a number of Sunday School rooms and most of these can be thrown into the Church auditorium for overflow meetings. Now money is being raised to brick veneer the entire building. The parsonage has been painted and greatly improved. Brother Cook seems to have the happy faculty of getting things done. This Church is some five miles west of Albemarle on the Alamance-Concord highway. It is in a fine farming community and is beautifully located. The parsonage is on the lot adjoining the Church lot.

The Sunday morning appointment was at Love's Grove Church. This Church is eight or ten miles to the left of the highway as one goes from Albemarle to Charlotte and it is near the town of Stanfield in Stanley County. The present building is of brick and it was built in 1926. It consists of a beautiful auditorium with a number of Sunday School rooms which can be opened into the auditorium. As I was in the Sunday School and Church services here I was impressed by the large number of substantial looking men who were present. It seems that this Church must have considerable resources. This is the home Church of Rev. W. D. Reed, one of our Superannuate ministers and he served this Church, I believe during his last pastorate. Even though the year is not yet half gone this Church has paid all of the Annual Conference budget and has made considerable headway on the Fellowship Crusade. A committee is working on this and I shall be surprised if they do not go over the top. This was my first visit to this Church and I must confess that I was very favorably impressed.

For the afternoon appointment Sunday we moved over to Mill Grove Church. This Church does not belong to the Friendship-Love's Grove Charge but is served by Brother Cook any way. It was served by him last year when he was pastor of Roberta. This Church is in the town of Midland, I believe in Cabarrus County. It is on the highway leading from Concord to Monroe and is just off the highway leading from Albemarle to Charlotte. It, too, is of brick construction, built last year. The auditorium is ample for any ordinary needs and there is a large basement with several Sunday School rooms and a rather large social room. The membership here is not large but it has worked faithfully in building this new house of worship. They are hoping to finish paying for the Church this year. When this is done it will be one of the outstanding achievements of the entire Conference. This was my first visit to this Church and I was anxious to visit there for the reason that I felt that I knew some people whom I had never seen. During the two years that I was editor of the Herald this Church was very loyal to the paper and I had always wanted to see at least two of the men there, namely, Brothers O. B. Furr and L. W. McCoy. When I looked upon them for the first time I was not disappointed even though they did not look at all like I imagined they did. Well, it was a great privilege to be in these Churches and to be with Brother Cook. I am sure they are going to have a good year.

The Mid-Year Meeting

The mid-year meeting which has become a permanent fixture with us will be held this year at Community Church in Thomasville on Friday, May 13, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. The program is already in the making. Plan now to be there. Do not let the date scare any one off.

Appointments

Saturday, April 16—7:30 p. m., Lawndale on Cleveland Charge, in revival services.

Sunday, April 17—Cleveland Charge, Oak Grove, 10:00 a. m.; Kistler's Union at 11:00 a. m.; and Piedmont High School in Commencement sermon at 2:30 p. m.

Sunday, April 24—First Church, Thomasville, 9:45 a. m. This Church has Church services first with Sunday School to follow.

J. E. Pritchard.

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It is a mistake to fancy ourselves greater than we are, and to value ourselves less than we are worth.—*Goethe.*

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A Message in Verse

"If I knew you and you knew me—
If both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine
The meaning of your heart and mine,
I'm sure that we would differ less
And clasp our hands in friendliness,
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree,
If I knew you and you knew me."

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True Church

Some writer has classified a true Church after the following manner:

1. It is a monument of living Christianity, consisting of earnest believers.
2. It is a family of loving fellowship.
3. It is a school of moral discipline.
4. It is a witness to abiding truth.
5. It is an instrument for evangelizing the world.

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A Thing We Cannot Borrow

Most of us are very familiary with that incident in the parable of the Ten Virgins when five of them after waiting until mid-night, found themselves without oil for their lamps, and going to their companions with lamps were unable to replenish their oil. It was while they were in this plight that the bridegroom, for whom they were waiting, came, and they could not go in with him and the bridal party.

This parable, like many others of our Lord surely has many teaching points. Doubtless all who read this have emphasized some of them. One of the things the parable appears to teach is that salvation, grace, redemption, whatever you want to call it, is neither loaned nor borrowed. The five attendants who had oil, had none to spare. However kindly they were disposed to their fellow lamp bearers, they could not give them their oil. This is quite a significant truth about religion. It is so entirely personal,—the possession of the individual, that he cannot give it away. It is so unlike property or money; these can be given to others—lands, houses, stocks, bonds, may be handed over to a friend in need; but not your salvation. It is neither loaned, sold or given away. If it is lost, no one else profits by it—it is not bequeathed. Just lost. You just cannot borrow your wife's religion; neither can your neighbor loan you his when you are in need. Neither is there a substitute for salvation. Borrowing and begging may get us many things from our friends, but no generous friend, only the Lord can supply us of the "oil" of salvation.

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A man's worth to society should be judged by what he does when he doesn't do anything.—*J. Warnack.*

Cankering Care

We presume people have ever had their cares. Even in the days when life was most simply lived and what we call luxuries were unknown. Our Lord saw in the faces of the multitudes who thronged Him that many were burdened with care. He often heard their tales of sorrow, but he warned them of the evil effects of care; that they should take no anxious thought about the things which were worrying them so much. Food, raiment, shelter; these primitive needs of the race were theirs, as they are ours. And these simple folk were allowing their need for these things to overshadow their lives; to shut out all thought of God and of eternal life. Jesus said to them, "Consider the lilies how they grow; look at the sparrows which neither sow a harvest nor gather into barns; are these not all taken care of? Why take ye anxious thought of tomorrow?" While none should be guilty of the practice of the careless, improvident, who make no provision for the future; nor should we be so void of trust, so lacking in faith, that we are unable to lay the weight of these cures upon our Lord. Many are they who have grown prematurely old bearing burdens which had never come. "Cast all your care upon Him, for He careth for you."

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Swing Wide Ye Portals

Swing wide, ye portals of the night
And let the quickening sun arise,
The shadowed earth is filled with light
And glory streams from eastern skies.

Swing wide, ye barriers of the tomb.
The King of Love rides forth with power,
The offspring of the virgin's womb
Has conquered death in this glad hour.

Swing wide, ye doors of fear and strife.
The Prince of Peace is on His way;
The powers of death give place to life;
The darkened night is cloudless day.

Swing wide, ye gates of Kingdom Come .
The rule of might is doomed to fall.
The crucified has overcome;
The Risen Christ is Lord of All.

Swing wide, O heart, and mind and will
And let thy Lord have royal sway.
His loving purpose fulfill—
This is the resurrection day.

—*William H. Foulkes, in Christian Sun.*

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Enthusiasm is the dynamic of your personality. Without it, whatever abilities you have lie dormant.—*J. O. Armour.*

NEXT STEPS IN METHODIST UNIFICATION

By HARRY EARL WOOLEVER

Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal General Conference Commission on Interdenominational Relations and of the Joint Commission on Methodist Union

The Plan calls for a Uniting Conference within twelve months of the vote of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The writer reviews the plans for the Uniting Conference with a sense of reverence, not only for what it portends for the future but also because of the earnest labors of the late Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon as chairman of the special committee having this conference in charge.

Even the date of the Uniting Conference grew out of the purpose of Bishops Mouzon and McDowell to make this the greatest event in ecclesiastical and spiritual history since the Reformation. It is planned to bring the outstanding leaders of world Methodism to this great gathering, which will mark the union of three of the greatest evangelical branches of Christendom. At first it was proposed to require that the Uniting Conference be held within six months after final approval of the Plan of Union, but the possible need of more time for preparing a program including outstanding Christian leaders from many parts of the world caused the limit to be extended to twelve months.

There is another reason making essential a sufficient time allowance. Preliminary commissions will have much work to do in drawing up practical foundations for the uniting of the various boards and activities of the present denominations. There must be developed also a ''plan for the control and safeguarding of all permanent funds and other property interests of the three Churches and the interests of those persons and causes for which these funds were established.''

Something of the magnitude of this task is evident in the fact that the work of the Uniting Conference, as specified in the Plan, covers the harmonizing of all the multiple activities of the present bodies, such as the uniting of benevolent boards and missionary activities, the adjustment of the membership of the Jurisdictional conferences, and the fixing of the ratio of representation of the Annual conferences in the Jurisdictional, Central, and General conferences.

Until the meeting of the Uniting Conference, the Plan provides that ''each of the uniting Churches shall be governed by the rules and regulations of its own Discipline.''

The Uniting Conference is to be a body of 900 delegates, of whom 400 shall be from the Methodist Episcopal Church, 400 from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and 100 from the Methodist Protestant Church, ''chosen in such manner as may be determined by the respective General Conferences.''

The Methodist Protestant Church in its General Conference provided that its Commission on Union should decide the ratio for election of delegates to the Uniting Conference and should notify the Annual Conferences, which are to elect the delegates.

The Methodist Episcopal General Conference provided for the election of its 400 delegates as follows: It elected the lay members and ministerial members of its present Commission on Interdenominational Relations as delegates. This provided for twenty-five delegates. The Annual Conferences in the United States are to elect on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred ministerial members of an Annual Conference. Any conference having an additional two-thirds of one hundred ministerial members, or more, shall be entitled to an additional delegate. Each Lay Conference will choose a number of delegates equal to the number of ministerial delegates. Each conference is to have at least one ministerial and one lay delegate.

The bishops are empowered to elect the balance of the representation of 400; that is, they will choose some forty to eighty delegates-at-large. These are to be chosen so as to give representation to the foreign conferences and to the connectional boards and the missionary societies.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church empowered its commission to meet with those authorized by the other General Conferences to appoint six committees to provide and present to the Uniting Conference for its consideration plans dealing with ''(a) membership, conferences, ministry, judicial administration, and temporary economy; (b) rituals; (3) connectional boards and societies; (4) publishing interests; (e) permanent and pension funds; and (f) such other matters as imperatively call for advance consideration.''

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have proclaimed the vote complete in that Church. The Plan provides that the bishops of the two Episcopal Churches and the president of the Methodist Protestant Church shall fix the time of the meeting. A Joint Commission on Entertainment is to set the place of meeting.

The Uniting Conference will be a gathering of over a thousand delegates and officials. It will be in session for an extended time because the institutions and activities to be united are the largest of this nature ever consolidated. Their membership and activities cover every state and some forty nations.

In informal discussions, the city of Washington has been suggested as the most logical meeting place because of its national and neutral character and because all of the uniting bodies have strong Churches within its boundaries. There is a vigorous institutional life here, supported by all three Churches. Included are a university, an administration headquarters of the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and other strong Methodist institutions. Washington is also close to such great northern and southern centers as Richmond, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Wilmington, in which great union meetings might be held simultaneously during the period of the Uniting Conference.—*In N. C. Christian Advocate* .

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MRS. R. L. VICKERY DIES

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Willie Black Vickery, the wife of Pastor Vickery of Danville. She died early Monday of this week and was buried in Floral Gardens cemetery, High Point, Wednesday afternoon. Brother Vickery and children have our sincere sympathy in their great loss.

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The men who have succeeded are the men who have chosen one line and stuck to it.—*Andrew Carnegie.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

What About Our Economic System

Our class in religion has been studying the spiritual implications of our modern economic system. After long discussion and reporting from certain materials a few principles seemed to stand out in our thinking.

First, Christianity, it was agreed, is not a system of economics. Yet while it is not a financial system, all elements of any economic plan are to be tested by its ideals. Religion is not to tell us how much a piece of land should cost, but it does imply justice to all, and sanctions only such transactions as look toward helping one another. Christianity does not tell us what sort of a system to adopt, but it does tell us that personality is of supreme worth in all systems.

A second principle emphasized was: No particular system of economics need be considered the last and final word on the subject. Capitalism is our American plan, and many people like it, but after all it is not necessarily the best plan. If and when any better plan can be shown to possess greater virtue and service, bring it on. We make no pretension at finality about the profit motive. Open-minded leaders are willing to study and investigate, even try, another scheme when indications point in the direction of a finer plan. We are interested in supplying material goods to all people, and some other system may work better than any plan yet in operation. Socialism, communism, and collectivism are in the field. If they hold the secret they should be given a chance.

Third, any system must be able to supply the material needs of the human race. There is plenty of food to go around, and some plan ought to be found that would achieve this objective.

In the fourth place, any system must make material things the means and not the end of human existence. Eat to live and not live to eat is to be the motto. And when it comes to real living bread is not going to be sufficient. Living implies more than merely existing—merely vegitating. A great many excited movements seem bent on eating as the chief end of man is ''to glorify God and enjoy Him for ever.'' One should not be given higher wages unless he is prepared to use them to the glory of God; and this applies to the poor as well as the rich. Any economic plan is simply a scheme to find the physical essentials of life to keep us here while we serve God.

Fifth, any economic system must, to be Christian, conserve the whole man. In the struggle for things we are liable to lose our souls. Man shall not live by bread alone. After all, there is something to a man besides his stomach. The higher qualities must by all means be developed. Self-control, initiative, ambition, and the sweet taste of self-achievement are, under all plans, to be encouraged. Without these society itself will commit suicide. Make life too easy and indolence which ''eateth like a canker,'' shall undermine our whole social structure. Make life too easy and the irresponsible will, I think, multiply their kind and soon drag the social level lower than it is now. Eliminate the social struggle and you take away the surest step that leads up to character—the very goal we seek. Quality and not quantity is the concern of all sociologists—and of Christian leaders.

Finally, whatever system we use, it must square with human nature and bring the best out of men as they are. It would be fine if the ambitious man would work as hard for accommodation as he would for a fortune, but the trouble is, he won't. It is better to let a man get rich employing the full force of his talents than to keep him down to a mediocre level, use half of his abilities, by telling him it is sinful to get ahead. Most men will make a far greater contribution to society on the semi-selfish basis than they will on pure altruism. In short, the possessive instinct must be honored; the hunger for recognition is to be utilized. We ought to use the principle of ''sanctified selfishness.'' We must find the spring of individual ambition and hitch to it a worthy program of action.

Hence, the economic system to be recommended must make room for this natural, God-given bent toward self-importance. If that is crushed it is crushed at the expense of social progress and to the injury of the individual who possesses it. Benjamin Franklin said, ''Let us thank God for our vanity, along with all the other comforts of life.'' Yes, it is by the wise use of this ''vanity'' that the race goes forward. Even a preacher will be a *better* preacher in a place where he is noticed.

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THE VICTORIOUS SERVANT *(Easter)*

International Sunday School Lesson For April 17, 1938

By Rev. O. L. Easter

Lesson Text—Acts 2:22-36.

Golden Text—''This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we are all witnesses.''—Acts 2:32.

We read this lesson this morning and ask, Can this man here speaking with such boldness be the same Simon Peter much of fear and defeat in that judgment hall? Hear him as he fearlessly defies the Hebrew hierarchy with these bold words, ''Men of Israel hear these words,'' and then remember in contrast his former words of weak profanity to the maiden. Since history says that it is the same Simon, any explanation must show that some revolutionary change has come over his courage. Some power has here given Peter victory over self. Now as we observe the desires and needs of all mankind we readily see that behind their manifold struggles for existence there is that fundamental passion for victory. Where there is no desire for victory there is no struggle and it is in this state that we find so many poor wretched human beings who have failed to rally as did Peter and meet the struggles of life with boldness and triumph.

Man has had to struggle every step of the way with mother nature to win out in his desire to live. With the earth cursed against his hands with thorns and pests only his strong will to live has enabled him to win the rather spectacular victories over nature. Countless inventions have been made that have made great progress in the struggle for food and physical comforts. Machinery can perform tasks that men of themselves could not have accomplished. Further we see that man rather than to be conquered by the terrible powers of the elements has turned them into servants. Lightning with its destructive powers has been harnessed to turn the many wheels that now help men in their struggle for existence. The speeding locomotives, the majestic ocean liners and the soaring planes of the air speak of man's victory over these expansive elements in which he finds himself a small part.

So man seeking victory can claim to have achieved it here and there. Yet all history cries out the story of man's losing battle with those principalities and powers that continually break down the strongholds of his soul. These material and humanistic victories are useless in winning for him the moral victories that he so wants for himself. This principality that is called sin that has claimed the victory over his nature since Eden, merely sketches these implements of man to further his own triumph in damning men's souls to death and defeat.

It is that victory over sin and death that comes through "this Jesus" that Peter refers to here that we are interested in this day. That victorious spirit that was manifested in the lives of His humble disciples after His Resurrection is that victory that man has such need of in his soul. Every heart has in periods of self-examination cried out with St. Paul that "when I would do good evil is present with me. . . . Oh wretched man that I am! Who shall save me from this body of death?" The message of Easter is the long looked for answer to that question, "I thank God, through Jesus Christ Our Lord." This Jesus whom we crucified God raised up to be our Victorious Servant. Through His victory countless souls have been victorious even in the face of what had formerely been defeat. As we watch these brave disciples rally from their fears after Calvary to their courageous preaching after His Resurrection we begin with all the world to take notice of their victories over self and in truth. As we see them meet their horrible persecution and deaths it is only faith in the Risen Lord that can make us scoff at death and say, where is thy victory O grave? Yes we see

Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne,
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadows,
Keeping watch afore His own.
—*Lowell.*

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We are made for co-operation, like feet, like hands, like eyelids, like rows of upper and rows of under teeth. To act one against each other then is contrary to nature, and it is acting against one another to be vexed and turn away. —*Marcus Aurelius.*

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Love is the greatest thing that God can give us, for God is love; and it is the greatest thing we can give to God, for it will also give ourselves, and carry with it all that is ours.—*Jeremy Taylor.*

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If you will do your level best today, you will be able to do even better tomorrow.—*Martin Vanbee.*

MYSTERY OF HUMAN CONTACT WITH DEITY

Editor of HERALD:

Sometime ago you published an article on how God hears and answers silent prayer. This suggested to me a line of lifetime thought.

From childhood up to maturity I was continually pondering upon the mystery of how God in far off Heaven could be in direct touch with, know of and record our every thought, word and action. During the present century this great mystery has been at least partially revealed to my mind through the radio and the synchronized sound moving pictures. Now comes television another step in progress.

As an illustration of what I mean the late actor, Will Rogers' moving pictures are being exhibited on the screen and can be shown indefinitely. His every word and gesture are perfectly portrayed proving unquestionably that Will was in front of the camera.

By a slight turn of the radio dial we distinctly hear persons speaking in different parts of the world and soon by the same kind of operation we will be enabled to see these people, realizing that these sounds and views travel onward through space capable of being picked up at any distance with more delicate instruments.

Now if feeble finite-minded mankind, as compared to the Supreme Infinite, is able to accomplish such staggering miracles in an imperfect, material and mechanical way what might we expect of a Spiritual system by the great God of the universe who first knew all things?

I used to think of the Last Day as a Just God sitting personally in Judgment separating the sheep from the goats, but now I see a possibility of probably a huge shadowy scroll emblazoned in firing letters containing a strict account of our every worldly thought, word and action, being run off in our presence and also in plain view of the "Hundred and forty and four thousand" and that great innumerable number undeniably an accurate record of our worldly existence as everyone would realize that we too had been before the Spiritual camera all the while. Then the guilty would acknowledge their own condemnation and the full realization would crash about them that it was through the wonderful Grace of God that they had been permitted to exist so long in such a sinful state. Doubtless we guilty ones would call upon the mountains to fall upon us and hide our faces from even that condemning throng.

These thoughts should be a great consolation to anticipate that we finally will stand in the presence of perfect justice after having lived amongst so much injustice.

M. WALTER THOMAS..

Summerfield, N. C.

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Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them, and their value will never be known; improve them and they will become the brightest gems in a useful life.—*Emerson.*

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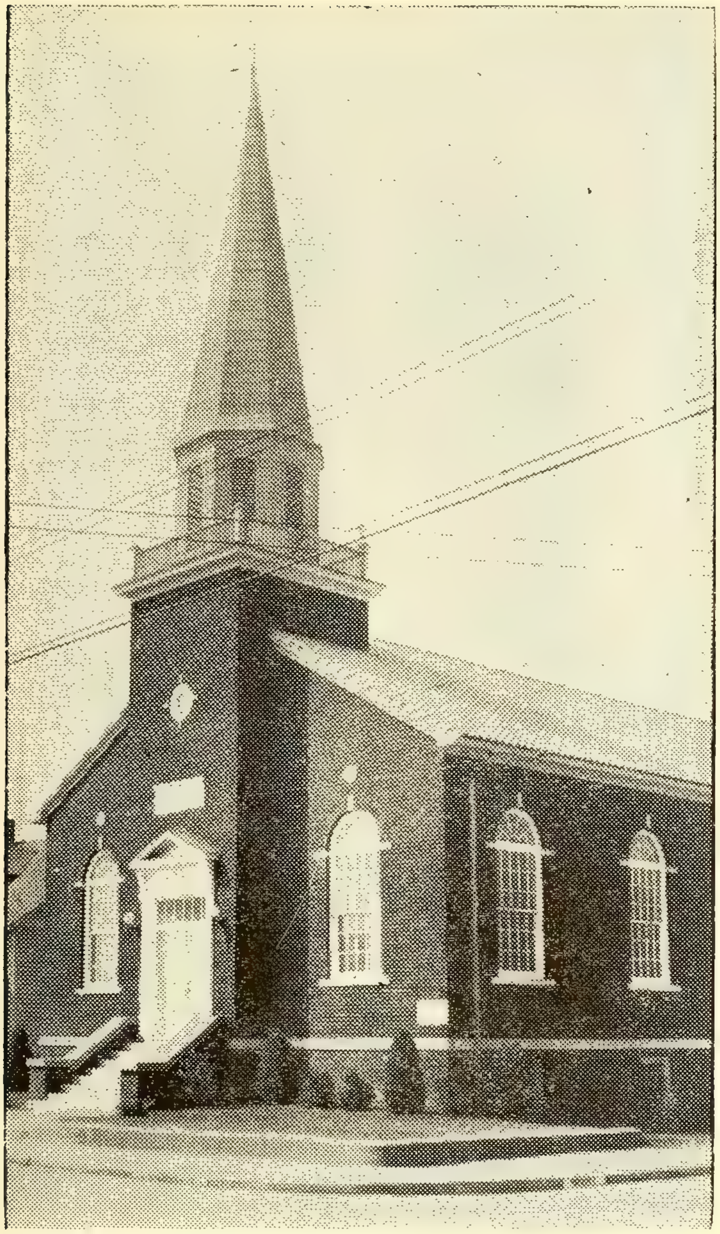

This is the New First Church, Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, pastor. Congratulations to our loyal members there.

"Let me give something to the people that will lighten the every-day struggle of our daily life, something that will add a little sweetness here, a little hope there; something that will make more thoughtful, kind and gentle this thoughtless, animal-natured man; something that will awaken into activity the dormant powers of this timid, shrinking little woman—powers when awakened, will be irresistible in their influence and that will surprise even herself. Let me give something that will lead each one to the knowledge of the divinity of every human soul; something that will lead each one to the conscious realization of his own divinity with all its attendant riches and glories and powers—let me succeed in doing this, and I can well afford to be careless as to whether the critics praise or whether they blame. If it is blame, then under the circumstances it is the crackling of a few dead sticks on the ground below, compared to the matchless music that the soft spring gale is breathing through the great pine forest." — *Ralph Waldo Trine.*

MINISTERS YOUNG AND OLD

We need them both, both young and old ministers, and if we are wise we will have a place for both. In these latter days there are many fields where the work is so strenuous that only men of full physical vigor should undertake it. Such is the work in mission fields at home and abroad, and work in many new Churches, and Churches in which the membership shifts more or less rapily. Such fields need young men, and young men need such fields. Young men need to meet the problems that these fields present; service in them is a kind of apprenticeship for the young preachers; it corresponds to the interneship of a graduate of a School of Medicine, except that all the responsibility is his and he is in no sense a subordinate, and it is on that account more sobering and developing.

On the other hand, there are other Churches and fields in which the call is for the older men, men full of wisdom, men whose personality and services command the respect and cooperation of the entire membership—deacons of all kinds and temperaments, self-made men of great wealth, and the noble women and aspiring young people. It is only a man of maturity and experience that should undertake the work of our great city Churches and of the older and larger country Churches. With such a pastor, a Church is much less likely to develop factions which keep Churches in wrangles and entail changes of pastors every two or three years. A Church with a pastor of experience who remains years on end is more likely to see its members grow in the solid Christian virtues and graces, and be at peace with one another and respected by all the community.

If one will look around North Carolina he will find that most of the men in important pastorates are no longer young. Nearly all are thirty-five or older; many are more than fifty and some still serving most acceptably are more than sixty years of age. Many of them have been in their present pastorates for ten to twenty years or even longer. Around them are younger men with whom they work in complete harmony and who will soon be called to take their places. Our Churches need both older and younger ministers, and are using both, which is as it should be.

As intimated above, there is something wrong with a Church that changes pastors often. On the other hand, the failure of ministers more than forty years of age to receive a call to a pastorate may not be altogether the fault of the Churches. In some instances it may be that the minister himself has not advanced in wisdom as he has advanced in age. He has not kept pace with the progress of religious thought of his day; he has neglected reading religious periodicals and books and possibly the Bible; he has failed to catch the spirit of times and he does not know the ways of approach to the minds of the people old and young. He has let the world pass by him. Most probably, if he had earnestly endeavored to present himself "approved of God," and had become "a workman that need not be ashamed," his services as pastor would be in demand, and forty years would be no bar to his receiving a call. Such our observation leads us to believe. — *Biblical Recorder.*

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The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance; the wise grows it under his own feet.—*Oppenheim.*

OUR STORY PAGE

PETER'S PANTHER

I'm sorry you have to go.'' Peter clung to his grandfather's hand, as they heard the garage doors open.

''Back in the spring,'' Grandfather Richard promised, ''and bring grandmother. Don't like to leave her alone in the winter. Looks like snow tonight.''

Grandfather had been spending a few days with Peter's parents, and no one had enjoyed the visit more than Peter. Now, with the farm chores out of the way, Mr. and Mrs. Richards were taking him home, leaving Peter to finish his school work for the morrow.

As the car started slowly down the driveway, his grandfather called back, ''Shut the barn doors, Peter. Wind there in the west!''

Peter scanned the sky, all rose and gold and pale yellow. How could grandfather see a storm there?

Below the clouds the pine woods were already dark with shadows. Only a few hundred trees now, but grandfather had told him about these same woods when he was a boy. They reached back to the mountains then, and all kinds of wild animals lived there.

''Did you see them?'' Peter had asked.

''Yes, Peter,'' his grandfather had told him, ''and one winter a panther came down into these same woods. A panther is a big cat, you know. We used to call them cats, but, instead of mewing they cry exactly like a little child.

''The first time Ed Burns heard it, he thought it was a child, and we all turned out with lanterns looking for it.

''Burns was the first to really see the cat. He was coming home one night, just dark, and all he had to fight with was a dinner pail. The panther was more afraid than he, though, and went leaping off through the trees.

''After that its cry could be heard almost every night, and the women and children stayed close indoors.

''Finally it got so bold it came down to the settlement, and when it carried off one of Lem Flannery's pigs, the men took their guns and went after it. It took them three nights, but the skin was made into a rug, and a right nice one.''

''You shot it!'' Peter had interrupted. ''I found the rug in the old cedar chest in the attic, and mother told me it was the skin of a big panther that grandfather killed.''

After the car drove away, Peter went to the house, lighted the lamp, and hunted up his spelling book. Then the wind reminded him of the garage doors and he rushed out to close them.

Grandfather was right, he thought, as a few white flakes drifted down in front of him and the wind tugged at his cap.

Then he heard an odd sound, coming from the pine woods, exactly like the cry of a little child.

''It's the panther,'' he gasped, forgetting for an instant that its skin lay in the big trunk in the attic.

Clouds hid the moon. It was dark even in the driveway, but the cry was repeated, sounding fainter than before and as though whatever made it was moving farther back into the woods.

Peter trembled. Big drops of sweat stood on his forehead in spite of the cold. ''It might be a lost child,'' Peter stopped just outside the door and listened, ''but it might be the grandchild of grandfather's panther. If daddy were only here, he'd go and see.''

Then Peter's back suddenly straightened and his lips shut close together in a firm line, for he knew that he had to go back into the woods and find out what was there.

On a sheet of white paper he wrote: ''Gone to the pine woods to see if there's a panther there. I heard it cry.'' This he left on the table, and lighting the lantern and arming himself with a pitchfork, he started out.

Twice he heard the cry, not so loud as at first and it sounded like a child and yet higher and lonesomer. Holding the lantern in front of him, he began to run forward, stumbling over stones and ruts.

In the woods there was only black darkness, but he held the light low as he peered ahead and on each side, whistling to keep up his courage. If it was in the trees, he would not see it, and he imagined a panther leaping down upon him; but he had to keep the light low, for a child would be on the ground and he might miss it unless he watched closely.

Again he heard the cry, very faint, and not far away.

At last he found her—a little girl in a gray night dress, huddled down beside a fallen pine tree, for the shelter it gave against the wind.

''You're Billy Hern's little sister,'' Peter almost shouted, lifting her up. ''Want to ride pigaback to my house, and then daddy will take you home?''

Half-way back he met his father carrying a flashlight and a gun.

''Didn't think there could be a panther these days,'' his father explained, ''but when we went in and found your line, didn't know but one might have escape from some circus.''

Little Mary had been put to bed, but instead of going to sleep had climbed out of the window and started in search of the Babes in the Woods. ''But I didn't find them,'' she sobbed, ''and I was lost, until Peter came.''

''Peter was a brave boy,'' his mother praised, ''going up into the pine woods in the dark, after all the stories his grandfather tells him.''

''Reckon he saved a life this time,'' his father said, turning from the telephone after talking with Mr. Hern. ''They had not missed her, and when they did they'd have gone up and down the road and around the barns, not off in the woods, and no grown person, let alone a child, could have lived out through such a night as this is going to be.''—*L. Mitchell Thornton in Zion's Herald.*

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Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in others.—*Thomas Hughes.*

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MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. J. ELWOOD CARROLL, Editor
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A LETTER FROM CHINA

Kalgan, North China,
January 22, 1938.

Dear Friends in the Homeland:

Politically Kalgan remains well in the hands of the new rulers. For some weeks a local autonomous government has been in charge. The matter of relating this to the regime in Peking is being considered by the authorities in Peking.

Kalgan is also a military center, and large numbers of troops have come and gone between the large base at Feng T'ai, near Peking, and the areas of North Shansi, Suiyuan, and Inner Mongolia. Troops stationed permanently at Kalgan are not many—far fewer than those of the former Chinese army. There are occasional local prophecies that Russian-Mongolia forces will come south from Outer Mongolia. So far these have not in any way been fulfilled.

Economically the city has suffered considerably. Most shops sent a majority of their clerks home last summer before fighting came near the city. The few who remained have not been overworked. Prices of food and clothing throughout the fall have been very high, but are now getting near normal. The Japanese are setting up factories, which give employment to some; while the railway workers are working overtime. There are many poor; and gruel kitchens have been opened by the Salvation army and other groups to keep them from starving through the winter.

The country districts are still quite normal. Bandits are plentiful, and the lightly armed Reds, now fighting for the life of the nation, are in parts of the districts we serve. Lacking heavy equipment and sufficient backing, their recourse is to guerilla warfare. As there is no stable continuous government in the country districts, banditry is common. The situation of the Chinese women appears to be very unfortunate in all the conquered country districts.

So far the Sunday worship services have been continued at the mission chapel, rather than at the Tung Kuan church, in town. Beginning with Chinese new year, (January 31), special meetings will be held in the street church. Daily meetings as usual, are held in the mission yard.

Rev. Yao and Mr. Kao Chin Kuei have visited the Christians and prospective Christians in the city, and have no difficulties in doing so. Many members are not in town. The women evangelists have done much visiting near the mission, but all visiting farther from the mission is at present up to the men.

All country churches were in the care of evangelists when reports were last received. Except at Hua Shao Ying and Shui Ch'uan, damage and property loss at the churches have been slight. At Hua Shao Ying, as mentioned in the last report, the population, including our evangelists, all left before occupation. Japanese soldiers lived in the gospel compound during the firts period of occupancy. Aside from broken panes, the buildings were not damaged, though nothing of value was left in them. Many buildings in town which had escaped the bombs were yet less fortunate than ours, for even doors and windows were sometimes used for firewood.

Since the first reports from Hua Shao Ying, a few missing things have been located. In the city of Yu Chow, 50 miles south of Hua Shao Ying, a Christian in favor with the Japanese noticed a number of nicely painted benches with the characters "Fu Ying Tang" or "Gospel Chapel" painted on them. He had them delivered to the local gospel hall. The keeper knew nothing of them. Whose were they, weeks later they were identified as from the Hua Shao Ying chapel.

At Shui Ch'uan the loss and damage was similar to that of Hua Shao Ying, but there was less to lose, the place being smaller. Evangelist Sung Fei has little left of a well-furnished home.

Wang Kuei Fu, in the last letter reported kidnapped at Shui Ch'uan has been freed by the kidnappers. We have sent him to preach in an entirely new district, at Chiu Huia An. We thank you for any prayers offered in his behalf.

A real revival has been in progress at Li Lin Chuang, a village near Hao Ho Ying. Most of the Hsi Ho Ying workers took refuge there during the war, preached daily and held Bible classes. The people welcomed the gospel, a woman volunteered a large room for the meetings, and day by day there were added new converts, over a hundred accepting Christ during the course of the meetings. For the Christmas service, the room donated by the Christian woman was too small, but the village chief lent them the school house for a big Christmas meeting. We thank God for this revival, even in a time of trouble.

The town of Hsi Ho Ying avoided the worst of the looting from which Hua Shao Ying and Shui Ch'uan suffered, because a committee of townsmen escorted the retreating Chinese soldiers from the town, with provisions. The Japanese were then welcomed and provided for. Soon the Japanese left and the Reds came. These were also provided for as well as possible by the community. Finally the Reds left and the Japanese came again, and a provision committee was again organized to provide for their needs. Church people were active in this day of saving the community.

The churches at Hsuan Hua, Yang Yuan, Hsi Ma Lin and Pei Sha Sha Ch'en have been helped during December and since by Bible school and P'ei Chih school teachers, while those schools are not in operation. The teachers are holding children's classes and assisting in evangelistic work. Three Bible school students have also been given special work preaching and teaching in the country.

No missionary has visited our southern churches since the war began. Early in December it was still unsafe for foreigners to go there, so Pastor Yao volunteered to visit them. He set out by cart and on foot for the Southern District, accompanied by a young evangelist, Lang Chung Lung. On their sleeves they wore armbands showing the Christian Cross, the name of the church, and the seal of the mission. They also carried letters of identification. Wherever they went, wearing the cross, they were treated with respect. Warmly welcomed by the churches, they were able to give our Christians needed encouragement. Once they were sent away by night from a fearful village to avoid a band of robbers, who lived in a temple commanding their road. But they passed through "Red" territory with only kindness from the people, and they were given a long ride back to Hsuan Hua by courtesy of a Japanese officer.

Neither the Bible school nor the P'ei Chih school is open to date. Permission to open the latter was asked for in November, but was not then granted, the Gendarmes spokesman saying that a plan was under consideration for the city, and that the mission would be informed of the plan. No news having been received at the mission in early December, some teachers were sent to the country churches on special assignments, and the remainder were assigned to open a Children's Group in the yard for the mission and nearby Christian children. It has roughly the functions of a school. After the opening the Gendarmerie was notified; no difficulties have followed.

The plan for the government schools has since come out in the Chinese newspapers. They invited all teachers to register for a special course of training, after which they may get teaching positions. There were about 300 registrations in the province of whom about half were chosen. These had to have guarantees, I understand by three different families before they were accepted. The course of training is now in progrss. Our best teachers were in the country when the plan was announced. The mission has received no official notice of the new plans. To the present our teachers have not registered.

The Christmas letter from the Board was received the middle of December. We were grateful the Board made it an air letter, else it might be just arriving now. Unfortunately it was too late even then for Santa Claus to reach the country churches by December 25. In each of the churches, at Christmas, sometimes under difficult circumstances, a few Christians gathered to commemorate the birth of Christ.

Christmas at the Mission was a happy one, if simpler than in past years. The service at 10:30, Christmas morning, was very well attended. The children had prepared for weeks to sing songs of Christmas, to act out the visit of the Shepherds to the Manger, and other Christmas scenes. The Women's class choralled a Christmas song, and the mission officers also sang of the first Christmas.

Santa Claus couldn't find his Christmas clothes this year, so he didn't appear in person, but sent some presents for the children, and Christmas bags for all attending church. This year no boxes of gifts came for the kiddies, and prices in town were beyond the prices we could afford to pay. However, in Santa's bag from last year were a number of presents, so the children were made happy with a variety of American toys.

New Year's Eve a Watch Service was held by the members of the mission. Each person contributed a small amount for tea, cakes, candy and the inevitable watermelon seeds, which were neatly arranged on a long table in the mission office, borrowed for the occasion.

A devotional service was held, followed by tea, cakes and talk. A year-end candle was lit at the beginning of the service. After nine the meeting ended in prayer and the women returned to their homes. Some men remained, drinking tea, talking, and watching the candle burn lower. At almost 12 o'clock the candle burned out. All remaining sang

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

High Point College C. E. Soc., clothing child	$ 5.00
Ai church, Kernersville	4.13
Denton S. S.	6.50
State St. S. S., Lexington	4.53
Gibsonville S. S.	10.79
Baraca class, Gibsonville, clothing child	5.00
Glen Raven C. E. Soc., clothing child	5.00
Glen Raven S. S.	7.30
Friendship S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	10.03
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
Community Church S. S.	10.00
Mt. Pleasant S. S., Mt. Pleasant	8.50
Seagrove S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy, for the quarter	5.00
Porter S. S.	2.00
Pleasant Grove S. S.	15.00
Clarks Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.00
Flag Springs S. S., Why Not	3.00
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	2.65
Mill Grove S. S., Midland, two months	5.69
Kannapolis S. S.	7.36
Mebane S. S.	7.05
Grace S. S., Greensboro	12.00
Worthville S. S., Randleman	10.27
Woman's Aux., Prague, Okla., for shoes	2.00
First Church S. S., Winston-Salem	8.20
Graham S. S.	6.11
Cedar Cliff S. S., Mt. Hermon	.79
First Church S. S., Charlotte	5.70
Union Chapel S. S., Mocksville	3.75
Pleasant Hill S. S., Spring church	1.60
Calvary S. S., Greensboro	15.00
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	3.54
Midway S. S., Haw River	5.00
Whitakers' Chapel, Enfield	5.00
Harmony S. S., Yarboroughs	1.00
Reidsville S. S.	10.20
Mizpah S. S., Haw River	1.22
Bethel S. S., Randolph	5.00
Philathea class, Henderson, for shoes	2.50
Efland S. S., Orange	3.09
Matthews Chapel S. S., Greensville	2.80
Tabernacle S. S., Tabernacle	4.50
Love's Grove S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	1.66
Whitakers S. S.	10.00
First Church S. S., Burlington	35.00
C. E. Soc., Frederich Charge, Md., on bus	3.00
The Missionary Soc., Montgomery, Ala., for shoes	3.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Arlington, Va., for shoes	3.00
First Church S. S., High Point	15.00
The Gleanor Club, Baltimore, Md., for **shoes**	3.00
The Missionary Circle, Rochester, N. Y., for shoes	2.50
Concord, Saxapahaw	2.18
Mt. Lebanon S. S., Randleman	5.50
Roberta S. S.	9.00
Mrs. C. W. Mengel, Chapel Hill	1.00
Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	8.50
Mrs. L. H. Sides, Concord, glasses for little girl	12.00
Mr. Bascom Frazier, Midway, tithes for April	4.00
One circle in Woman's Aux., Burlington, for shoes	3.00

Easter Outfits

The Easter outfits for our girls are coming in pretty well, and personal letters of thanks are going to the senders. If yours has not been sent when you read this please hustle it along. We thank you for this and for the above offerings and for your interest in every way. God bless and prosper you every one.

Yours in His blessed service,

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. Amanda Warlick, Cleveland charge	$1.00
J. F. Jobe, Moriah church	2.00
Sent by Pastor Pittard.	
A. B. Owen, Gibsonville	2.00
Miss Belle Causey, Tabernacle charge	2.00
C. M. Fields, Tabernacle charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Lamb.	
Mrs. Alice Laughlin, Richland charge	2.00
Mrs. W. M. Howard, Mocksville charge	1.00
W. H. Paschall, Vance charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Cranford.	
F. A. Boyles, Fallston charge	1.00
L. L. Houser, Fallston charge	2.00
Mrs. T. A. Ballard, 1st church, High Point	2.00
A. A. Hill, 1st church, High Point	2.00
Mrs. A. L. Cecil, 1st church, High Point	1.00
Sent by W. J. Spencer.	
E. M. Hamilton, 1st church, Lexington Club subscriptions	2.20
Mrs. W. R. Harrison, Anderson charge	.50
Miss Eleanor Craig, Orange charge	2.00
Sent by Miss Flora Riley.	
Mr. W. Thomas, Flat Rock charge	1.00
Mrs. J. F. Hunter, W. Forsyth charge	1.00
Mrs. Glenn Hilton, N. Davidson charge	1.00
W. D. Payne, N. Davidson charge	2.00
Sent by J. R. Payne.	
Mrs. J. W. Moore, Moriah charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Pittard.	
Mrs. Emma B. Siler, Siler City	1.00
Mrs. J. A. Cooper, Siler City	1.00
Miss Sallie Smith, Siler City	1.00
Sent by Miss Smith.	
L. W. McCoy, Mill Grove church	1.00
J. F. Furr, Mill Grove church	1.00
Mrs. J. N. Springer, Mill Grove church	1.00
Sent by Pastor Cook.	
Mrs. D. W. Sides, Friendship-Love's Grove	.50
Mrs. Carl Kirby, Friendship-Love's Grove	.50
Sent by Pastor Love.	
Mrs. R. P. Johnson, West End church	.50
Mrs. J. L. Hollyfield, W. End church	1.00
Miss Orphia A. Burgess, W. End church	1.00
Mrs. W. T. Smith, Halifax charge	1.00
J. W. Boyles, Community church	2.00
Bascomb Frazier, Midway church	1.00
Mrs. R. B. Kirkman, Midway church	2.00
Sent by Mrs. Kirkman.	
E. A. Wright, Greensville charge	2.00
Mrs. A. B. Moody, Greensville charge	.50
Young People's class, Tabernacle church	1.25
Shiloh church, Randolph charge	2.50
Mrs. Ralph Lineberry, Calvary	1.00
Mrs. H. C. Quackenbush, Saxapahaw	2.00
Mrs. L. A. Pugh, Calvary	1.00

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MEMORIAL SERVICES AT LINEBERRY

Memorial services will be held at Lineberry the first Sunday in May. Services will begin at 1:30 o'clock. Special music and an address by Hon. L. A. Martin, of Lexington, and the business of the association will feature the program. The public is invited to attend.

C. L. GRANT.

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The Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work will meet at Burlington, N. C., April 27-28. Be sure to be there!

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"WILL THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS WORK TODAY?"

Topic for April 24, 1938

By REV. J. W. BRAXTON

Scripture text—Matthew 5:9, 38-48; 7:12.

Suggestive Hymns: "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee," "Open My Eyes That I May See," "It Pays to Serve Jesus," "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me."

Points for Prayer

Thank God (1) for the teachings of Jesus, as recorded in the New Testament; (2) for the inspiration He has given men to live a life of righteousness and purity. Ask God (1) for strength to live clean and pure lives today; (2) for guidance in applying Christ's teaching to the problems which we face today; (3) for courage and determination to apply His teachings to all the problems of today.

Points for the Leader

The topic which we have for consideration at this time has caused much discussion by those people in the church as well as those outside the church. And when we realize how imperfect we are in keeping the commands of Jesus and how little we practice his teachings we question the practicability of his teachings for the world today. But, when we attempt to analyze the situation and question ourselves as to why the teachings of Jesus are not being worked on any greater scale than they are today we are forced to admit, or confess, that the trouble is not with the teachings of Jesus, but with the determination and efforts of man to work the teachings of Jesus, or put them into practice. May we, therefore, consider some of the teachings of Jesus together with the problems of today and determine, if we can, why the teachings are not being applied to the problems.

Topics Which May Be Discussed

1. Give your reasons why a Christian can or cannot live the teachings of Jesus today.
2. Can a Christian be Christian among the unChristian?
3. What are the churches greatest needs today? How may we meet them?
4. Can "worldly" men live Jesus' teachings any day? Why?
5. In what respect are we, and are we not, practicing Jesus' teachings concerning peace?
6. Suggest other problems which we are facing today and how may the teachings of Jesus be applied to them?

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SEVENTH DISTRICT RALLY

The district meeting of Women's Work was held in Friendship church Sunday afternoon, March 27, with a fairly good attendance. Five Auxiliaries were represented. Siler City having the largest number present.

The reports showed that all Auxiliaries have done good work this year.

Mrs. W. C. Hammer in her usual happy manner, gave a very interesting and instructive address.

Special music was furnished by Misses Truth Isley and Ruth McPherson singing two selections, accompanied by Miss Mildred McPherson at the piano.

The Seventh District is very fortunate in having for its new chairman, Mrs. Carl Curtis, of Mt. Pleasant church. Let's all give her our hearty support.

MRS. H. A. GARRETT, Sec.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Hawkins' Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, April 10.—In the absence of our pastor who had gone to Chase City to preach the fourth Sunday evening, our class leader, Mr. C. F. Hawkins brought us an inspiring message from the 25th chapter of St. Matthews.

First Sunday morning after Sunday school the assistant class leader, Mr. Edward Hawkins, read the 3rd chapter of First Timothy. A paper was read by Mrs. Claude Hawkins, "What it Means to Be a Christian."

On the first Sunday evening, just before Pastor Trolinger began to preach, Rev. Leo Pittard came in for a surprise; he did the preaching. His text, "They Doubted Jesus."

Second Sunday morning Pastor Trolinger brought to us an inspiring sermon about Easter. At this service Mrs. Tommie Hawkins, who before her marriage was Miss Myrtie Keeter from Tabor M. E. church, joined us by letter. We are very glad to have her.

April 14, Thursday evening, 7:30, there will be preaching and the Lord's supper will be observed.

Rev. and Mrs. Trolinger were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Baldy Green Sunday.

A crowd of women folks has cleaned up the church yard.

We are glad to report Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson's children are well with the whooping cough, but sorry to note Mrs. Thompson is ill.

One of our members of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. Marvin Morris, and Mr. Morris, are proud parents of a little girl.

Second Sunday in May we are planning for an all-day service; Dr. J. E. Pritchard will be with us. We welcome you visitors, come.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

Elbaville, Mocksville Charge, K. G. Holt, Pastor, April 4.—Rev. Mr. Holt preached Sunday morning taking his text from St. John's Gospel 1:1-21, and his subject was "A Change of Life." The theme of the sermon was "a new birth." As Jesus said we all must be born again, but spiritually, if we are to enter into the Kingdom of God.

Our church has paid its conference claims. Our Sunday school sent $5 to the Children's Home at end of first quarter for the first Sunday offerings.

Last Tuesday we cleaned off the church grounds and cemetery. Our church people are making a drive to raise money to repair the church, to paint it inside and out, to underpin it and set shrubbery around it. We have already raised $22 from our pie supper last Saturday night. We hope to raise $150 this year. Mr. R. L. Ellis, a church member of Asheville, is going to put up $1 against each one raised by the church for that purpose. We feel very grateful to Mr. Ellis for his aid.

The Young Peoples' class beat the Young Married Peoples' class in Sunday school attendance the first quarter. The average attendance for the whole Sunday school the first quarter was around 63 per cent. We had 99 pupils enrolled. We hope they will attend a little more regularly this quarter. We have some Sunday school builders' pens for those who bring in new members that attend at least three successive Sundays. Mrs. Monk Markland is teaching the Junior class this month for Mrs. W. E. Lanier while she is off for a rest.

The Young Peoples' class meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dan Lawson this month.

We hope that Easter this year will mean more to our people than ever before. May we all just stop and think how much God loves us—so much that he gave his only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. That is the world's greatest love story.

Our Sunday school is planning to give a real Mothers' Day program this year in May.

ALVIN CARTER, Reporter.

Lineberry Auxiliary, Davidson Charge.—The March meeting of the Lineberry Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. E. D. Lanier with a larger number of our members present than usual. Mrs. Vernon Hall was added to our society.

During the business program the election of officers was held.

Miss Bruce Smith was elected president. The officers to serve with Miss Smith are Mrs. Vernon Hall, vice-president; Mrs. Garven Elliott, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Vernon Hall, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Claud Elliott, Mrs. Whit Wood and Mrs. Van Wood, flower committee; Mrs. Marshal Skeen sending get-well cards; Mrs. Whitt Wood and Miss Olivia Grant, social committee; and Mrs. Van Wood, press correspondent.

We have a group of very fine, loyal workers in our society and we hope to be able to accomplish more in Kingdom service this year.

At the April meeting, held with Mrs. Marshal Skeen, all members were present except two with a very interesting program and good reports. During the cold weather there has been much sickness in our community and fruits and flowers have been taken to them by members of our society.

Our May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. A. Frank.

MRS. VAN B. WOOD, Reporter.

Bethesda, Halifax Charge, W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor, April 11.—There hasn't been a report from our church in some time but our work is going on smoothly. Mr. Howard brought us a wonderful sermon yesterday in which he showed us the true meaning of Easter. He brought to us the fickleness of the mob on Palm Sunday, the ignominious death of Jesus on the cross, and his glorious resurrection. His sermon showed much thought and study. Miss Ethel Harrison sang "The Palms" for us which we enjoyed very much. We were glad to have many of the Bear Swamp congregation worship with us.

The district meeting of Women's Auxiliaries met with Bethesda church March 30—we enjoyed having them meet with us. Mrs. D. S. Coletrane of Raleigh, and Mrs. E. O. Peeler, of Concord, brought us good addresses which made us think seriously.

Mrs. A. M. Fountain, better known here as Maxine Taylor, made the address for us at our Thank Offering service. She was visiting her parents. Our Auxiliary has paid all budgets and elected new officers for the new year, Mrs. F. S. Thomas, president; Mrs. J. S. Stallings, vice-president; Mrs. F. M. Taylor, secretary and treasurer. We, the Auxiliary, wishes to thank Mrs. Street and Thomas Street for the beautiful flowers when we had the district meeting.

Mrs. W. E. Swaringen and daughter, Helen Lois, who visited Mrs. N. M. Harrison this winter have returned to her home in Rutherfordton. Mrs. Swaringen was pianist while she was with us and we thank her very much for her services.

Mrs. M. B. Moore and grandson, Billy Moore, of Fayetteville, visited in the home of F. M. Taylor the last week in March. Mrs. T. J. Taylor and baby, Doris Darling, visited them first week in April.

Marvin Taylor, of State college, visited his parents last week-end.

Miss Mary Thomas, of Belhaven, is visiting her parents.

Mrs. F. S. Thomas is recovering from an appendicitis operation.

The debaters of our school won in triangle debate and will go to Chapel Hill last of April for another trial. Phil Taylor, of our church, is one of the four debaters.

ASSISTANT REPORTER.

Siler City Church, A. M. Smith, Pastor, April 11.—Our spring revival started the first Sunday night in April and closed the following Friday night. Our pastor did the preaching and brought to us some wonderful gospel messages. His sermons get better all the time. We feel there was much good accomplished during our revival, although there was no visible results. Some will join at a later date. Special music for the services was furnished by Miss Doris Fox, Mrs. V. M. Duncan, Mrs. Herbert Andrew and Evans Stone. At the last three services it rained so hard our congregation was small. We were glad to have Mrs. A. E. Pleasants, of West End church, Greensboro, worship with us on Friday night; also Mrs. Helen Helmstetler, of Greensboro, was with us for every service. Mrs. Emma B. Siler spent the week with Mrs. E. D. Woody and attended the revival. We always feel better when she is in our congregation.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church on the fourth Sunday morning for the last meeting of the year. We had a large group in attendance and a good meeting. Each circle gave a report of the year's work which was very encouraging. We will strive to do still greater things through the new year. Circle No. 1 will meet with Mrs. L. L. Moody Monday night, April 11, and Circle No. 2 will meet with Mrs. E. D. Woody Tuesday night, April 12.

Those attending the Seventh District meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary held at Friendship church on the fourth Sunday afternoon in March, from our Auxiliary, were Mesdames T. L. Smith, D. L. Johnson, J. A. Cooper, I. H. Ellington, B. E. Fox, O. H. Stone, Duncan Welch and Misses Cleta F. Andrew, Sallie Smith and Flossie Siler.

Last Sunday the children, relatives and friends of Mr. J. H. Fox, one of our oldest members, gave a dinner honoring his 75th birthday.

Each Sunday one of the churches in our town is responsible for a religious service at the Chatham county prison camp. The second Sunday a fine delegation from our church, with the C. E. society in charge, held a very impressive service. Mr. S. H. Ellington, the C. E. president, had charge. After a song Mr. T. L. Smith led the prayer. Then Mr. Eli Houser, principal of Henry Siler school, held the audience spellbound with a most wonderful message that fit right in for the occasion. Surely, the prisoners as well as all others who heard this fine talk will see life different and strive to lead a more consecrated life.

Miss Sallie Smith is confined to her room with a severe cold. She was missed from her accustomed place in Sunday school Sunday.

Mr. L. L. Wrenn has recovered from a recent illness and was able to be at the revival services part of the time.

An Easter pageant, "An Easter Tribute" will be presented on Easter Sunday night. Miss Flossie Siler will have charge of the program and Mrs. S. H. Ellington will direct the music.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Goodwin and son, Tony, have returned from a six months' stay in California and are spending some time with Mrs. Goodwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Fox.

MRS. J. A. COOPER, Reporter.

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South Winston, C. B. Way, Pastor. — We should like for the readers to know about our new organization, "The Rainbow Circle" for children under 14 years of age, which is under the direction of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Way, and Miss Ruth Gough. They have a monthly meeting and take part in any other service they like. We feel this circle will be a great help in training our children for future leadership.

Our pastor delivered an inspirational message on Sunday morning, April 10, his theme being, "He Is Risen." We were proud to have at this service for the first time, printed programs, made possible by contributions of local business firms. We are very thankful for these and feel that they will be of much service.

Our church and community mourn the loss of a faithful member and friend, Mrs. Nancy C. Bowers, who said, "Good Morning, Up There" on Tuesday, April 5, 1938. She will be missed greatly but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

RUTH GOUGH, Reporter.

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Mill Grove, Midland, Earl A. Cook, Pastor.— We were indeed glad to have the pleasure of hearing the good singing rendered by the singers of the North and South Carolina singing convention which was held at this church the fourth Sunday in March.

There are a few people unable to attend church on account of sickness. We hope they will soon be out again.

We were indeed glad to have the president of the N. C. Conference, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, who brought us a very inspiring message on April 10, at 2:30 o'clock.

There will be an Easter sunrise service held at Mill Grove church Easter morning, April 17, at 5:30 o'clock.

W. M. MISENHEIMER, Reporter.

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Gideon Grove.—We have not had a report in the church paper for a long time; but that does not mean that we have been idle.

We have our Sunday school each Sunday morning, and under the able leadership of our faithful superintendent, Mr. G. A. Middleton, we feel that we are really doing a good work. Each month we send an offering to the Children's Home.

Recently the members of the Sunday school met and cleaned the grounds surrounding the church. At this time a handsome cement walk was laid, to replace the unsightly board one, that had been in use several months.

We have preaching services each second Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and each fourth Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Our pastor, Rev. J. A. Burgess, brings us some wonderful messages and, our people feel that they are very fortunate in having Mr. Burgess for a pastor.

I hope this will tell all our readers that Gideon Grove is still alive and working, and you will be hearing more from us in the near future.

ORELIA FRIDDLE, Reporter.

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China Grove, Atlas Ridge, Pastor. — This being our first report doesn't mean that we haven't been working. Since the last Conference we have bought new benches for the church, and also have it partly ceiled.

Our pastor has filled his regular appointments, which proved to be interesting and helpful.

Our attendance has been small, but is increasing, for which we are very glad and we hope that as the weather grows better that the people will take more interest in the church.

The Ladies' Aid society has done much toward helping to finish the church. They have done lots of needle work and sold it which helped a great deal to finish our church.

We ask the prayers of all, that our church may grow, and also that we will do the will of our Father.

REPORTER.

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Worthville Church, C. L. Spencer, Pastor, April 11.—Our work is moving along nicely. We had 123 at Sunday school yesterday and $4.69 collection. Two classes, the Baraca and Intermediate, were all present with the Baraca taking both the attendance and collection banners for the day.

At the 11 o'clock service Mr. Spencer gave a good message to a comfortably-filled house, using as a text, St. John 12:23; subject, "Getting a Vision of Christ." His message was very fitting for Palm Sunday. The Lord's Supper was taken at this time.

The measles epidemic is getting in our community, but we hope this will be over before our revival which will begin some time the last of May.

Pray for us that we may win souls for the Master.

MRS. C. O. BYRD, Reporter.

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Bethesda, North Davidson, W. H. Neese, Pastor.—We are glad indeed that our church work is moving along nicely. Rev. Mr. Neese fills all of his appointments with interesting messages. His text for Sunday, April 10, was "My God, My God, Why?"

We held Thank-Offering service on the second Sunday in March; Mrs. Auman, of Thomasville, was with us and brought us a very interesting message. We trust she will come back again. Our collection was $18.28.

Our Junior choir is growing in number and interest.

The death angel has visited our community and took two of our neighbors a few weeks ago: Mr. Noah Grubb was stricken suddenly and died in a few days. He was a faithful member and regular in attendance in Sunday school and church. He is missed greatly. Last week, April 7, God saw fit to call Mrs. R. J. Wagner; she was sick only a few days, although a member of Pilgrim Reform church, she attended our church services. She was a good neighbor, always ready to help when needed, especially the sick. She will be missed so much; our hearts are saddened to see our older people passing out.

Mr. H. H. Brinkley continues ill; Mrs. Ed Wagner has also been quite sick. We pray a speedy recovery.

We were glad to have Mr. Jesse Wagner from Durant, Mich., worship with us Sunday. Also Mrs. Ed Tatum, of Virginia.

We will have a short Easter program Sunday morning, following Sunday school.

We have our church painted, which improves the looks right much. We hope to do more later.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

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Sandy Ridge, Kernersville Circuit. — The M. P. church of Sandy Ridge has organized a Young People's society, the name of which is "Willing Workers." Any one can join just so they aren't over 15 years of age. We organized the 27th of March, just nine members at the first meeting; second meeting, 15 members, and four visitors. We are giving a badge to every member with "willing workers" on it. Our secretary is Miss Dorothy Sykes; treasurer, Miss Violet Frazier; leader, Ruby Westmoreland; and pastor of the church, Mr. C. B. Way.

LEADER.

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West End, Greensboro.—It has been sometimes since this scribe has appeared in the reports from churches. But that does not mean that nothing has taken place. We have had the best prayer meetings since coming here. We have had around 50 for several Wednesday nights. President Pritchard dropped in to see us not long ago, on a Wednesday night, and I was showing him some moving pictures of our congregation and Florida scenes taken on a recent trip and while this was going on told him of the unusual attendance at prayer meeting. He said, "You should have a moving picture of that prayer meeting, that is so unusual." We are trying to get our folks ready for our revival beginning first Sunday in May. Brother C. E. Ridge will do most of the preaching. Please pray for us that many hearts may be "strangely warmed," especially among our membership.

Sunday school has run over the 200 mark now for several Sundays. So far as we can see most everybody is moving up except Mr. Cash. He is doing pretty well in most places. We are expecting to have half of the debt off the church found when I came here as pastor, by the last of the year, and $500 besides. It was $12,500 three and a half years ago. One-third of this year's payment is already in and all interest paid up-to-date. So when Mr. Cash catches up with pastor's salary he will be in good standing locally with all of us.

All organizations are functioning well so far as we can tell. Our greatest desire right now is to see West Greensboro brought to Christ. There is so much to do here that we almost break under the load sometimes. So we beg an interest in your prayers that the victory for Christ may be gained in all our lives here that claim to be Christians.

Some of the best of folks here. Some of them never forget us when they have anything that is good. We have been kindly remembered by the following with gifts worthwhile: Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Crutchfield, Mrs. Kimrey, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. J. J. Routh, Fred Summers, Mrs. A. E. Pleasants, Mildred Stack, Mrs. Douglas Fuquay, Mrs. J. K. Osborne, Mrs. F. S. Stockard, Mrs. M. H. Waynick, Mrs. R. P. Johnson, Mrs. C. C. Lemonds, Verla Mae Leonard, F S. Stockard, W. W. Eldridge, Mrs. Charles Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Stockard, Mrs. Minnie Stoker, S. E. Ratledge, Miss Gladys Routh. Thank you, friends. This word of thanks has been a long time coming in some cases, but the acts of kindness, these extras, have not been forgotten as well as your words of appreciation.

In our second quarterly conference, April 6, W. W. Eldridge and Mrs. C. C. Lemonds were nominated for candidates for delegate to Annual Conference. There are many signs of improvement that a close observer may see in the work of the Kingdom here. Pray for us.

N. G. BETHEA.

State Street Charge.—We are glad to report that both interest and attendance are good at all churches on this charge, and that all organizations are functioning in a splendid manner. One thing we are especially glad for, is the splendid spirit of unity existing on our charge. Our people at both State Street and West End have an aggressive attitude, and even though both churches are laboring under a great financial burden, yet they are making financial progress even under present economic conditions. It could but make any pastor's heart glad to see a people work so hard and make such sacrifices as are being done by these churches to meet their financial obligations. In State Street church, there is hardly a class in Sunday school, or any other organization of the church, but what is putting on money-making projects to raise money to go on our church debt. The C. E. society has made a liberal contribution to this cause. Through these cooperative efforts, State Street has pastor's salary paid up to date, and has raised about $400 to go on their church debt. Because of business conditions, West End has been laboring under a great difficulty, but in spite of her handicap she has kept her building and loan paid up to date.

The ladies of West End recently decided to turn their Ladies' Aid society into an Auxiliary. We are proud of this forward step and bid them God's blessings in all their work. The ladies are good workers and they have been a great help to the local church in carrying the many loads encumbered upon them. But now we feel they are preparing for a broader service to humanity through their new set-up.

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We have a splendid C. E. society in each of our churches. It is encouraging to see the interest these many young people manifest in Kingdom service and the general program of the church. They are building Christian character and preparing for a greater church of tomorrow. Though they are surrounded with many evils, and face many things to tempt them, yet many are steering clear of that which defiles, and are remaining clean and pure, and are growing strong in Christian faith.

We do not have these different organizations at Yadkin College because of the small and scattered membership, but it is always a pleasure to go there and preach to such an interested and inspiring group. Among them we have found the best earth can yield. For their sake, we are anxious to see church union consummated. Then they will be enabled to have a better organized, and a much stronger church, which to my mind, will enable them to do a greater work for the Master.

Pray for us as we labor for the Great Master.

O. C. LOY.

Cedar Falls, Richland Circuit.—Our Sunday school has grown so in the past few months, until it seems as though we are going to a different church; indeed it is different, for the Spirit of the Lord seems to have come in our midst. As never before everyone seems to have a greater love for one another and the Sunday school. Young men and women who had not been to Sunday school in two or three years, or never, are coming; not just once but every Sunday. Old men, that have not been in a long time answer to their names when it is called. Surely there is something behind it all; yes, a faithful Christian superintendent who loves the Lord and his fellowmen. C. F. Laughlin is doing his best to help others to find the peace and happiness he knows, and he has the cooperation of his Sunday school that is doing all it can to help him in his work. We do pray the Lord will bless every effort being made, and that these people will find Jesus for their own.

We have also organized a Christian Endeavor society. Every one is taking a great interest in it. We organized a week ago, and have over 30 members. We hope to get many more.

ALICE LAUGHLIN, Reporter.

Mt. Hermon Charge, Bellemont Church, J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—The work of our church is progressing nicely. Every one seems to be in the mood for work. The first Sunday was the beginning of a new quarter and as it is our custom to make a new roll, we found the enrollment to be 149.

On April 2, the Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored a "Stunt Party" at the hut which proved to be a success. The sum of $13.10 was realized and is to be applied to the heating system fund for the church and Sunday school rooms.

On Easter Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock an Easter pageant will be given. Mrs. J. R. Anderson and Mrs. Paul Lowder are in charge. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Holt and daughter, Kathryne, and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Holt, Jr., recently visited their brother, Rev. and Mrs. K. G. Holt in Mocksville where Rev. Holt is pastor.

The Young Married Women's class, of which Miss Ramah Shoffner is teacher, is planning a mothers' banquet to be given on Saturday evening before Mothers' Day. Each member of the class will invite their mother or a close friend to be their guest.

Rev. Anderson preached another one of his splendid sermons on the second Sunday evening. He used as his subject, "The Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." He made it very plain that without the power of God to overcome the weakness of the flesh we can not live a true Christian life.

Mrs. Mozelle Nicholson entertained the Young Married Women's class at her home last Saturday evening from 7 to 10 o'clock. Games were played and refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her sister, Miss Coline Rich. All report a very pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Craven Scrubbs spent the week-end with his parents in Norwood.

Mrs. Henry Welch and little daughter, Fay Jean, of Norfolk, Va., are spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sharpe.

Mrs. Mary Shoffner, who has been sick for some time, is improving slowly. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

REPORTER.

New Salem, Randleman Charge, C. L. Spencer, Pastor, April 5.—We were delighted to have with us Sunday, Dr. Andrews. We always enjoy his messages. Come again Dr. Andrews. We were also glad to have Mr. John Cooper and his singers of Asheboro, with us Sunday. Also Mr. and Mrs. Henry King, of Greensboro.

Since our last report our Young People have organized a Christian Endeavor, they have about 20 on roll at present.

We are glad to report Mr. C. R. Wood, who has been confined to his home for the last six weeks, is able to be out again.

Mr. O. B. Bisher, who has had measles, is out again.

We were glad to have Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Spencer worship with us in our Sunday evening prayer service.

Our second quarterly conference will be held at Worthville next Saturday afternoon.

MRS. R. L. WARD, Reporter.

Friendship, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, April 11.—Rev. Mr. Ridge delivered a wonderful message Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service: Seven sayings of Christ on the Cross, (1) "Father forgive them for they know not what they do"; (2) "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise"; (3) "Woman behold thy son"; (4) "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"; (5) "I thirst"; (6) "It is finished"; (7) "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit."

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We are glad to say little Miss Wilma Walser, daughter of Mrs. Josie Walser, is improving, hope she will soon be able to walk and be back at Sunday school.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Jackie Carol Phelps, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Phelps, of Welcome. Mrs. Phelps was before marriage, one of our members and lived in this community.

Mrs. Charlie Wood passed on to her eternal reward Friday night, April 8, and was laid to rest at Reeds' Baptist church cemetery Sunday afternoon, April 10, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Wood had many friends in this community, and a sister of the late Isaiah Miller.

There will be an Easter program given at Friendship church Sunday night, April 17.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. John Snider, of Winston-Salem, worship with us Sunday morning.

We are going to have a supper at the Friendship hut Saturday night, April 16, it will consist of oysters, chicken pie, hot dogs, hambergers, ice cream, cake, and a plate supper, beginning to serve at 6 o'clock; everybody is invited.

Our second quarterly conference will meet at Friendship church, April 23, at 2 o'clock. All official members try to be present.

ADELE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

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Welch Memorial Church, J. D. Williams, Pastor, April 11.—The spring revival commenced at our church April 3, with Rev. C. E. Ridge, of Shiloh church, preaching some fine sermons. At the 11 o'clock service on April 3, Dr. Williams gave us a good sermon and asked all members to come to the altar and reconsecrate ourselves to Christ and work for the meeting. We are having a good meeting and the interest is growing at every meeting. The Berrier quartet of Shiloh church, was with us one night last week and rendered several selections. Hope they will come again soon. We are looking for a good meeting this week. We are having some good singing, under the leadership of Brother I. B. Ridge and Brother W. W. Fry.

The state Baraca and Philathea union will be held in Oxford April 22, 23 and 24. The class elected Brother Gurney McDowell and Brother I. B. Ridge as delegates and the Philatheas elected their wives to represent the Philatheas.

Our Junior choir is taking an active part in the singing in our meeting.

EUGENE SEAGRAVES, Reporter.

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Hebron Church, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—"The Meaning of the Cross" was the subject used by our pastor Sunday afternoon at his regular appointment.

Our Easter service will be held Sunday morning, April 17, at 11 o'clock. A special program is being planned and hope to have a large attendance.

Plans are being made for our Home Coming day the fourth Sunday in April. Dr. R. M. Andrews will speak at 11 o'clock. The church roll will be called and we hope every member of the church will be present. As the members answer to their names they will be presented with a membership certificate. Everyone is invited. We hope to have all former pastors of this church present also.

A Mothers' Day program will be observed on the second Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This program will be sponsored by the Christian Endeavor society.

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary, met with Mrs. Ben Wilson Tuesday evening, April 5. Circle No. 2 will meet Friday evening, April 15, with Miss Georgia McCauly.

Our church attendance has been somewhat less, due to sickness in the community. We hope that everyone will soon be able to come back and attend regularly.

MRS. ELMER LLOYD, Reporter.

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St. Paul's, Greensboro.—Sunday, April 3, ended a two weeks' meeting at our church, one of the best we have had in some time. There were several souls saved for which we have been praying quite awhile. We were glad to have visitors from other churches. There was a good sized crowd at each service. Mr. Milloway, in spite of his infirmities, did not miss a single meeting. Mr. Ashburn was only absent once or twice. These two good men were an inspiration to us all.

Rev. J. W. Groce, from High Point, an able evangelistic worker, was with us during the whole two weeks.

Mr. A. D. Shelton, our pastor, was ill a few days but is much better now. He is helping in a revival near Randleman. Our prayers are with his meeting.

REPORTER.

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Shoals, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion Charge.—Our attendance at Sunday school and preaching is improving since spring is here.

Mr. Morris delivered a good gospel sermon the second Sunday at 11 o'clock to a congregation of Methodists and Baptists. Everyone likes to hear his sermons. Someone said the message Sunday was the best they ever heard.

Since our last report the Woman's Auxiliary has elected new officers for the coming year. We hope to have one of the best years we have ever had.

Mr. Bud Kiger, one of our loyal members and one of the oldest, has been unable to attend his church for sometime. He suffered a paralytic stroke about three weeks ago, but is slowly improving.

The C. E. society will meet with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gough Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday. Our society is studying the C. E. quarterly.

REPORTER.

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Mt. Carmel, Lexington Charge, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He preached on the subject, "Why Jesus had to be crucified." He brought out many interesting points, explaining that "sin" was the cause of His crucifixion.

Since spring has opened up our Sunday school is growing, and everything is moving along very nicely. We have good attendance every Sunday. We are planning an Easter service on Easter Sunday morning, the children are working hard preparing their program.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swicegood on March 22 with a very good attendance present. New officers were elected for the coming year, and they are striving to do more for the Kingdom of God in the future.

Mrs. C. A. Berrier has been sick for quite a while, but is some better at the present. We wish for her a speedy recovery and be back with us at Sunday school.

We ask the prayers of all Christian people that our church work may always be on the upward go.

MAREDITH HEDRICK, Reporter.

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Roberta Church, Q. L. Joyner, Pastor, April 4.—Regular services, Sunday school at 9:45 and preaching at 11 and 7 o'clock are being held at our church. There will be a Christian Endeavor society organized soon. We have lots of young people in our community that need to be lined up with the church.

The church has been painted inside and outside with two coats of paint. New steps and different things around the church that was needed has been done.

The young ladies' society are getting up a play to give in the future.

MRS. CARL WILLIAMS, Reporter.

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Canaan, N. Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, April 12.—On Wednesday, April 6, at 1:30 p. m., the Canaan Ladies' Aid met in the home of Mrs. Sallie Motsinger with her daughter, Mrs. Nell Linville as joint hostess. Mrs. Carl Clodfelter had charge of the devotionals. The society used the new guide book for the first time and the program was carried out as laid down in the book. Mrs. J. D. Smith read the scriptures and Mrs. John Robins led in prayer. At the beginning of the program the song, "Low in the Grave" was sung and "Rock of Ages" was used for the closing song. The following ladies had part in the meditation: Mrs. Gurney Tuttle, Mrs. Leroy Miller, Mrs. Paul Hines, Mrs. A. L. Berrier, Mrs. Grant Reece and Mrs. Robah Mendenhall. During the business hour the president, Mrs. J. D. Smith, presided. There were 21 members present, six visitors and four childrn; one new member was added to the roll; 75 sick calls were reported and flowers had been sent to 10 of the sick. The society voted to send $3 to the Branch Treasurer for High Point college; they also voted to give $5 toward the Minnis' salary for next year. Acting upon

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Mrs. Andrews' suggestion in M. P. Herald the society elected Mrs. J. D. Smith and Mrs. Gurney Tuttle delegates to Branch meeting in Burlington. At the close of the meeting all present were served delicious ice cram and cake. The May meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Robah Mendenhall. At this time officers for the new year will be elected.

The people on the work are still remembering us with good things to eat, those since last report are Miss Bessie Swaim, Mrs. Robert Swaim, Mrs. P. C. Reid, Mrs. Thomas Hilton, Mrs. G. M. Yokely, Mrs. W. D. Payne, Mrs. Van Mabe and Mrs. Virgil Morris. Since last report Mr. C. W. Clodfelter, Mr. John Robins and Mr. Van Mabe sawed up our wood for us. For all these kindnesses we say "thank you."

MRS. W. H. NEESE,
Ladies' Aid Reporter.

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Community Church, Thomasville.—We have had splendid attendance at our Sunday school and church services for the past few Sundays. A week ago last Sunday the Young Men's class boasted an attendance of 85.

Two weeks ago we had three additions to our church: Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Westmoreland and Clunette Westmoreland. Last Sunday we received eight more new members, including Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Reed, Bobbie Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Einstein, Tommie Einstein, Johnny Jones and Harry Lee Myers. We extend to each of the above a hearty welcome into our fellowship.

Beginning next Friday evening with a candlelight communion service our "Easter services for the deepening of Spiritual life" will be held each evening at 7:30 o'clock for ten days. Our own pastor, Mr. Auman, will be in charge of the revival and we are expecting great things. Everyone is invited to attend the services. Cottage prayer services are being held this week in the special interest of the services.

We are happy to say that Mrs. Auman, who has been confined to her home with mumps, is back with us again.

MRS. H. B. GREEN, Reporter.

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First Church, High Point. — Sunday was Sacrificial Offering Sunday at our church at the 11 o'clock service. Both the junior and senior congregations responded nobly with their savings, which have been made during the Lenton season. The offerings were deposited in two large chests at the altar. So far our church has contributed $250 to the Fellowship Crusade and the rest of our obligations will be met in due time.

For the morning service the pastor chose as his subject, "Praise or Emulation?" based on the story of Christ's entry into Jerusalem. In closing his sermon, Mr. Madison said, "We begin to live when in the spirit of the Master, we are willing to carry the cross."

At the evening service 19 children who had been attending a class on the principles of church membership, joined the church. Over 700 persons attended the services of the church Sunday.

The last pre-Easter prayer meetings are being held this week. Monday evening they were held at the homes of Dr. L. H. Zimmerman and Mrs. Broadus Leonard. Wednesday evening services were held at the church. On Thursday evening Holy Communion and new members were received. On Friday, from 12 o'clock to 3 o'clock Union services were held at Wesley Memorial M. E. church. On Friday evening the children of the church will present a play, "The Story of Easter." The pastor will preach his Easter message Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour and Sunday night the choir will render a cantata.

Our revival services will begin on April 20. Dr. Link, of Newark, N. J., will conduct these services.

The Woman's Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Walker, has begun its work for the new missionary year with a good start and things in general are humming in our church. We are hoping our coming revival will serve as a reconsecration of our membership and help us to realize, even more keenly, our duties as church members.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS.

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NOTICE

Hebron M. P. Church, Orange Charge, will hold its annual Home-coming Day, Sunday, April 24. There will be a roll call at 11 o'clock, and the members answering "present" will receive a certificate of church membership. Dr. A. G. Dixon will preach at the morning service. Dinner will be served picnic style. Dr. R. M. Andrews will present the Fellowship Crusade in the afternoon. There will also be short talks by former pastors, interspersed by special musical selections. Mr. A. K. McAdams will have charge of the musical portion of the program. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.

C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

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The Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work will meet at Burlington, N. C., April 27-28. Be sure to be there!

Fifty-Fifth Commencement of the WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Westminster, Md.—May 1-3, 1938

Sunday, May 1—In M. P. Church

10:45 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon, President Charles Edward Forlines.

8 p. m.—Alumni Sermon, Rev. John Paul Lambertson, class of 1931; Pastor Sheraden M. P. church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Monday, May 2—In Seminary Chapel

8 p. m.—Lecture: "Phases of Life Observed by a Lawyer," F. Murray Benson, Attorney-at-Law, Baltimore, Md.

Tuesday, May 3In Seminary Library

10 a. m.—Annual meeting of Board of Governors.

In M. P. Church

8 p. m.—Commencement Exercises: Address to the Graduates, Rev. A. H. McKinley, D.D., District Superintendent, Baltimore-West District, Baltimore Conference M. E. Church, Baltimore, Md.

Graduates and Degrees

Diplomas: Nobel Byford Blackman, Floyd Anthony Carroll, and Vernon A. Martin.

Bachelor of Sacred Theology: James Lewis Carraway, John Joseph Dawson, Jasper Lee Jones, and Thomas Ward Kemp.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES, PLEASANT GROVE

At 10:30 on the first Sunday in May Memorial services will be held at Pleasant Grove. You are invited to attend these services.

C. L. GRANT.

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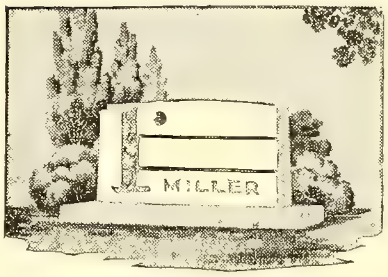

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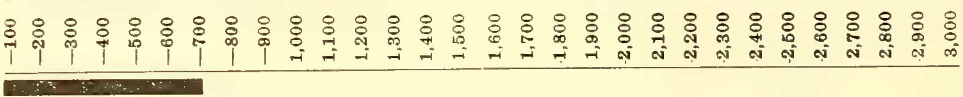

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Takes pretty close figuring sometimes when several are so near the same to find out who did lead. But J. L. we Love you for putting Draper on the map this time. It is always encouraging to see our younger and smaller charges take the lead. It shows that there is something there to build upon that is worthwhile. Thank you Brother Love. We love you any way for your faithfulness and making the effort to get your folks where they belong. You only have a little ways to go to teach your number of subscriptions, and the subsidy, too. Put 'em in capitals and black faced figures just as soon as possible. That is part of the Fellowship Crusade, you know. Busy times now for the pastors and those who have the interest of the church at heart. So many calls for money that it gets where we wish we could run without it. But that is impossible, so we just well settle down to the effort to make things go and work up an appetite for paying for the things worthwhile, and making investments like having good literature come into our homes and the homes of our people. And there is none more elevating than the Methodist Protestant Herald.

"By Granny," I am afraid I am going to get scared of that unlucky number, THIRTEEN, if we stay there much longer. Had you noticed that for several weeks we have been at thirteen? What if it stays there until it will be thirteen weeks before some one pays out on subsidy? No, I don't believe in that thing. Just add another letter brethren to that word luck and spell it PLUCK, and then use it in getting up your subsidy and we will forget about the other. Come on boys, let's pay up.

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the Doxology, and returned home. A new year was upon us.

What about the New Year, I cannot make certain predictions, but God has given us His protection and care during the dangers of 1937, and now we hope and pray of His Grace and Guidance for 1938. We look forward to the arrival of the Soderboms in a few days. We look forward to Miss Armstrong's coming to join us. We look forward to celebrating with other Methodists in China and the world over, John Wesley's Aldersgate experience. We rejoice that many Chinese have a better spirit toward the Christian church than they have ever had. We think often of promises of God to His servants in the dark ages past, and we trust in Him. May God's Grace abide with all of us!

Very sincerely yours,
J. WESLEY DAY.
Peking, Jan. 30, 1938.

P. S.—Rev. and Mrs. Soderbom arrived in Peking Thursday, January 27, in good health and excellent spirit. Plans are in progress at Kalgan for their reception on arrival Tuesday, February 1. It should be a great boom to the work to have the Soderboms back on the job, especially during the present somewhat unsettled period. The China church most cordially welcomes the Soderboms back to China.

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NOTICE OF QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The second quarterly conference will meet at Spring church Wednesday after the third Sunday in April at 3:30 p. m. A full attendance of the official members is desired.

B. M. WILLIAMS.

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Great Love and Much Service

From Four Minute Essays

DR. FRANK CRANE

It is the commonest things in the world that most need definition. Nothing is more constantly spoken of than happiness. It is the end of religion, the object of philosophy, the dream of the wretched, the quest of the whole world. But what is it?

Suppose we ask ourselves that? And suppose we patiently and honestly try to find an answer? If we discover what happiness is, or at least what it means to us, we have gone a long way towards grasping happiness, the thing itself.

And just to stimulate your inquiry allow me to hand to you a definition I read the other day, I knew not where. It is this:

Happiness is great love and much service.

If you will look about carefully among the people you know, not neglecting yourself, you will discover that not one of them is happy that does not love.

Happiness is the perfume of the rose of love, the light shining from the candle of love, the sound from the bells of love.

You get a certain something that resembles happiness from the gratification of desire, from eating, from drinking, playing, and the like. But it all has in itself the seed of boredom. You get sated from satisfying appetite; but in the happiness that comes from love is no satiety.

What is true of love, is equally true of service; because to love is to serve. The great mass of men and women are reasonably content because they are at work. They often complain of their work. They even call labor a curse. But they would be miserable without it.

They dream of a life of idleness and self-indulgence, and many imagine that it is heaven. It is not. It is hell.

This world was made for lovers and for servants.

If one's heart is full of love, and his hand full of service, he has no morbid "problems." He has solved the riddle of life.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Obituary Committee for Mrs. R. L. Vickery

With the approval of Brother Vickery I am naming Rev. O. B. Williams, Rev. C. G. Isley and Rev. J. L. Love as the ministerial members of the obituary committee for Mrs. R. L. Vickery, wife of the pastor of our First Church at Danville, Va. Mrs. Vickery passed away on Monday morning of last week and the funeral was held in an undertaking establishment in Danville on Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the President of the Conference with Rev. O. B. Williams and Rev. C. G. Isley assisting. Burial was in the High Point Floral Gardens at High Point, N. C., with Dr. R. M. Andrews assisting.

Our Sick Ministers

Knowing how anxious a large number of our people are to hear from Rev. R. S. Troxler and Rev. D. R. Williams, two of our ministers who have been ill for a number of weeks I will say that Brother Troxler is at his home on R.F.D. 4, Burlington, N. C., but he does not respond to treatment as we would like to see him do. Those who wish to see him will find his home just off the highway in Glen Raven. Brother Williams has been removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Garrison, at the extreme end of West Front street in Burlington. While Brother Williams seems to be improving some, yet his physician says he will not be able to take up his work before the first of June. I am sure that many of our people are praying for the recovery of these two useful ministers.

End of the Second Quarter

In order to have four quarters of equal length I am asking that the second quarter of this Conference year end with Friday, May 6. This will give one week in which to get quarterly reports to me for the mid-year meeting at Community Church on Friday, May 13. Report blanks will be mailed out at an early date and the ministers will be requested to return them promptly.

A Largely Attended Communion Service

On Thursday evening of last week it was my privilege to assist in Communion services at the First Church in High Point, Rev. Clay Madison, pastor. Without a doubt this was the most largely attended Communion service that I have ever seen for a week night. Some one of the leading members of the Church said that the congregation lacked not more than seventy-five or a hundred of being as large as the usual Sunday morning congregation. At the close of communion eight persons were received into Church membership by letter. Nineteen had been received on profession of faith on the previous Sunday. All of this was before the revival meeting started. This proves that people can be found for the Church when they are sought.

A Visit to the Cleveland Charge

On Saturday of last week I went to Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, pastor. The appointment Saturday night was at Lawndale. This is a Union Church, the Baptist, M. E. South and M. P.'s all using the same building. The ministers of this Church had been taking turns in preaching in revival services during the week and I substituted for Brother Madison on Saturday night. There was a fine congregation present and it was a privilege to preach to them. The services will continue this week.

At 10 o'clock on Sunday morning the service was held at Oak Grove Church. This Church has a comparatively new brick building, built during the pastorate of Rev. R. S. Troxler a few years ago. When this building is finished it will be ample for the needs of the community for many years. The people entered heartily into the service and it was a joy to be there. The parsonage, a nice brick building is located right near this Church so that the minister's family can have a place to worship without having to go with the minister on the Sabbath day. This is something which should be taken into consideration in the building of parsonages. It is a very fine thing for the family to be able to go to the various churches on a circuit enough to get acquainted but it is too bad that in so many cases children have to go to a different Sunday School every Sunday.

Moving out quickly from the service at 10:50, we drove over to Kistler's Union Church, about four miles away, for the 11 o'clock service. Here we found a nice brick building with Sunday School rooms and beautiful shrubbery. This building, also, was erected during the pastorate of Rev. R. S. Troxler. Here is a Church which was the first in all the Conference to report that it had reached the goal in the Fellowship Crusade. At this place we had a fine congregation and it was a pleasure to preach to them. In the afternoon we went back to Lawndale for the commencement sermon in the Piedmont High School. In as much as there are so many Methodist Protestant Churches in this county, it was but natural that there should be many of our people in the audience. Here was a fine graduating class in the academic caps and gowns. Rev. R. L. Hethcox, the pastor of the Fallston Charge was present and he and several other ministers occupied seats on the platform and had parts on the program.

A New Church at Mt. Moriah

Saturday afternoon Brother Madison took me to Mt. Moriah that I might see the new Church which is being built to replace the one which was burned since Conference. This is of brick construction and consists of an auditorium and six Sunday School rooms. When finished it will be a splendid plant.

Brother Madison, the pastor is full of energy and certainly has things moving. He is one of our most successful ministers.

Appointments

Sunday, April 24—9:45 a. m., First Church, Thomasville.

Sunday, May 1—First Church, High Point, 11 a. m.

Saturday, May 7—Randolph Charge in second quarterly conference at Shiloh Church at 2 p. m.

Sunday, May 8—11 a. m., in Circuit Rally, Littleton Charge, Hawkins Chapel Church; 7:30 p. m. at Vaughan.

Sunday, May 15—11 a. m., in Circuit Rally, Why Not Charge, New Zion Church; 2 p. m., in Circuit Rally, Davidson Charge, Chapel Hill Church.

J. E. Pritchard.

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A Message in Verse

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day,
And, as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded to my will.

I came again when days were passed—
The bit of clay was hard at last,
The form I gave it, it still bore,
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day,
And moulded with my power and art
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years were gone—
It was a man I looked upon,
He still that early impres wore,
And I could change him, nevermore.

—*Anonymous.*

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Push and Pull make a mighty good team. The two together can accomplish more than much again as either when working alone.

The open Bible and the open saloon do not go together. But when the Book is closed for any reason in a community, the saloons begin to open and the "wide open Sabbath" is the rule. The drinker and Sabbath desecrator has to close his Bible to feel at ease in his sins.

Tears are a soul language understood by people of every race. A weeping Chinese mother for her lost son will make us feel her grief as though she spoke our own language. There is a sense in which tears, smiles, sorrow and joy make themselves understood throughout the world.

The Curse of Idleness

Any one who travels the highways much these days becomes aware of the large number of idle people there must be in our country. Some of it forced upon them, but much of it through choice. The adult, often with children, grimey with travel trying to thumb a ride. They present a most pathetic sight. But even worse is the increasing number of boys just entering their teens who, too, are seeking a lift to some new place. These boys as a rule were still in the grammar grades of school when they quit to enter this "school" of idleness and crime. I have picked up a number of them and talked with them to find that they were on the road because they disagreed with their parents or disliked their teachers at school. But there is another group of idlers whose employment lasts not more than seven or eight hours a day; these have been set free from the grinding labor of twelve or fourteen hours a day; which is a good deed. But many of them are getting into trouble during those hours of idleness which would never have happened had they been employed. The labor unions and some of our legislators appear concerned about the long hours people had to labor, but exhibit no concern whatever for what shall become of these people now set free from labor and the responsibility of service. Out of this idle group is being recruited into the ranks of the criminals thousands who could be saved to a good life by employment. The average age of the three and one-half million criminals whose business is crime in this country is nineteen years. Is it not time that some measure be adopted to correct this growing evil through idleness?

Humility

Charles Dickens in his masterful manner gives us a caricature of false humility in Urriah Heep which has become a classic. He makes his character exhibit itself in its artificial, sychophantish way before his readers until you loathe it. It is that false humility which depreciates itself to the lowest level that it may glory in it, as proud of being humble as a peacock is of its feathers. But the humble person recognizes his true self in point of fact; that he is a debtor to Almighty God for life, for opportunity to serve; for redemption. He feels that in the sight of God he is nothing. But humility does not make one lose faith in himself, nor does it destroy courage to undertake and to do the tasks which become him as a human being. It is really disgusting to hear people brag about their humility. Had they ever read David Copperfield they would not do it, unless they really admired Urriah Heep.

First Church, Concord

We received the picture of this Church last week too late to make any comment. This week we are supplied by the pastor with quite a bit of data out of which the Editor is pleased to weave this story.

First Church grew up out of a Sunday School conducted by Brother W. H. Scarboro which was organized in 1902. The services were held in a building near the Locke Mills. The Church was organized by Rev. C. A. Pickens in the same year; less than twenty members formed the group. First revival services were conducted by Rev. N. G. Bethea, D.D. After the Annual Conference of 1902, Rev. C. A. Swift served as pastor for a few months. He was succeeded by Brother Burgess, the present lot was purchased at a cost of $100.00 during his ministry. We are unable just now to publish the list of all pastors, but the present pastor is Rev. E. O. Peeler who is now serving his second year under whose pastoral direction the auditorium has been entirely reconstructed. W. J. Widenhouse was the chairman of the building committee. The present membership is around 300, with a Sunday School enrollment of 350; Mr. Ralph Waddell, is superintendent.

Last Sunday the first service was held in the new auditorium and at the membership meeting raised $2,100 which pays all expenses of building and furnishing the auditorium. And even better still there were nineteen members received into membership, making a total of thirty-five since Conference, and four infants were baptized. The Georgian-Colonial style of architecture, veneered in red-faced brick is used. The interior is finished in ivory and white, with dubonnet carpent. The cost of the new auditorium is around $15,000. Again we congratulate our loyal members there; it was a great undertaking for them, but they have done it well and all of our people rejoice with them in their splendid success.

Church Attendance

Not many of us consider the importance of Church attendance long enough to give any reason why we should go to Church; here are three good reasons: First, we should attend a worship service to receive the spiritual uplift and strength for the coming days. The worship service, as a rule, is planned for that purpose. Its hymns, Scripture reading, prayer, responses, sermon, Christian fellowship were all designed to increase in us the faith, the hope, the courage and the desire to serve our fellowman. All of us need to have our ideals restored from time to time and to rededicate ourselves to fuller Christian service—the very thing a good worship service does for us.

In the second place, we need to attend a public worship service because it offers us certain privileges of service; it gives us opportunity from time to time to help others which we might not find elsewhere. Then, too, our presence there, our cooperation with others of like mind, our participation in the service, tend to build up a good public sentiment and to increase the spirit of brotherhood among the group.

In the third place, we should attend the Church service because it has become our duty as members of the Church. In fact, we promised to do that very thing. When we join the Church we become a part of the Church, its program, its purpose, its activities become ours. Much like the meeting of the stockholders of a stock company—the success of the business of the company depends upon the cooperation of the stockholders. If the Church fails, most likely the failure is due to the lack of faithfulness of its members; they just failed to do what they had promised to do. Certainly it is no light thing to absent ourselves from public worship upon any slight pretext.

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To Speak at Lebanon M. P. Church

Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams will speak at Lebanon M. P. Church, High Point, N. C., Friday, April 29, at 7:30 p. m.

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"For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ."—*John Andrew Holmes.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

That Good Church at Philippi

Philippi was Paul's favorite Church. He refers to the Christians there as his joy and crown. He, like all pastors, looked upon one particular organization as his most outstanding Church, and in this case, it was Philippi. The Christians there appreciated Paul, understood him, and lost no opportunity in showing love and loyalty to the work. It was a good Church.

In the first place, Philippi was the pioneer Church in Europe. At Troas in Asia the man appeared to Paul in a dream saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Following this suggestion the missionaries turned across the Aegean and were soon on Macedonian soil. A Church was founded at Philippi and won the distinction of being the first one in Europe.

It was noted for its cosmopolitan spirit. People from many lands crossed through Philippi, government activities centered there, and many important events there had given fame to the city. Cassius and Brutus met death at Philippi. Nothing of the cramping provincialism bothered this center of thought and culture. Being less Jewish and more cosmopolitan Paul met less trouble with those who appealed to prejudice and tradition.

This meant, also, that this Church was progressive. It looked forward instead of backward. It was alive with commerce and new education. People there were not afraid of a new idea. To Paul, who brought a message of marvelous meaning, this implied a sympathetic hearing. In such an atmosphere a Church would, naturally, want to do things and go forward. It was eager to adopt the whole denominational program, budget and all.

Again, it was a Church of splendid leadership. Men of high positions in business and state lived there, and no doubt the Church drew upon their ability in matters of religious leadership. Hardly anything makes glad the heart of the pastor like fine leaders! No wonder Paul could speak of them as his joy and crown.

Furthermore, women were prominent among the leaders. In fact the organization had its start in a little Vesper service conducted by the women down by the riverside. And Lydia was the first convert to the new cause. Ordinarily in that day women had nothing to do with public meetings, but at Philippi it was different. That was in Macedonia, a country of greater freedom and less tradition. And thus women took the lead, and Paul in writing made special mention of two of them, Euodias and Syntyche.

Finally, it was a liberal Church: liberal in two ways. It was liberal in its religious views and liberal in finance. Paul has no doctrinal controversy with them there, nor does he have to insist upon money. In fact the Philippians hold the record for raising missionary funds. On several occasions they sent money to Paul. But they did not stop there: they also sent one of their members, the young man, Epaphroditus, to be with St. Paul in prison at Rome. Indeed this was one Church which understood Paul and looked after his every need. Epaphroditus became violently sick while in Rome and upon recovering was sent back to Philippi. But the great apostle never got through praising the Philippian Christians for their deep love and concern for his welfare.

Now it was to this good Church that Paul wrote, as we might expect, his most joyful letter. It is known as a message of Christian joy. In it he exclaims, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." These good people had given the apostle reason for rejoicing — an excellent pattern for any modern congregation.

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METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCHES GAIN IN CHURCH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Due to the decline of Church School enrollment in most of the denominations during the past decade religious education workers everywhere have become very much concerned. The Secretary of the Department of Religious Education, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has made a survey of fifteen denominations which shows the percentage of decrease and increase for the past five years. The findings follow:

Denomination	*Loss or Gain in Last Five Years*	*Percentage of Loss or Gain*
Congregational	115,662	14.7
Disciples of Christ	28,698	2.5
Evangelical Church	24,689	7.6
Free Methodist	25,665	30
Methodist Episcopal	428,223	10.6
Methodist Episcopal, South	111,600	5.6
Methodist Protestant	2,006	0.07
Northern Baptist	57,612	5
Northern Presbyterian	141,131	8.7
Presbyterian Church in Canada	11,521	0.1
Protestant Episcopal	18,346	3.2
Southern Presbyterian	14,143	3.3
United Brethren	26,841	6.2
United Church in Canada	17,480	2.7
United Presbyterian Church	15,808	8.1

It is with alarm that we observe the decrease in thirteen of these denominations but we are pleased to note that the Methodist Protestant Church is one of the two which show an increase. The Methodist Protestant statistics were based on the figures for the five years prior to 1936 which showed an increase of 2,006. We have just received a report from our denominational statistical secretary, Dr. J. S. Eddins, showing that our Sunday School enrollment for 1937 is 185,620. This is an increase of 10,650 for the past seven years.

Dr. Schisler's report states a number of causes for this decrease. They are:

1. Decline in evangelical zeal and in the spiritual life of the people; rise of secularism in general, and the secularization of the Sabbath in particular.

2. Widespread sense of satisfaction in local Churches with present enrollment; failure to follow up absentees.

3. Decline in missionary passion, particularly for home missions.

4. Increasing efficiency of public schools as compared with the lack of trained teachers in the Church School.

5. Decline in birth rate in the United States.

6. The Church School roll is a live roll being revised more frequently than the roll of Church members.

7. Decline in use of contests and other high pressure methods, so that reported enrollment probably more nearly approximates actual enrollment now than formerly.

8. Other agencies, such as vacation Church school, weekday school, adult education programs, young people's camps and institutes are providing religious education, but statistics on these are not included in the Sunday School statistics.

We have been endeavoring to discover why the Methodist Protestant Sunday Church Schools show an increase. Some of the positive factors are:

1. A continuous emphasis on trained leadership. 15,819 students were trained for a week in our summer schools during the past six years. Hundreds of others have taken work in cooperative schools and interdenominational schools and classes.

2. Enthusiasm created by our summer conference schools which touched a popular attendance of 66,237.

3. The aggressive leadership on the part of our ministers and the faithfulness of our officers and teachers all along the line.

4. Current emphasis on a constructive program of Christian Religious Education in the local Church including children's work, Youth work, Adult work, and Leadership Education.

5. The absence of the old controversy between genuine evangelism and a program of Christian Education.

Future plans for keeping up the enrollment should include some of the following:

1. The extension of our summer conference leadership program into every Annual Conference district.

2. The maintenance of high standards through adequately prepared leadership to supervise these enterprises.

3. The continuation of the above positive factors.

4. An aggressive program on the part of each Church and Church School to reach the unreached in the community.

5. A special effort to have Children, Youth, and Adults to have a share in the actual planning of worship services, service projects, etc., in the local Church.

6. A deepening of the spiritual life of students, teachers and leaders.

7. A restudy of the local Church Christian Education program on the part of those in charge for the purpose of supplying better equipment, a more adequate system of grading and improvements in leadership.

Our Sunday School Superintendents, Pastors, and leaders all along the line are to be congratulated upon keeping our enrollment up during these most difficult years. We sincerely hope that the present and future years will bring even greater results.

For further information about a more adequate program of Christian Education for the local Church write to the Board of Christian Education, Department of Religious Education, 3269 W. Liberty Avenue, Room 208, Pittsburgh, (16), Pa.

F. L. GIBBS, *Executive Secretary.*

Pittsburgh, Pa.

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RECEIVING VISION FOR SERVICE

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, April 24, 1938

By REV. J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—Mark 9:2-10.

Golden Text—"This is my beloved Son: hear ye him."—Mark 9:7.

As is adequately pointed out in the Sunday School Quarterly notes for today the Transfiguration incident has an apparent relationship to the story studied in our lesson of April 10. We remember in that lesson Christ for the first time began to explain to His disciples what it really meant to be the Christ: humble service, suffering, rejection and the cross. It is evident that the disciples who had been thinking only in terms of a glorious kingship were very much disappointed at this announcement. Such humble rejection did not correspond to what they had expected of the Messiah. Thus they must have been plunged into the deepest doubts of their lives as to whether or not Jesus was the Christ. They must have been tempted to go with the many others who ceased to follow Him because of His hard sayings. It must have been a serious time for Christ too as He recognized the doubts deep in the lives of those whom God had given Him. Together the thirteen were in the valley of despair as the disciples, full of love for their Master, struggled to know and understand the truth about Him.

As the scripture says it was six days after this incident that Jesus took His three leading disciples, Peter, James and John, up on a mountain for prayer. Somehow I believe that they went there to pray about this specific problem in an effort to know the will of God concerning it. As I see it the transfiguration comes for the disciples as a climax of their doubt. It represents the moment when for the first time the disciples began to realize that suffering and the cross represented God's way of redeeming a world; and so for the first time they see Christ as in company with the great law-giver, Moses, and the great prophet, Elijah, and in fact more glorious than either of the two. It is here that they become more firmly convinced than ever before that Jesus is the Christ, the Righteous One, God's Son in Whom He is well pleased. In their doubt they have struggled through to a greater approximation of the truth of God than they have ever known before.

Right here I should like to pause to give a tribute of praise to honest doubt. Others may plead for blind faith and the acceptance of uncriticized creeds but not I. This transfiguration experience is not an unusual one. The greatest revelations of truth usually come to us as a climax to a period of honest doubt. It is a reward of our honest searching to know the will of God. Growth is a turbulent thing. It does not come easy but often involves the disintegration of our little theological world as our most cherished beliefs crumble at our feet. It is then that many people become cynical and quit. But it is also then that others with the disciples rise to build anew on a more firm foundation of truth as they struggle through to get a more glorified view of things as God sees them. As Tennyson has said:

> "There lives more faith in honest doubt,
> Believe me, than in half the creeds."

Or Baily:

> "Who never doubted, never half believed,
> Where doubt, there truth is,—'tis her shadow."

Also here I would like to pay a tribute to prayer as problem solving. To me that is what prayer may be and often is. To pray in this sense is to withdraw oneself from one's own bias, prejudice and belief and seek to see the problem involved as God sees it, from the "vantage ground of truth" if you please. Such does not involve telling God, but the willing and trustful shutting of our mouths and opening of our hearts in order that God may tell us. I know of nothing more worthy of being called a glorious transfiguration than to be lifted out one's bias, one's narrow realm of limited vision, to the heights where we get a little clearer vision of reality. These are the moments of ecstasy that we can hold on to as an anchor as long as we live. On the mountain the disciples came to see Christ as He really was, the Glorified Son of God, and it is no wonder that they wanted to extend and preserve that moment forever.

We of course must realize what is involved in this coming into a clearer vision of God's truth. In one sense to catch a clearer vision of reality is an end within itself. Practically speaking though such a vision does not end there. To come to see as God sees is a faith and a trust that sends us out to be an instrument of that truth. For the disciples to see Christ as the beloved Son of God was also to realize the truth of Christ's words that those who followed Him must take the cross and suffer. It was a problem for the disciples not only to come to understand but to bring themselves to act upon that understanding. It is generally so, our hearts are filled with doubt, our minds are closed to truth because we fear the implications of that truth in daily life. But to know the joy of great visions is to pass beyond that fear where the truth of God becomes dearer than life itself.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

All delegates to the Branch Meeting who will want entertainment over night will please send your name to Mrs. F. W. Paschall, 603 East Davis Street, Burlington, N. C. This notice should have appeared in the HERALD of last week, but if you will send in your name at once we will take care of you. In fact, if you do not send in your name, we will be ready to take care of you just the same. But we would like to know how many will want this entertainment.

We cordially welcome all official delegates and visitors into our Church, homes and city.

FRED W. PASCHALL.

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This nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, that government of the people and by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.—*Lincoln.*

OUR STORY PAGE

TRUSTWORTHY

Grandfather had invited his two young grandsons, Tom Dew and Bob Greene, to spend two whole weeks on the farm.

The cousins had a great deal of fun, for there were plenty of things to see and to do. There was the big meadow, the apple and peach orchards, the cornfield with its waving stalks, and a little brook that ran across the meadow just beyond the orchard where they could sail boats and wade to their hearts' content, or chase the tiny minnows that swam here and there, and build dams and bridges, only to tear them down and build them up again.

Aunt Alice lived at grandfather's with three-year-old Dorothy, but the little girl played happily by herself and the boys were not bothered by her company.

When they first came, grandfather said, "You can have a good time and do anything you wish, as long as you do not get into mischief. All I ask in return is that you be willing to do errands, help me feed the hens, and once in a while drive the cows to the barn."

The boys agreed happily, for all that sounded like fun to them, and soon there was not a nook or corner of the farm they had not visited, or an animal on the place with which they had not become acquainted.

One afternoon the boys were starting to walk to the village to see a ball game when grandmother stopped them.

"I shall have to ask one of you to stay at home," she said. "Aunt Alice had a bad headache and will have to lie down. Grandfather and I have to go away on an errand that cannot be put off, and there is no one to look after Dorothy. She will not need much care. Just see when she wakes up from her nap that she is settled happily with her toys on the piazza, and that the gate is locked so she cannot get out. She will play there for hours, and whoever stays can sit on the piazza and read."

The boys looked at each other. It was getting near the end of the two weeks, and neither of them wanted to lose one of the minutes left. Then Tom reached out and picked up two tiny twigs. "Let's draw for it," he said. He arranged them carefully and held out his closed hand for Bob to draw. "Shortest one stays," he said as Bob shut his eyes and quickly drew one and held it out. Tom took it and compared it with the other. "You are to go," he said. "Oh dear! to have to spend the afternoon all alone with that baby. Just my luck!" and he turned away.

Bob went on to the village, but it was lonesome without Tom and he almost wished he had stayed at home, too. He could not seem to get much interest in the ball game.

All at once he looked up and saw Tom standing near him. "Why, Tom," he said, "did grandmother and grandfather come home, or is Aunt Alice's head better?"

"Neither," said Tom, looking a little ashamed. "Dorothy woke up from her nap, and I put her on the piazza with all her playthings and left her. Grandmother says she plays for hours there. Nothing can hurt her, and Mr. Shute is working in the barn, and Aunt Alice is upstairs. She is safe enough."

"But Aunt Alice thinks you are with her," said Bob, "and Mr. Shute often leaves the barn and goes to work in the garden without coming to the house."

"Well, go home yourself, then," said Tom crossly. "When we came grandfather said we were to do a few errands, he didn't say anything about minding a baby."

"I am going," said Bob firmly. "Grandmother and grandfather trust us, and Baby Dorothy must not be left alone. You know sometimes you are careless, Tom, and perhaps you did not hook the piazza gate and she might get out and run away."

Bob hurried home as fast as he could, for somehow he felt anxious about Dorothy. Reaching the house, he ran up the piazza steps. There was the open gate and no Dorothy. Just as he had thought Tom had forgotten to hook the gate, and the little girl had pushed it open and gone—where? Bob hurried through the house and around the grounds, calling her name softly, so as not to alarm Aunt Alice; but no Dorothy answered his call.

He searched the barn. There was no sign of Mr. Shute, nor could Bob find Dorothy. He was now thoroughly frightened. How long had she been gone? It must have been some time, for her to have got so far away.

Suddenly he had a thought. He hurried to the pasture by the house-yard, where Beauty, the patient old farm horse, was grazing. Hurriedly he put on her halter, sprang on her back, and started down the road. If Dorothy had opened the gate just after Tom left, she probably followed down the road after him. He would try that, then the meadow and the brook, but wherever he hunted he could go quicker on Beauty.

Down the road clattered Beauty's hoofs, Bob watching both sides of the road eagerly. All at once he pulled Beauty up and gave a gasp. Beside the road, a little way in from the road itself, was an old cottage. No one had lived in it for years, and it had fallen into sagging lines and crumbling roof. Behind it was the old barn, and—Bob gave a gasp—the old well whose cover was rotting away—and right in the middle of the open space by the barn, trudging along with a basket of toys, straight toward the old well, was Dorothy!

Quickly Bob pulled the halter and guided Beauty in by the house, then between Dorothy and the well. The little girl looked up at him, laughing, and as he looked down at her, Bob's heart gave a song of thanksgiving that he had left the game and come back at the call of duty.

He lifted Dorothy on to Beauty's back in front of him, and they cantered home just as an anxious grandfather and grandmother were starting out to look for them.

That night at the table grandfather said, "Bob is my trusty boy. I think I can use such a faithful helper on my farm all summer. As for Tom, I think he has learned a lesson this afternoon, but he must go home at the end of the two weeks. Boys who cannot be trusted have no place on a farm."

Tom hung his head for a moment, then he raised it and looked straight into grandmother's face.

"I am going to try all winter long," he said, "and learn to be trustworthy too. Then perhaps, grandfather, you will need two trusty boys on the farm next summer, and I shall be one of them.''

Grandfather's eyes twinkled. ''I am sure I shall,'' he said. ''And perhaps the last two weeks of vacation, if I should hear from a boy's mother that he had become absolutely trustworthy, I might need him that two weeks this year.''

''You will, grandfather,'' said Tom soberly, ''for I am sure I learned my lesson this afternoon when I found I had left the piazza gate unlocked and Dorothy was gone.''—*Emma Florence Bush in Zion's Herald.*

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LIQUOR REFERENDUM IN NORTH CAROLINA

The vote on whether liquor shall or not be legally sold in North Carolina will be taken in June. There is no way of putting the matter off. Men and women of the state will vote on the question when they vote in the primary on whom to send to Raleigh as their representatives. Last time they voted wet to the extent of a number of counties. Members of the legislature cast the votes of their people for them. A legislator or a senator casts the vote of all of his constituency for them. A county votes wet or dry when it votes for a wet or a dry representative. Therefore the real vote on liquor will be taken when candidates are chosen in the primary. The citizens of a county owe it to themselves to find out just how the candidate stands on the subject. If there is no dry candidate running in your county get one out immediately. There are surely two or three citizens in your county who are opposed to selling liquor. If there are two or three, one of them should become a candidate so that the others would not be forced to vote for liquor. There are thousands of good women in the state who are aiding and abetting the liquor interests. These good women help by staying at home on primary day. They cast one-half a vote by not voting at all. Dear sister, don't say that you oppose liquor if you aid the liquor interests by a failure to help elect dry representatives. The liquor forces do not want a vote on the question, but they cannot help it. The vote will be taken in North Carolina when representatives for the legislature are chosen in the June primary.—*Charity and Children.*

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BISHOP FORBIDS GAMBLING

The Rt. Rev. George Craig Stewart, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, recently issued a pastoral letter to his clergy, in which he ordered all games of chance and pseudo-gambling devices abolished immediately in that diocese. The Bishop stated:

Gambling has become a mania in America. . . . We must unite to stop it and to stop it now. The Church must hold up a standard higher than the standard of the world. When it permits gambling under its patronage or for its benefit, it is lowering its standard not to the level of the world, but to the still lower level of the underworld.

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''Lose your money and you lose much, but lose your courage and you lose all.''

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Charity is injurious unless it helps the recipient to become independent of it.—*Bruce Barton.*

THE LOST ART OF HOME-MAKING

Some of the very best young people of the present generation are ''going in for art.'' They are studying elocution, music, drama, painting, drawing, poster-making, pottery, radio broadcasting, and other subjects, with the purpose not only of ''making a living'' but also—and much more important—of making a life. They yearn to express the longing for beauty and the high idealism of their souls while at the same time they earn their daily bread. Youth redeems the world with its glad beliefs, its unquenchable enthusiasm, and its noble aspirations. We who are older ought to thank God that, in the divine economy, provision is made for a continuous influx of ''new blood'' as men and women who have lived out their ''threescore and ten'' pass off the stage of time. The earth is thereby renewed, and God himself is given another chance for his ''new Jerusalem.''

There is a sense in which all life is art. Any task, no matter how commonplace and menial it may be, can be glorified. Everything depends upon the worker. He can approach the duty of the day in dogged fashion with his eye on the clock, hating the very sight of work, sure that there is ''nothing to it,'' and grimly drive himself through the hours of drudgery, or he can hail the new day with joy in his soul, see hidden beauty in everything he touches, and carry through his tasks with a song. There is an art which few of us are inclined to regard as an art. It is homemaking. What does the mention of the word call up in our minds? To most of us, unfortunately, only dish-washing, bed-making, window-cleaning, sweeping, dusting, and the thousand and one details that beset the busy housewife whose work is never done. These are the obvious things, the things that we see when we lack imagination, when in the woodenness of our materialism we attend only to the impressions that strike the five physical senses. But home-making, real home-making, takes hold on eternity itself; it is related to the spiritual culture of immortal souls and even to the redemption of lives broken by the storm and stress of a wicked world. Home-making, apparently so ordinary, is one of the highest of all the arts, not excluding music and painting.—*Zion's Herald.*

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THIS THING OF GIVING

''I do not understand it any more than you, but there is something about this thing of giving which blesses us.

''No man has ever impoverished himself by giving. It cannot be done. Those who give most have most left. No man has ever died poor because of that which he gave away. No one has ever gone hungry after giving away his bread; some way, somewhere, bread has been provided for him.

''I believe that everyone who gives a penny will get it back a hundred-fold. I believe that everyone who dries a tear with his assistance, will be spared the shedding of a thousand tears. I believe that every sacrifice we make will so enrich us in the future that our regret will be we did not sacrifice the more.

''This thing of giving! A glorious thing it is! How meaningless now is money that is hoarded! How hateful to himself and to his fellows is he who does not answer the call for aid. Give—and in the giving, live the life a human being is entitled to enjoy.—*George F. Burba.*

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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ATTENTION, ALL AUXILIARIES

Some time ago the call went out for payment before April 27 of your High Point College apportionment for the new branch year, on the same basis as for 1937-38. If you have not heard the call and sent your allotment, please, if possible, get it in the mail to Mrs. Kearns at once, so she can get it by April 26. If you cannot do that, please hand it to her some time Wednesday, April 27, at Burlington.

High Point College hour is early Thursday morning, and we would like to assure Dr. Humphreys before he speaks that we have our new year's payment in full. It means more to the college to receive this money during the month of April, than later; it is also a good thing for the auxiliaries to have this item paid early, and your treasurer is anxious to have the funds at the time they will do the most good.

PLEASE! If the proper officers in your church are not likely to read this notice, some reader call it to their attention immediately.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS,
President, North Carolina Branch.

LETTER FROM INDIA

Dear Friends:

It is too hot now to do anything but stay under the shower and complain about the weather. But it is HOT. At 9 this morning all the doors and windows were closed to keep in all the cool air and to keep out some of the hot air of noon time. The nights after 10 o'clock are pleasant, but the days are just too hot for one to keep a cool head.

Mrs. Minnis and Jim left Monday for the hills in South India. They both were showing signs of the heat. They both had just gotten over bad clases of the flu. Jim was especially thin, with dark circles around his eyes; but a few days in the hills will do them both worlds of good. Kodai Kanal is a very fine hill station made up almost entirely by missionaries. The air is delightfully cool, and the fresh vegetables and fruits are a delight to the heart. We have rented a home there for three months, and while they are there the other two children will leave the boarding school and come and live with us. I hope that I can get away from the heat within another five or six weeks. The new church will keep me here longer than I otherwise would need to stay. Doubtless you will be interested to know that we are going right along with the work on the new church building. The windows and door frames are already up. By the time you read this I hope that we shall have the walls about half done. We shall use almost no wood in the house. We shall use tin on top, and for all trusses we shall use angle-iron, and the walls and floors are to be stone. I do hope that you have all remembered to pray for the progress of the new church. Union, you tell me, is just around the corner, and you are trying to get your house in order. We too think that we ought by all means carry a church into the Union. So do not forget that our house extends to borders beyond our conference lines. I am happy to say that the work is progressing even beyond my fondest hopes, and everyone is so good to us. Nearly everyone is giving us reductions on all material we need. That, you might say, is nothing uncommon for a church building. But you must not forget that we are getting this help from people who are not Christians, and who have no hope to get a blessing by worshiping in the house. However, we hope that many of those who are favoring us these days will get returns from the Lord in greater measure. It is interesting to see how respectful all the non-Christian workers are during prayers at the beginning of the day. We have tried to keep before everyone the fact that this is THE HOUSE OF GOD and they must respect it and not to say anything not pleasing to God. None of the men are allowed to smoke on the lot and I even saw the head mason go outside the line to spit. How is that for respect for God by one who in reality does not know Him?

Last week I spent two days in a neighboring mission house where we had a conference on mass movement plans. The conference had been planned for our home, but Mrs. Minnis had just gotten up from the flu, so a neighbor 20 miles away took the conference. We had an expert in mass movement work address us and make suggestions about the work. There is no such movement in this side now, but we hope that with wise leadership we may be able to start such a movement in our districts. About 250 or 300 miles north of us there is a great mass movement starting among a certain hill tribe. We understand that 30,000 have become Christian within the last three years, and the movement continues like the work of the Spirit in the early church. These are days of strange things over the whole world, but we hope and pray that a new days is dawning in missions in India. We are told that at the present time India is bowing at the feet of our Lord with 500 or 600 new souls daily. It still is true that "the poor have the gospel preached to them." Pray that we may know how to help direct men and women to Him who is able to bring peace in a land of continual strife and conflict.

We had quite an unusual experience last Monday morning about time to get up. Mrs. Minnis and Jim were going away early and I had some extra work to do before I took them to the junction 50 miles away. I was awake and about 6:30 I heard a most unusual noise. It sounded like an express train was running right through our house. It awoke Mrs. Minnis. She asked me what it was. By that time I too was wide awake. I told her that it was an earthquake. And then we both leaped out and made a dive for Jim, who was sleeping on the front porch upstairs. Mrs. Minnis, sleeping nearer to him, snatched him and was running down the steps. I caught her with one hand and with the other opened the door at the foot of the stairs, and out into the yard we jumped. Then we turned around expecting to see the bungalow come tumbling down. But to our delight all the noises ceased and we found very little damage. But we were surely frightened for 30 or 40 seconds. The ceiling in the bed rooms is tin, and the house is covered with a tile that is not fastened down. So every tile rattled and the tin added its share of noise. I see two cracks in two arches on the first floor porch and there was a bit of plaster shaken from the walls on the second floor. Besides this there was no damage at all. From all accounts in the papers there were no deaths, even though several houses in different places fell. It surely made us realize as never before that there is no real safety except in His keeping.

The mail has just come and I want to see where the Branch Meeting will meet this year. I fear that it is too late to get a message to the meeting. But we shall be thinking and praying for a good meeting.

May I again ask you to continue to pray for us and with us for our work, and right now, that funds sufficient to complete our church will be forthcoming.

With every good wish, I am,
Your witness,
J. F. MINNIS.
Dhulia, W. Khandesh, India, March 18.

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NOTICE

Union Grove church on Orange charge will observe a home-coming day Sunday, May 1. Dr. A. G. Dixon will preach at 11 o'clock. There will be a roll call of all members. Those present will receive a certificate of church membership. Dinner will be served picnic style. The afternoon service will consist of short talks by former pastors and special music. A group of children from our Children's Home will accompany Dr. Dixon and will sing in the afternoon. All members, former pastors, and friends are invited to attend.

C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Union Chapel, Granville. — Pastor Pegg brought a very interesting sermon Sunday to an unusually large congregation, using as the theme, "Cross Roads."

Sometime ago the members gathered in great numbers and cleaned off the cemetery and church grounds so nicly that the improvement is very pleasing. We would be glad for everyone who is interested in Union Chapel to see it.

Our Sunday school and church attendance has been splendid recently. We are proud of this and hope for even better. Let us all resolve to do all we can to help the pastor and superintendent.

REPORTER.

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Ebenezer, Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor.—Yesterday was another good day for us. Brother Morgan filled his appointment, and brought us another good and helpful message as he usually does, after which the Lord's Supper was administered, and it was very encouraging to see such a large number participate; and especially the young folks.

We are working on our Easter program, which will be given Sunday morning, April 17. Everybody is invited to come, and enjoy the service with us.

MABEL PEARSON, Reporter.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, T. M. Johnson, Pastor, April 11.—Our pastor filled his regular appointments Sunday, bringing us two very inspiring messages. His text Sunday morning was from Mark. He spoke of Christ teachings to His disciples and His Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Extensive plans are made for the Easter program and this pageant will be given Easter Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. It is given by the Christian Endeavor society and we feel sure it will be a great blessing to all who see it.

Rev. T. M. Johnson was the Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Lula Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McClimon spent the week-end at Fort Bragg, N. C. They visited Mrs. McClimon's brother whom she hadn't seen in three years.

We were indeed glad to have several of our old members back in Sunday school Sunday morning. There were also several visitors, whom we welcome.

We are very sorry to report that several in our community are on the sick list. There are still several cases of measles around and also bad colds. We missed several of our faithful members Sunday and our prayers are that Mrs. W. M. Compton and two daughters, Lillian and Dorothy, Mrs. Lula Davis, Mrs. Carl Poole's son, little Edwin Dean, and Thomas Franklin Gaston and B. A. McClimon will soon be back to worship with us.

Mr. T. M. Johnson spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Bennette.

Two of the youngest classes at Sunday school will have an egg hunt Friday afternoon before Easter.

We are planning to have a series of services starting Wednesday night going through Saturday night, the week before Easter, conducted by our pastor, Rev. T. M. Johnson. We are to study Christ's teachings to His disciples leading up to His Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davis are happy to announce the arrival of a son born April 4, 1938. Mrs. Davis will be remembered as Miss Bonnie Massengale.

In regards to the campaign the Sunday school was making for the month of March, some of the young ladies of the Willing Workers class have visited 12 more homes in trying to get some of our old members back in Sunday school and some who do not go to Sunday worship anywhere. On account of sickness our attendance was down to 101 in Sunday school, but our prayers are that this drive will prove more successful than the other one. We greatly rejoiced over the first drive as we added four new members to the Willing Workers class besides the other classes added several. We are very proud of our loving pastor and his willing spirit in helping the entire Sunday school in this drive.

The Willing Workers class urges all of the members to be present Easter at Sunday school as there are several interesting points to be talked about.

We were indeed glad to receive the Missionary Prayer calendar given out by the pastor Sunday morning. Mr. Johnson also printed on the back of the calendar the bulletin for the month of April. This represented Easter and the cross. We cannot think of His Crucifixion without thinking of His Resurrection, but though He is absent in the body, but we Christians will speak for Him through the ages, but he still lives:

No longer must the mourners weep,
Nor call departed Christian dead;
For death is hallowed into sleep,
And every grave becomes a bed,
Now once more Eden's door,
Open stands to mortal eyes;
For Christ hath risen, and man shall rise!
Now at last,
All things past,
Hope and joy and peace begin;
For Christ hath won, and man shall win,
It is not exile, rest on high;
It is not sadness, peace from strife;
To fall asleep is not to die.

MRS. JOHN McCLIMON, Reporter.

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Enfield Auxiliary.—Looking back into the Auxiliary year that has closed, we find in its wake 12 Auxiliary meetings including two Thank Offerings held promptly and conducted after the plan of our guide book with average of 21 present.

During the year we gained four new members, lost two, leaving on roll 41 against 39 of last year.

Under the leadership of our president, supervision of circle chairmen and loyal cooperation of the individual members, we have come to the close with the gratification of having met our budget demands. Finances to meet these obligations came from donations, serving suppers and commissions from magazine subscriptions.

Our activities have been a continuation of the usual annual affairs: Kept parsonage in repair, screened back porch, repaired roof, provided refrigerator and stove, furnished wire and repaired garden fence. Held two fellowship meetings and study classes, sent delegates to Branch and District meetings, showered three brides, showered elder members with birthday surprises, showered hut with six dozen pieces of silver, assisted with Vacational Bible school, drew up resolutions of respect for our deceased member, Mrs. R. A. Jordan, whom we miss, observed bundle day for Pine Ridge and World Day of Prayer.

Our contributions to the Children's Home have been donations for boys' suits, donations for homecoming or dollar day, proceeds from sale of one dozen history books, gifts, particularly a bag of shelled peanuts and clothes for Lessie Price, which have been amply supplied in spring and fall, and for which she has been most appreciative.

Linking our missionary contributions with the above we include a check for $9 on Minnis' salary.

Now as we come to the end of a year's venture, we would not overlook that during the adversities and sorrows of those about us we have tried to lighten the distress and break the darkness through sympathy and thoughtfulness expressed in 979 visits, 188 trays, 299 flowers, 10 funeral flowers, 378 cards, 272 telephone calls, 17 baskets of fruit, 9 Christmas baskets to shut-ins, 200 quarts of milk, 33 nights of nursing which in the knowledge of some kindness done may we feel we have not been unmindful of the purpose of the little Manual to be builders for our fellowman and as the new year dawns may each of us awake with loftier visions to our responsibilities.

MYRA F. MANN, Secretary.

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Kernersville-South Winston, April 18.—The second quarterly conference for Kernersville-South Winston charge was held at Sandy Ridge church, Saturday, April 2, with three of the churches represented in the attendance. Reports of the pastor and Sunday school superintendents indicated that fair progress was made during the quarter. Mrs. Blanche Fulp, of Pine Grove church, and Miss Pearl Sykes, of Sandy Ridge church, were selected as nominees for delegate to the next annual conference. The conference made an assessment on each church for insurance and upkeep of the parsonage. The next conference will be at Pine Grove church.

Services at all of the churches have been well attended for the past few Sundays. Several members of the Sunday school of Pine Grove church attended the Sunday school and preaching service at the Kernersville church Easter Sunday. We were glad to have them with us. Rev. Wayne Curtis, of Burlington, was present for the Sunday school and church service. He taught a class in the Sunday school and sang two effective solos during the church service. Other visitors in the Sunday school and church service were Mr. and Mrs. Irvin West, of Asheboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hargrove and daughter, Erma Dell; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hargrove, and Mrs. J. J. Thomas, all of Burlington.

The Sunday school of the Kernersville church rendered the Easter program Sunday night, using the service, "An Easter Tribute," provided by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Protestant church. The pageant, part of the recitations, and a portion of the music, were used. Two solos were rendered by Rev. Wayne Curtis. The service was a very impressive one, and a good congregation was present for a rainy night. Mrs. Wayne Curtis was present for the program.

Rev. Wayne Curtis, of Burlington, was with us at Pine Grove church at 2:30 p.m. Easter Sunday. He delivered an Easter sermon and sang a solo. We had a large congregation present. The Gray Sisters, a trio, who are granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Cook, of Pine Grove church, were present and sang very beautifully, "In the Garden."

Rev. J. L. Martin, local preacher of Union Ridge M. P. church, Forsyth charge, had charge of our services at South Winston Easter Sunday night. We appreciate his assistance at that church.

New subscribers to the Herald since our last report are J. W. Frazier, of Sandy Ridge church, and Mrs. J. H. Watson, of Pine Grove church. We are expecting others to follow their example.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

Chapel Hill Church, Davidson Charge, Rev. C. L. Grant, Pastor, April 18.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment April 17 at 11 o'clock, bringing to us one of his soul-stirring sermons. His text was taken from Acts 2:32. He stressed the point of celebrating the Easter as we would if it was to be our Easter eternal, or resurrection.

Sunday school was held at 10 o'clock, with the attendance improving some, and we hope to get others interested enough to come to church as the beautiful spring season is here.

Plans were made for the charge Rally Day program the third Sunday in May. Speakers from all the churches on the charge will fill the morning, with a picnic lunch about 1 o'clock on the church grounds. In the afternoon Dr. J. E. Pritchard will conduct the service. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy the day with us.

Our people are making a drive to improve the church grounds, and to do some work on the inside of the church. We are going to refinish the floor of the church and Sunday school rooms, and a general cleaning all around. Let's have the support of the members of the Sunday school and church; so we may continue to grow in our work. Pray that each may be found working to carry on the work of our Lord when we shall be called in death. Pray for us that we may win more souls for the Master.

MRS. VAN SURRATT, Co-Reporter.

Calvary Chucrh.—Guess our church is running on schedule time—maybe a little ahead on some things and a little behind on others. No two pastors place the same emphasis. If they did a work would soon become lopsided and irksome.

Our people are not afraid of finances. When they start out to do a thing there is no thought of stopping until the thing is done. We are keeping up with the World Service budget; the A. C. B. is about one step behind; pastor's salary a little in arrears; the church debt is being cared for, and I am told that every item will be running even in a short while.

We have just finished a canvass for the new Methodist hymnals and now have about 115 subscribed. We should get five or ten more, so that we would have enough at the annual conference when it meets with us in November.

Our Sunday school is increasing in attendance under the good leadership of Mr. W. F. Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reynolds are the leaders in Christian Endeavor work in Greensboro. Mrs. Reynolds is the leader of our own society. We also have good junior and intermediate leaders in Mrs. E. F. Caudle, Mrs. H. W. Highfill, and Mr. Frank Coble.

Our new auxiliary president is Mrs. Frank Coble, a daughter of Rev. T. F. McCulloch. She is laying plans for a good year's work which is already well under way. May is set apart as membership month with our church. Our revival is planned to start the second Sunday in June.

Calvary church anniversary day will be observed the first Sunday in May. Two of our members, Mrs. W. A. Blaylock and Mrs. D. M. Glass, are ill at this writing. The church deeply sympathizes with Mrs. Otis Campbell and Mrs. M. H. Greer in the loss of their noble Christian mother.

R. C. STUBBINS.

Midway, Greensboro, J. R. Hutton, Pastor, April 18.—On Tuesday, April 5, at 2:00 p.m., the Ladies' Auxiliary met at the church for the installation of officers. The service was a very impressive one, held by Mrs. E. T. Coble, of Tabernacle. The officers were: Mrs. Charles Ball, president; Mrs. R. W. Frazier, vice-president; Miss Lula Thompson, treasurer; Mrs. Newton Grant, secretary; Mrs. H. B. Fruitt, secretary of literature; and Mrs. E. C. Walters, secretary of young people's work. The secretaries for the other offices were not present. Mrs. Coble also gave us some ideas on how to raise money.

The ladies' class is still making some improvements in our church. Recently Mr. Thomas, whose wife is a member of the ladies' class, painted our church windows. The class held its last meeting with Mrs. R. B. Kirkman.

Easter Sunday the children gave an Easter program that we enjoyed very much.

Our pastor is still bringing us fine sermons each Sunday.

The second quarterly conference was held Sunday after the Easter service.

Mrs. J. R. Hutton remains unable to attend the church services. We are hoping she will soon be with us again.

Union Grove Church, Rev. Joseph Coble, Pastor.—Spring has come to give our hills and groves new green clothing. And now that it is really here our men are busy giving our church a new coat of paint. This work has been going forward under the direction of Mr. W. B. White, agricultural teacher in the Union Grove high school, who has been doing part of the work with some of his boys, as a shop project. Not only have the men been busy, but the women of the Missionary Society contributed their labor and home products to serve the juniors and seniors of the Union Grove high school the annual senior banquet. The society has 34 more dollars in its treasury as a result of this business venture.

The young people, too, are trying to do their part. We had what we thought was a good attendance at Sunday school last Sunday with 100 present. A newly organized Boy Scout troup, sponsored by the church and under the direction of a committee composed of Mr. Stamie White, Mr. Robert Rash, and Mr. W. B. White, with Joseph Coble as scoutmaster, has seized the attention of our boys. Eight boys received their tenderfoot badges at the Court of Honor in Mooresville the first of the month, and were presented with certificates of membership at a special service in which they and their parents participated, at the morning church service on the following Sunday.

Easter brought many of our friends and college students back home for the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Coble, of Greensboro, and Mrs. W. E. Brittingham, Jr., of Maryland, mother of Mrs. Joseph Coble, were here for the Easter services.

Flowers which decorated our altar were given in memory of Rosa Utley Huddleston, the mother of several of our members.

At the 11 o'clock hour, Holy Communion was observed and 12 new members were taken into the church. They were Hilda Huddleston, Zelda Cash, William White, Mary Lea Wooten, Mrs. Joseph Coble, Myra Henderson, William Huddleston, Madge Gregory, Lynn Templeton, Stella Wooten, Elaine White, and Evelyn Henderson.

The young people presented an Easter pageant at 8 o'clock in the evening, but the weather did not choose to favor us; the pageant was good but the audience was very small.

Next Sunday, April 24, at 3 o'clock, Rev. Clay Madison, of First church, High Point, will deliver the senior sermon for the local high school in our church. This is the home church of Mr. Madison, and his niece, Miss Geraldine Rash, who is also our church pianist, is one of the members of the graduating class. All friends of the school, church, and of Mr. Madison are invited to be present.

A MEMBER.

Welch Memorial Church, Dr. J. D. Williams, Pastor, April 17.—Last Sunday was a great day for us at Welch Memorial. The Communion service was observed and I think it was the best I ever attended. I believe there were more that took the Lord's Supper than I ever saw at one time before. After the Supper the doors of the church were opened and eight joined the church. At 6:10 o'clock we attended the Christian Endeavor society and saw a good program presented. Brother Luther Medlin, the field secretary for the Christian Endeavor society of the state, was there and made a good talk. Glad to have you, Luther; come again. At the 7:30 o'clock service the Easter program was presented entitled, "An Easter Tribute." As nice a program as I ever attended. Welch had a good meeting. There were several converted and our church was revived. We are hoping to keep the interest at a high pitch. Pray for us.

EUGENE SEGRAVES, Reporter.

First Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—The spirit of the Easter season was enjoyed by all those who attended our services Sunday.

The blessings that the Charlotte church has received have been innumerable. We have been preparing for a great revival. Cottage prayer meetings have been held and the Spirit of God certainly has been present in every meeting. The first service of the revival was held Friday night. Rev. Joe Parsons had been selected to preach the revival, but he has been ill for several days and was not able to preach Friday night.

The Senior C. E. society presented an Easter pageant Sunday evening entitled, "An Easter Tribute." The music was furnished by the Y. P. Choir.

We were blessed indeed Sunday evening, as Mr. Parsons was better and able to attend the service.

Rev. Mr. Strickland has been in Charlotte since last Friday. He has certainly been a blessing to our church, having visited in the homes of the members, also in the homes of those who do not attend church anywhere. He received a great blessing Monday morning while visiting, as one of the members he visited accepted the Lord. Praise is due him for his wonderful work in Charlotte. He came and took our church before the reorganization was completed, and he certainly has been successful in his attempt to help build the church back to what it once was, "A Lighthouse for the Lord."

Our goal and slogan for the revival is "Five Hundred Souls for Christ."

The spirit is here, you just can't keep a good thing down. Attendance at Sunday school was over 100. Attendance at both church services Sunday was remarkable.

Everyone is so enthused about the meeting and each individual is doing his share.

May the prayers of the entire conference be with us that we may have a good revival in our own hearts and also attain our goal of "Five Hundred Souls for Christ."

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

Roberta Church, Q. L. Joyner, Pastor.—I am indeed glad to have the pleasure of being assistant reporter from this church. The work of our church is progressing nicely, attendance for Sunday, April 17, being 191. Everyone seems to be in the mood for work. You will agree with me if you will make us a visit.

An Easter pageant, "An Easter Tribute," was presented Sunday night. Mrs. Lillian Foster was in charge.

The ladies' Bible class held their regular social Saturday night, April 9, at 7:30, at the parsonage. All enjoyed a social hour together. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Zeb Cochran the second Saturday night in May. Please come and help us make this meeting more interesting. Mrs. Fannie Blackwelder has charge of the scripture for next meeting.

Those on the sick list at this time are Mrs. James Hudson and Mr. Ivey J. Cline. We pray for them a speedy recovery.

The people on the work are still remembering us with good things to eat. Those since last report are Mrs. Zeb Cochran, Mrs. Dan Furr, Mrs. Carl Blackwelder, Mrs. Sarah Blackwelder, Mrs. Ivey Cline, Miss Florence Cagle, and Mr. Mike Garmon. "Grandma" Penninger, as we all call her, gave us a nice hand-made bed spread. For all this kindness we say, Thank you.

ASSISTANT REPORTER.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—On Thursday night, April 14, Rev. J. W. Braxton held a special service commemorating the Last Supper of our Lord with His Disciples. Special music was furnished by Pleasant Union and Mt. Pleasant churches, and members of Nathanael Greene school faculty.

On Easter our attendance at Sunday school was 231. The newly organized classes numbered: young ladies, 18; young men, 26; girls, 10. Special music was furnished by Mrs. Walter Underwood, of Greensboro.

At the church hour a large audience heard a splendid message brought to us by Rev. Mr. Braxton on the subject, "A Look at Eternity." The Junior Choir furnished special music for this service. We wish to thank all who brought flowers for this service. They were many and beautiful.

On Saturday night, April 9, the girls' class met with Mary Ruth Sharpe and Leona Rose Curtis at the home of Miss Curtis. After a good program the class organized a Mission Band. We are very proud, for this is the first young people's group to be organized for missionary work in the church. This class should go far, as they are so enthusiastic and have a capable leader, Mrs. Ned Suits.

Our church is rapidly being transformed with the paint job.

Mr. Porter Coble, son of Narvie Coble, is visiting here. Mr. Coble goes to school in Texas.

Our Sunday school superintendent, Mr. W. A. Stafford, is able to be out again. He has been a patient at Dr. Reave's Infirmary in Greensboro.

Mrs. John Swing and little Minnie Alice Braxton have been ill but both are better at this writing.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

Oak Grove, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, Pastor.—We were very happy to have Dr. J. E. Pritchard preach to us Easter morning at 10 o'clock. He read from the 16th chapter of St. Matthew. His text was the 24th verse, 'Then Jesus said to his disciples, if any man will follow me, then let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." His subject was "The Price of Discipleship." He asked the question, What does it mean to be a Christian? To be a Christian we must get ourselves in harmony with the purposes and plans of God. It may be a cross for some to bear to be a Sunday school teacher. Sometimes the person who is most capable will hesitate longest to take a class. It may be a cross for some to be a Sunday school superintendent, a devotional leader, or a hand-shaker. This message proved a blessing to the writer, and I feel sure that others felt the same way about it.

The Christian Endeavor society met Sunday night at 7 o'clock, with Miss Farrie White as leader. After this meeting our Easter program was held. A number of children recited very appropriate pieces which were thoroughly enjoyed by a large crowd present. A short play was given by the larger boys and girls, which proved to be very successful.

We are having a good Sunday school, and our attendance is increasing.

Fairview Church, Glen Raven Charge.—The condition of our pastor remains about the same. He has returned home from the hospital and is able to be out of bed part of the time. He has also gained some in weight. These are very encouraging signs, we think. We are very glad he is showing this much improvement, and we are still praying that God's will may be done. We are asking you to join us in prayer for him.

The opening of Sunday school was given over to the young people last Sunday morning, and they rendered an interesting program for us, consisting of songs, recitations, and scripture relating to the story of the Resurrection.

Another very important thing I would like here to mention is the fact that a whole Sunday school class of junior boys made the decision that they would become Christians, during the class period in Sunday school on Easter Sunday. After their teacher, Mr. G. L. Stanley, had brought the Easter lesson to them, he asked how many would like to give their hearts to God, and they all said by their actions that they would. This made us all very happy, and we hope that we will all try to encourage these little boys, ranging in age from 10 to 16 years.

The second quarterly conference has been announced to meet in Haw River M. P. church the fourth Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. We hope as many will attend as can.

The Women's Auxiliary will meet in the church on Tuesday night. Delegates will be appointed to go to the branch meeting in Burlington at this time.

MRS. CLARENCE RUDD, Reporter.

Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor April 18.—You folks that have had the pleasure of meeting in your new church for the first time know how happy we Concord folks were Sunday morning. About 5 or 5:30, I have an idea, many alarm clocks were waking our folks up for the sunrise service. I could not wait for my clock; I was up at 5:15, and, oh, how happy we were when we awoke and found out that it was such a beautiful Easter morning, and such a happy looking crowd of folks at the sunrise service, and we really did enjoy a beautiful program. The title of the program was, "As Easter Dawns." A large crowd was present and we are sure everyone enjoyed the program. After the sunrise service we all enjoyed a happy hand-shaking, and you know how good that makes you feel, especially after having heard a good sermon or good program, and feel like you are in a crowd of God's children and can feel His presence so near and feel the presence of the loved ones that have gone on before to their heavenly mansion.

Just after Sunday school a membership meeting was called and the building committee told us that we still had some debt on our new church and said, let's get it all up right now. So in just a few minutes we were told that we had it all; the church is out of debt now. We then went up into our new church and held our second service for the day. The church was filled and the flowers were very beautiful; some of the most beautiful Easter lilies I think I have ever seen. At this service some of our babies were baptized, little Giles Hopkins, Buriel Craven, Jr., Lindy Ann Waddell, and William Ross Little. And then we were so glad to receive some new members into our church family. These were Mrs. E. O. Peeler, Mrs. Lena Lapish, Mrs. Deboe, Miss Stella Lowder, Mr. and Mrs. Otha Miller, and daughter, Bernice Miller, Mrs. Addie Barringer, and daughter, Mae Barringer, Jeanette Litaker, Ray Blackwelder, Bobby Little, Alma Burris, Glenn Burris, Wyane Davis, Lena Hatley, Marvin Efird, and Gladys Paige. We used the congregational program, "An Easter Tribute." The music was very sweet and we were so happy to have Misses Vera and Ruth Buff to sing for us at the sunrise service and at the night service, also Miss Margie Pittman. We were very happy to have Miss Pittman's mother with us in all of our Easter services. We really did enjoy some sweet music on the new electric organ. We hope to have it all connected by next Sunday.

Last night we were afraid the rain would keep our people from coming out, but we had a very large crowd for our program. The title of this program was "After Three Days." It was so good and we feel that we all ought to be so much better to serve in our new church after having such splendid services on Easter day. There is much praise due Mrs. Esther Litaker and all the boys and girls that took part in all the programs. Mr. and Mrs. Peeler also took part in the programs.

We hope soon to plan for our dedication service. At this service there will be many gifts presented to our church in loving memory of some loved ones. We are so glad to have many visitors with us. We have been proud to have Mrs. Brown, mother of Mr. R. C. Brown, worship with us for the past two Sundays. We are glad to have Mr. C. W. Whitting back from the hospital. We are sorry to know that Mrs. Lexie Furr has been confined to her home on account of sickness for several weeks. Sorry to hear that Margie Coble is in the hospital. On Tuesday night, April 26, we are expecting to have Mr. and Mrs. Williams with us, who are missionaries in China.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—Our work seems to be moving along very well. The Sunday school attendance Sunday was 259. There is a gradual increase, and we hope that it shall continue. Our pastor filled his regular appointment and gave us the Easter message of the Risen Christ. The Easter season always brings us new hopes and encouragement to continue in the service of the Risen Christ.

Plans are now being made for our annual home-coming and memorial day which as usual will be observed the third Sunday in May. We hope that this shall be a happy occasion for many who will be able to come back to Shiloh and enjoy a day with us. Details of the plans and program will be announced later.

On next Saturday, April 23, at 2 o'clock, at Friendship church, the second quarterly conference for Shiloh charge will be held. We are hoping that all official members will be present for the service.

Our pastor has been engaged in a revival assisting Dr. J. D. Williams at Welch Memorial, High Point. We were glad to learn that the meeting was successful in several conversions. He also preached at First M. P. church, Lexington, of which Rev. L. E. Mabry is pastor, on Saturday night before Easter, which was one of their pre-Easter services.

We still ask an interest in the prayers of the Christians, for us in the work of our Christ.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

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Kistler's Union, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor, April 18.—There has not been a report from our church in some time, but our work is going on smoothly. Rev. Mr. Madison has filled all appointments, bringing very helpful messages each time.

On Easter Sunday we were honored by having our President, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, to bring us a message on "Magnifying the Church." We always feel honored by a visit of the President to our church, especially when he "brags" on our pastor and the church as a whole.

Our Sunday school and church attendance is increasing since spring has opened up. Last Sunday was the second largest attendance this year. The primary and junior classes gave a nice Easter program Sunday morning in the auditorium before the classes assembled to their class rooms.

The Woman's Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. R. A. Ivester, has begun its work for the new year. Good interest and good attendance are being shown at each meeting. Mrs. G. V. Warlick and Mrs. Jim Elmore have been selected as delegates to the branch meeting at Burlington, April 27-28.

Rev. Mr. Madison and Dr. Pritchard were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Velus Ivester on last Sunday.

We ask the prayers of all Christian people that our church work may always be on the upward go.

REPORTER.

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Rankin Memorial, Rev. Edw. Suits, Pastor, April 18.—A series of pre-Easter services was held at our church beginning on Monday, April 11, and continuing through Thursday, April 14. Services were held each evening at 7:30 o'clock, with the pastor in charge. The purpose was to help us get better acquainted with the true meaning of Easter, and to help us get closer to our Lord and Master.

On Friday evening the Easter program was presented. It consisted of songs, recitations, readings, and a pantomime by the children. Following the children's program, a play entitled "The Easter Miracle" was presented by members of the Senior C. E. society. The program was very impressive and was well rendered before a large audience. The directors were Mrs. H. T. Troxler, Misses Berniece Livengood, and Kathleen Embler.

At the 11 o'clock hour on Sunday morning the pastor brought a message on "The Empty Tomb." Holy Communion was observed at the close of the service. Three members were baptized and welcomed into our midst. These were Lois Hinkle, P. M. Caudle, Jr., and Beverly Caudle. At the evening service at 7:30 the pastor brought another message in keeping with the Resurrection and the new life.

We are glad to report that part of the floor has been laid in the basement of our church, and some more will be laid soon.

REPORTER.

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Efland, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, April 19.—Easter Sunday was a good day for us. The primary and intermediate classes, in charge of Misses Mary Davenport and Kathleen Brown, presented a very impressive program of Easter songs and recitations during the worship period of the Sunday school.

For the church service our choir, wearing their new vestments, sang a number of Easter songs, and our pastor in his impressive manner read "The Last Will and Testament of Jesus Christ." This will, the author of which is unknown, was very appropriate for the Easter message and was of unusual interest to the large congregation present. This was followed by the Holy Communion service, in which a large number pledged their lives anew for service for Christ. Our Easter offering was $24.50.

Our work as a whole is on the go, though not in great strides. Services are all inspiring and the newly organized music club is striving to make them better. The vested choir, under the direction of Mr. T. O. Pender, lends a note of dignity that we like in church services.

We are planning to have our home-coming day the third Sunday in June, and to begin our revival on that day. Rev. R. H. Hunter will assist our pastor in the revival. Friends of the church, make your plans to be with us for home-coming.

Mr. Paris Murray has recovered sufficiently to go back to work. He has been out for some time having his eyes treated.

Mr. George Crutchfield has returned from Watts hospital, where he underwent an operation, after about three weeks there. He is improving, though not able to be out yet.

REPORTER.

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Union Grove, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—Our attendance at Sunday school and preaching is improved since spring is here. The third Sunday afternoon we had our Easter service, which was a fine one. The children worked very hard preparing their program, and we had a good attendance. Every one enjoyed it, I am sure.

Plans are being made for our home-coming day the first Sunday in May. Dr. A. G. Dixon will speak at 11 o'clock and he will bring some of the children from the Home to render some songs in the afternoon service.

At this time the church roll will be called and we hope each member will be present. Everyone is invited, and we hope to have our former pastors of this church present also.

FLORA RILEY, Reporter.

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Bethesda, Rockingham Charge.—Easter Sunday brought us a large attendance for our Sunday school and afternoon program. We had a splendid Easter program given entirely by the children at 3 o'clock. The children were trained by Mrs. Odessa Williams and Mrs. Nancy Douglass, the teacher of Bethesda school.

We were very sorry that our pastor, Rev. H. W. Bell, was not with us on Easter Sunday, but we hope he will be with us next Sunday, April 24, to fill his regular appointment.

We were very happy on the second Sunday to have Miss Cora Cain and Miss Florrie Boan to sing a couple of duets during the Sunday school hour.

The juniors in our Sunday school are improving and showing much interest in their work. We ask each reader of this paper to pray for us in our work for our Master.

MARY JACOBS, Reporter.

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Seagrove, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. E. G. Cowan, filled his regular appointment Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Also a short Easter program was rendered by the children. The crowd was unusually large.

There are still a few cases of measles, but we think measles will soon be history, as almost every child has had this disease this year. Ruth, Lewis, and Wilma Boroughs, Miss Euna Walker, and little Martha Greene, all members of our Sunday school, are out with measles, but we trust they will soon be well and back again.

On last Monday the Sunday school and a few visitors enjoyed a weiner roast in the basement of our church. This was given by S. G. Richardson, superintendent, and L. A. King, assistant, and other officers, in appreciation of the splendid cooperation given them by members of the school. A large crowd

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

**FIRST M. P. CHURCH, DANVILLE, VA.
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MRS. R. L. VICKERY
DIED APRIL 11, 1938

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

Mrs. Willie Smith

Mrs. Willie Smith, of Liberty, N. C., departed this life November 25, 1937, after a brief serious illness. She had been confined to her home for many months before her death.

She was born in 1881 and at the time of her death was 56 years old. The deceased is survived by her husband, Mr. Willie Smith, of Liberty; Mrs. Betty Smith Maynard, of Lincolnton; and William and Herman Smith, of Liberty.

Even though Mrs. Smith was unable to attend her church she was devoted to it through her interest in its work, and during all of her residence in Liberty was a member of the Methodist Protestant church there. While the extent of her labors were not far beyond her home she was a kind and thoughtful neighbor and always endeavored to build a Christian home.

AUBERT M. SMITH, Pastor.

Jonah Allen Burris

Jonah Allen Burris was born September 29, 1873, and departed this life March 23, 1938.

He joined Love's Grove Methodist Protestant church early in life. After moving to Concord in 1918 he transferred his church membership to the First Methodist Protestant church of this city and remained a faithful and loyal member until death. He has now gone to unite with a Bigger and more Perfect Church. He was faithful to his church, his family, and community. He served in a number of official positions in the church, and at the time of his death he was a member of the board of church trustees.

On December 14, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Cora Ida Sells, to this union were born 11 children, two of whom preceded him to the grave.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Cora Ida Burris, five sons, D. M., of Spartanburg, S. C.; Ray of Detroit, Mich.; Elmo of New York; John and Luther, of Concord; four daughters, Mrs. Broadus Yow, of Stanfield; Mrs. C. R. Honeycutt, Mrs. J. P. Freeze, and Miss Virginia Burris, all of Concord. The following brothers and sisters also survive: George Burris, of Albemarle; Green Burris, of Landis; Adam Burris, Martin, Henry, John, all of Concord; Mrs. Henry Long, Mrs. Elem Yow, Mrs. Hubert Love, Mrs. John Furr, and Mrs. Jason Efird, all of Stanley county. Twenty-one grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

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Funeral services were held at Love's Grove Methodist Protestant church, and burial was made in the church cemetery. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. O. Peeler, assisted by Rev. C. E. Baucom, pastor of McGill Street Baptist church. The flower girls and the pallbearers were selected from the Adult Bible class of which Mr. Burris was a member.

E. O. PEELER.

Mrs. R. T. Pickens

The many readers of the Herald will be grieved to hear of the death of Mrs. Blanche Armfield Pickens, probably one of the most efficient church reporters that has ever contributed to these pages. Her full and excellently written reports for several years were an indication of her intense interest in the full program of the church, High Point, First, as long as she was physically able to keep in touch with it. Though Mrs. Pickens has not been able to take an active part in the church program for several years her interest, her material and spiritual support will be greatly missed.

For something like four years Mrs. Pickens has been in ill health. Last June she was visited with a stroke of paralysis and two weeks before death she fell and suffered a broken hip. Throughout the months and years of illness she held firm her faith in the God whom she had learned to trust through long years of Christian service. In sickness and suffering she seemed sure that nothing could separate her from the love of Christ. On March 30 she quietly slipped away to join her husband, R. T. Pickens, Sr., who had preceded her in death by several years.

Mrs. Pickens is the mother of R. T. Pickens, a prominent lawyer of High Point and a member of the state legislature, of Wyatt A. Pickens, an instructor in Louisiana State university, and Mrs. Robert G. Garland, Miss Lucille Pickens and Miss Annette Pickens, all of High Point. Their many friends share their sorrow.

Funeral services were conducted from the home by Rev. J. C. Madison and the body was laid to rest in the Armfield Mausoleum in Oakwood cemetery.

J. C. MADISON.

J. C. Daniel

On Saturday evening, March 20, about 10 o'clock, death took from us one of our devoted and beloved members, Mr. J. C. Daniels, of High Point, N. C. He was taken very suddenly with a heart attack while in his doctor's office, where he was being treated for another physical ailment. It came as a definite shock to his family and to his many friends.

Brother Daniels was born in Randolph county 57 years ago, as the son of Henry and Jaselle Daniels. He had been a resident of this city 16 years, having moved here from Goldsboro, N. C. At the time of his death he was operating the Carolina Machine Co. of High Point. He has been a very faithful member of our church, and a regular attendant upon its services. For years he had taught a class of small boys who had learned to love him deeply. Often when he had been asked to take another class for a while, he would refuse by saying that he would if he could take "his" little boys with him. The church will always miss the man who can assume the burden of a business throughout the week and who can on Sunday give his time to the teaching of a Sunday school lesson to a handful of mere boys. It is relevant to the spirit expressed by an eminent statesman of years ago when he said, "My seat in the Sunday school is infinitely higher than my seat in the Senate." In the mind's eye of this class of little boys there will be a conspicuous void, but in their sacred memory of past life will be added a rich heritage that shall help to mould their lives. Yes, he will be missed by his home and his church, and he leaves us with the prayer for more such lives that will be missed.

The departed friend is survived by his wife, Emma Lamb Daniels; one son, Blase Daniels, of High Point, N. C.; one daughter, Mrs. H. B. Riddell, of Gastonia, N. C.; also one brother, T. M. Daniels, of Randleman, N. C., and one sister, Mrs. R. M. Robbins, of Winston-Salem, N. C.

O. L. EASTER, Pastor.

Laura Jane Clodfelter

Mrs. Laura Jane Clodfelter was born October 29, 1854, and departed this life March 27, 1938, making her 83 years, 4 months and 21 days of age.

She was a daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth Darr. She was married February 14, 1876, to D. Alpheus Clodfelter, who preceded her in death 22 years ago. To this union was born four children, one daughter, Mrs. J. D. Wagner, and three sons, Hermon, Roy and

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Will Clodfelter, all of whom survive her, together with five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She united with Mt. Pleasant M. P. church in early girlhood, and remained a consistent member until death. Her home was always her pastor's home during her active life, she took a great delight in ministering unto them. Declining health hindered her in later years from attending the services of her church, but her interest in her church was always keen, her faith in God was never doubted, and her life in Christ was a manifestation of the risen Christ through human life. Throughout her many months of suffering, she remained cheerful and submissive to her Master's will, taking a delight in her visitors and her children.

On the morning of her fall she remarked to her children that her time was up, and she wanted to leave this old troublesome world and go to a better Home. We can truly say of her:

> "She hath fought a good fight
> She hath finished the course
> The victory is hers."

BY A FRIEND.

Funeral service for Mrs. Clodfelter was held from Mt. Pleasant church on March 29. The service was in charge of the writer of this note, assisted by Rev. W. R. Jenkins, and Rev. J. D. Andrew.

Wm. H. NEESE.

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MEETING OF FIRST DISTRICT

On March 30, 1938, the auxiliaries of the first district met at Bethesda church, Brinkleyville. A large crowd was present. All auxiliaries had representatives, — Whitakers having the largest number present, with Enfield and Eden following close.

A most gracious welcome was given by Mrs. H. W. Mitchell. All the members of Bethesda present made all visitors comfortable and were exceedingly hospitable.

The main feature of the morning program was the address by Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, of Raleigh. Her address was inspirational in its entirety. In the afternoon Mrs. E. O. Peeler gave an address on "Deepening Our Spiritual Life." We feel we were fortunate in securing two speakers who were so well informed. We are greatly indebted to each.

This meeting was spoken of as the best district meeting we have had in first district.

MISS BLANCHE HARDEE, Chairman,
MRS. ELI I. BELLAMY, Secretary.

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FROM PASTORS AND PEOPLE

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was present and everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion. The children also had an egg hunt on the church lawn.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary met last Friday night with Mrs. A. C. Harris. A good program was rendered, and delicious refreshments were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. James Greene.

There will be choir practice next Saturday night at the home of Noah Williams.

The Christian Endeavor meeting will be led next Sunday night by Charles Richardson.

There will be union service Sunday night at our church. The Christian church here and all Baptist and M. P. churches in this immediate section are to be represented. Services will be conducted by a visiting minister.

REPORTTR.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Bethel S. S., Flat Rock ....$	1.32
Woman's Auxiliary, Enfield, for shoes.	3.00
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Woman's Auxiliary, Rogersville, Mo., for shoes	2.50
Mt. Pleasant C. E. society, Mt. Pleasant, for shoes	3.00
Sapling Ridge S. S., Alamance	3.80
Harris Chapel, Vance, Easter offering .	4.40
Cambridge, Ohio, Circles 1 and 3, for shoes	2.50
First church, Burlington, Circle No. 1, for shoes	3.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Flint, Mich., for shoes	4.00
Union Auxiliary, Halifax, for shoes ..	2.50
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	3.00
Baltimore S. S., West Forsyth	3.00
Hope S. S., Siler City	1.00
Browers Chapel S. S., Richland	11.26
Friendship S. S., Shiloh	3.50
Henderson S. S.	8.78
Lebanon S. S., High Point, March-April	17.03
Spring Church S. S., Spring Church, Feb.-March	3.19
Macedonia, Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
Center S. S., Alamance	5.14
Giles Chapel S. S., Richland	3.50
Sale old clothes, Miss Martha Parsons	3.00
Liberty S. S.	5.00
Bethesda, N. Davidson, March-April ..	7.50
New Hope, Why Not	3.70
Class No. 4, Love Joy S. S.	1.00
Concord S. S.	20.00
First church S. S., Lexington	4.00
Enfield S. S.	5.00
Brown Summit, Easter offering	1.50
Ladies' Bible Class, R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., clothing child	5.00
First church, Burlington, Circle No. 3, for shoes	3.00
Hollister Auxiliary, Halifax, for shoes	2.00
Miss Ethel Brown, Neoga, Ill., for clothing	5.00
Mr. H. L. Horton, Robertsdale, Pa.	4.00
Circle No. 2, Siler City, for shoes	2.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Graham, for shoes	3.00
Bethany S. S., Randolph	6.09
Mt. Carmel, Granville	5.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Victory Memorial, Indianapolis, Ind., for shoes	1.50
Love Joy S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	2.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Steubenville, Ohio, for shoes	3.00
Pleasant Union S. S., Mt. Pleasant	2.50
Salem, Saxapahaw	5.25
Shiloh S. S., Randolph	2.80
Fountain Place S. S., Burlington	6.62
Philathea Class, Henderson, on repairs	5.00
Shoals S. S., Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	3.56
Ladies' Aid society, Elwood, Ind., feeding child and shoes	7.50
Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	5.55
N. C. Branch, Woman's Auxiliary, by the treasurer	201.83
McCulloch Bible class, Grace, for a hat	2.00
Liberty Grove S. S., Mt. Pleasant, March and April	1.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

The Easter outfits and money for shoes came in fine for Easter, and our children were happy. Personal letters have gone to all who thus helped us at Easter.

West End Missionary Circle, Greensboro, cakes and cookies for Easter. These were delivered by Mrs. W. H. Bonkemeyer.

Junior Philathea class, Central, Asheboro, Easter baskets.

Mrs. R. L. Horne, Dillonvale, Ohio, an Easter basket.

We are thankful for all these gifts of money and other things. God bless all the givers.

Yours in His service,
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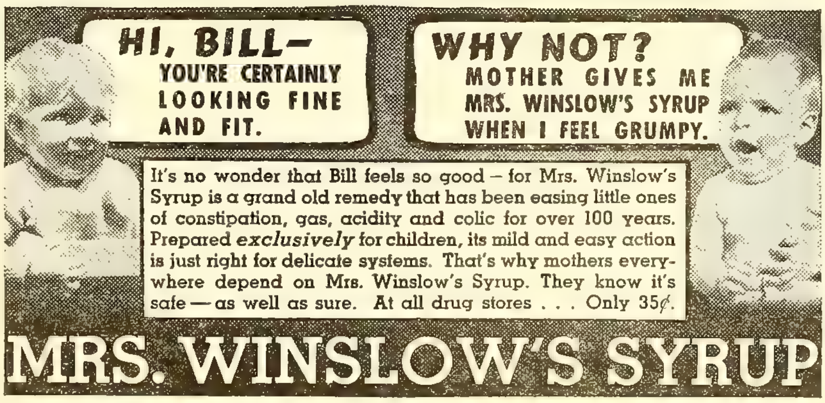

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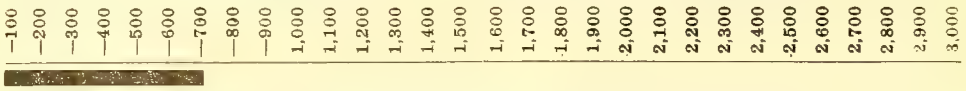

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We are running the gamut now in the matter of winners each week. Last week we noticed that one of the weaker charges, numerically and so far as age was concerned, sent in the largest amount of money on subscriptions. Now we turn to one of the larger charges again. Glad we have some among the larger charges that are not asleep. Some seem to think that it is a small thing to be interested in such a small thing as the church paper. Sometimes we are made to wonder if all the pastors are interested in making a go of the church paper. Then I had a lady to ask me this question: "After you get folks to take the paper, how are you going to get some of them to read it?" Well, that is a problem! Sometimes it helps to call attention to some worth-while article. Then let it be known that often we have articles that are worth-while. Tell them about the "Booster's Corner", for instance. I am sure everybody reads that(?), even the pastors, from the response I get from requests. Something like asking for subsidy as well as subscriptions. All of them respond(?) to these calls. Just look how we are gaining up on subsidy, for instance. That shows that all are interested in that. Been several weeks now since we reported a pay-up. Call attention to that, I am sure it will help.

Pardon me, Brother Spencer; I did not mean to run on like that and forget you so long. Glad you led the way for the big boys to emulate your example in other places.

And it was not said so, but I am thinking that Shiloh church, Randolph charge, and that young people's class at Tabernacle that never forgets to send in on subsidy, started the ball rolling again. There are others that could take up this to help us in this so that there would be no shortage in paying our bills. Have a heart, brethren, and be good and do your best.

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Bessemer City	13	1	....
Brown Summit	7	½	....
Burlington, First	80	11½	....
Burlington, Fountain Pl.	13	8	....
Charlotte	10	6	....
Chase City	10	1	....
Chatham	10	....	....
Cleveland	63	39½	*17.61
Concord	26	6¼	*7.50
Connelly Springs	19	2½	....
Creswell	29	3	....
DANVILLE	9	9½	....
Davidson	56	7	9.00
Democrat	12	½	....
Denton	37	16½	....
Draper	8	2¼	....
Enfield	16	6½	....
Fallston	90	12	....
Flat Rock	77	7½	....
Friendship-Love's Grove	38	14½	*10.00
Forsyth	46	9½	....
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A PROJECT FOR MOTHERS

Mother's Day comes this year on May 8. We would like to make that a special day for the Children's Home; but it seems wise to continue with our Children's Home Day, and ask all of you to come to see us and bring your dinner and ours.

It is too early yet to announce the date for that meeting, but we do wish to announce the plans.

The Plans

1. We are asking all our mothers who have happy homes and who are glad your children have living parents, to act as the solicitors and the collectors for the Children's Home in your church and community.
2. We are asking the mothers in each of our churches to call a mothers' meeting, on or near Mother's Day, and discuss ways and means to raise the best possible offering for the Home to be sent or carried to the Home for Children's Home Day. Such a meeting will give you the opportunity to talk together about the Home, and lay the very best plans for a good offering.
3. We are asking that the mothers cooperate in every way possible to see that every member of the church and every friend of the Home is given a chance to make an offering.

It is easy to pass the plates and take an offering and get whatever happens to be cast in; but we are asking our mothers in each church to help us to do better than that. Please begin to lay your plans on or near Mother's Day. We thank you, and may God bless in the work.

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ONE IS YOUR MASTER EVEN CHRIST AND ALL YE ARE BRETHREN.

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The Mind of Christ the Law of Life

Rev. Ozora S. Davis, D.D.

Jesus used all the gifts of life wisely. We all enjoy life or we wish to do so. The old idea of shunning or abjuring that which is not in the very nature of it evil, is a doctrine that is not given place any more in modern life. That is, we do not measure the worth of our life by the small number of relationships that we bear to the world in which we live, but by the number and the intimacy of those relationships. The great problem of self-mastery is this; how to use the gifts of life without abusing them, and how to enter into the fullest experience of the world and possess it without suffering it to possess us or overthrow us. The only solution of this problem that has ever been offered is the one afforded by the consciousness of Jesus. To meet the world as He met it is to conquer it and master our own lives. We do not need to be afraid of the world if we are only undertaking to live in the midst of it as Jesus lived.

Hebron Church, Orange Charge, Rev. C. P. Morris, pastor, has reached all three objectives in the Fellowship Crusade.

Jesus met the duties of life helpfully. The most concise biography of the Master and the one that probably appeals most thoroughly to us is the simple statement; He went about doing good. His life was a ministry of help and courage to all those who needed His word and deed. He kept clear the everlasting moral distinctions and He flogged the intruder from the temple of God; but there was no appeal for help and there was no call of penitence that He did not hear and answer. The benediction of His daily life was the gift that He had to bestow upon His generation; and He gave Himself without stint or refusal to every need that came to Him from every heart that was genuine and honest. He dared to smite the sham with words that burn with fire; but He could be tender as a mother with the soul that sought to be forgiven.

There is no other solution of the problem of the right use of our life than this which the life of Jesus offers. When we are confused about duty there can be no danger in this principle; let this mind be in you which was also in Jesus Christ. To live as He lived, will be the solution of our problems and will release us into the joy and peace of a life that is right with God and with man.

What is it, therefore to follow Christ? To imitate the manner of His daily life surely is not enough. We are not required to repeat His deeds as a child would follow a copy. To feel the kindling of our imagination as we brood upon His life is not enough. Emotion must pass into action ere we can follow the Lord. To believe certain doctrines about His person and His work in the world is not enough. The mental conviction must pass into the deed that is inspired by it, or we do not truly follow Christ.

The secret of following the Master depends upon how we master His mind. When our consciousness of God and the world becomes saturated with His, and when we act steadily and gladly from His motive, then we are following Christ. It is to come into those great relationships toward God and the world in which He stood; it is to set the same value upon ourselves and our fellowmen that He set; it is to be mastered by the spirit and the mind of the Master Himself.

For if any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature. Old things have passed away and all things have become new to him. "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sent His own Son ni the likeness of sinful flesh and condemned sin in the flesh."

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Calendar

Mid-Year Meeting, Community Church	May 13
Pastors' School, High Point College	June 6-17
Leadership School, High Point College	June 20-25
Third Quarterly Assembly	
Annual Conference, Calvary, Greensboro	November 9-14

Payments to be made on: A. C. Expenses, January and February; High Point College, March, April; Church Extension, May, June; A. C. Debt, July, August; Superannuates, September, October.

The Quarter to End May 6

Notice is hereby given that the second quarter of this Conference year will end May 6. Blanks are being mailed out this week for the report. I am asking that these be filled out and returned immediately after the quarter ends. In these blanks I have not asked any questions concerning the Fellowship Crusade for the reason that Dr. Andrews is sending out a blank for that.

The Mid-Year Meeting

Attention is being called again to the mid-year meeting which will be held in the Community Church, Thomasville, on Friday, May 13, beginning at 10:30 a. m. and closing at about 3:00 p. m. Next week I expect to give the entire program. Plan now to attend. Also, write Rev. J. Clyde Auman, Thomasville, N. C., that you will come and that you will want dinner. The women of the Church will serve dinner for 35 cents. But we ought to let them know how many to prepare for.

The College Assessment

During the months of March and April I have been reminding you from time to time that the High Point College assessment was to be raised during those months. I do not know just how well we have succeeded but I do know that the money is badly needed. It would be poor economy for us to fall down on that because we are in the Fellowship Crusade. If you have not raised that yet please do so at once as we are to get this out of the way of Church Extension which is to have the right of way for May and June.

Mortgage Burning at Asheboro

On Thursday evening of last week it was our privilege to be present at the burning of the mortgage on the parsonage of the Central Methodist Protestant Church in Asheboro. The Woman's Auxiliary and Dr. Taylor, the pastor and his family kept open house during the afternoon and evening. At 9:30 at night Brother W. L. Ward, acting for the trustees took charge. Miss Esther Ross read a brief history of the building of the parsonage during the pastorate of Rev. R. C. Stubbins in 1932. The mortgage was burned and the President of the Conference, who was the immediate predecessor of Brother Stubbins and during whose pastorates many meetings in regard to a parsonage were held, was called upon for some remarks. Following this Dr. S. W. Taylor, the present pastor, spoke for the parsonage family. It was a most delightful occasion and one which will not soon be forgotten. This is undoubtedly one of the best parsonages in the Conference. The Church is to be congratulated on being out of debt.

A Sunday Morning at Thomasville

Last Sunday morning was spent with the First Church, Thomasville. Rev. J. T. Bowman, pastor. It was like going back home to be at this Church for this was the first station I ever served. This Church has reversed the usual order of things and has the Church services before Sunday School. The house was well-filled at the services last Sunday morning, although the serious illness of one of the leading members, Brother D. R. Connell, who is at Duke hospital cast a gloom over the services of the day. Brother Connell has been one of the leaders here for many years. Brother Bowman had a well-planned program for the day and everything was carried out according to schedule. One of the unusual and pleasing things about the services was the baptism of the Bowman twins, Edith Marie and James Talton Bowman, the nine months old fine twins of the pastor and his wife. These youngsters were as quiet and respectful as if they had been trained for the event.

This Church is one of our most active and progressive. It occupies a section of the city where there is no other Church. It has made considerable progress during the years and I am sure that under the able leadership of Brother Bowman and his talented wife it will go on in the good work. It was a pleasure to have Rev. H. L. Powell, one of our honored Superannuate ministers in the congregation. It was also a pleasure to teach the Men's Bible class and their guests, the members of the Women's Bible class. This men's class is usually taught by Mrs. A. H. Ragan who has done fine work in this capacity for a number of years. The large number in the class is a testimony to her efficiency.

Appointments

Sunday, May 1—11 a. m., First Church, High Point.

Saturday, May 7—2:30 p. m., Quarterly Conference of the Randolph Charge, Shiloh Church.

Sunday, May 8—11 a. m., Circuit Rally, Littleton Charge, Hawkins' Chapel Church; Vaughn at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday, May 15—11 a. m., Circuit Rally, Why Not Charge, Flag Springs Church, 2 p. m.; same day Circuit Rally, Davidson Charge, Chapel Hill Church.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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THOSE WHO FEAR FAILURE MAY FAIL

Abraham Lincoln was beaten when he ran for the legislature; he entered business but failed; took seventeen years to pay off his debts. He was engaged to a most beautiful woman who died. He ran for Congress and was badly beaten; then ran for the United States Senate and was badly defeated. He was beaten when a candidate for Vice-President of the United States. What a line of failures. But Lincoln was not yet defeated for he was elected to the highest office in the gift of the American people. We know him as President Lincoln.

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"The stamp of every man's ministry will be upon those he associates with.—*Rev. John Snape.*

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A Message in Verse

"New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still, and onward, who would keep abreast of Truth;
Lo, before us gleam her camp-fires: we ourselves must pilgrims be,
Launch our Mayflower, and steer boldly through the desperate winter sea,
Nor attempt the Future's portal with the Past's blood-rusted key."

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We must endorse the Lord's checks with the hand of faith before they can be honored at the Bank of Heaven.

Little people become very big problems in a movement when all they do is to stand in the way of those willing to work.

Some people carry enough dirt in their lives to produce a crop of weeds and thorns rank enough to choke out whatever good fruit they may have intended to grow.

The easy life is often the hardest life; the satisfied life, the poorest; and those who claim to be perfect fullest of foibles.

There are people who, although they carry no burdens through life, are never driven by necessity into unpleasant situations, yet they complain most of hardships of the journey.

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Hebron Home-Coming

Last Sunday the Editor enjoyed the day with the Hebron congregation in the Home-Coming services. Pastor Morris had planned a full day. Singing by many visitors and the home folk, a membership roll call and the presentation of a Church Membership Certificate to every member present, the recognition of former pastors and two speakers beside completing the Fellowship Crusade at this Church. There was but little time wasted that day. Dr. Dixon brought the message at the morning service, the Editor spoke for a few minutes in the afternoon; then Pastor Morris took charge and raised the financial objective of the Fellowship Crusade. Brother Morris showed tact and patience in handling this phase of the program which won the objective. Then the Church Treasurer, Mr. Wilson, read a most excellent financial report of the Church for the first six months. It was as follows: Amount due pastor to date, $200; paid pastor, $205; paid High Point College apportionment in full, $20; paid A. C. expenses in full, $22; paid Herald subsidy, $5; paid on W. S. $18.43. You can see that the people here are modernists—at any rate they believe in keeping up to date. A very fine species of modernism, too. The following former pastors were present: Pike, McCulloch, and Surratt. It was a good day.

Methodist Unification

Our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are gathered in the city of Birmingham this week to consider the many questions which may be called during their General Conference; and among them is the question of the adoption of the Plan of Methodist Unification. Although some objections have arisen from certain sections, it is not believed by their leaders the Editor has talked with, that the Plan will not be adopted. This completes the first step toward the unification of the three Methodist bodies. The next step, if the plan is adopted this week, will be the calling of the Unifying Conference. This will be composed of representatives from all the churches; our denomination will be entitled to one hundred representatives, and the Conference will be held within a year from now, most likely.

We have read with much pleasure and profit the booklet, "The Legal and Historical Aspects of the Plan of Methodist Union," by Dr. Garber, of Duke University. It would be fine if all Church people, regardless of Methodist affiliation, could read it. Here the legal aspect of property rights are fully, clearly set forth.

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A Notable Victory

Misses Fern Templeton and Wanona Rash, Union Grove High School girls won out in the State High School debaters' contest; winning over Salisbury, the highest at Chapel Hill last week. These girls attend the Church of Brother Joseph F. Coble at Union Grove; Miss Rash is a niece of Rev. J. C. Madison, High Point. We congratulate the girls, their teachers, and join with their parents and friends in rejoicing over so signal an honor coming to them. The *Winston-Salem Journal* comments editorially, as follows:

"The triumph of the Union Grove debating team, of North Iredell county, in the 26th annual state-wide contest in competition with over 23,000 other high school students of North Carolina was more than the mere triumph of two individuals, or the victory of one particular school.

"This singular victory scored by two 12-year-old girls who upheld the negative of the query, 'Resolved, That the several states should adopt the unicameral system of legislature,' constituted a signal triumph for the consolidated rural schools of North Carolina.

"In competition with the Union Grove team were boys and girls from schools having large reference libraries, special teachers in elocution, and other advantages. Their school in rural Iredell is one of the most progressive in the entire state, but it is not equipped with all the facilities of the larger systems. Against this and other handicaps the Union Grove debaters pitted determination, persistence and enthusiasm. And they won.

"But while the rural consolidated schools do not have all the facilities of the leading city institutions, they are far better equipped to instruct youth than the old one, two, three or four-teacher schools were. They have much better and more adequate equipment for regular course and extra-curricular training, and some of them, especially those of the Union Grove type, endeavor to draw out all the qualities of initiative and leadership possessed by the pupils by having the youngsters help plan the school work and assume civic responsibilities.

"North Carolina has thousands of bright boys and girls on its farms and in its smaller towns and villages who are possessed of a persistent and avid desire for knowledge. They are capable of the highest type of leadership, provided they are properly trained and equipped to assume it. Rural schools of the Union Grove type are opening wide the doors of opportunity for such boys and girls, and helping them to develop the winning spirit for the game of life they must play after having left their classrooms behind.

"Herein lies the significance of the triumph at Chapel Hill. In winning the debating championship, the Union Grove boys and girls scored a great triumph for the whole consolidated school system, and directed attention anew to the potentialities of these institutions in the building of a commonwealth that is to be."

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Reading the Bible

Those who read books do it either for pleasurable pastime or for instruction or as a means of devotion. The attainments and attitudes of the readers will largely determine what they get from their reading. But the Bible reader as a rule goes to it for instruction or devotion. He wants to find out something which relates to life here and hereafter. In a sense the Bible is a timeless book; it begins before the human race in its record of creation and through the prophetic messages extends out into eternity when there shall be no earth or mortal man. It is indeed a most informing book to those seeking information. As it emphasizes life above all else in its importance, it deals with religion, the regulator of life, on all its levels. So here is a book dealing with life and religion, time and eternity, good and evil, heaven and hell. As history the Bible is most dependable, as a biography of the soul it is surely illuminating. As a devotional book to lead us as we seek after the deeper experiences of life, what book can equal the Bible? Here is one book which explains the present through its lessons out of the past, and by instructions of past and present prepares us for the future as no other book can prepare us. It is unfortunate that every one does not have an instructor to guide them as they begin to read the Bible; that they may not get lost in the maze of symbolism and ritualism which discourage them in taking a second trial. Because it is a library instead of a single volume; written by authors who lived from first to last through a period covering quite a thousand years. So there is history, law, prophecy, ritualism, poetry, biography, personal letters, all bound together awaiting the reader. These surely present a mental and spiritual feast to the person eager to learn; but they also present a difficult task to the beginner as he begins to study his Bible. And we are of the opinion that many of us need to read the Bible as a means of deepening our spiritual life. We suppose that all who read this editorial know where to find what they need for the tasks of today. But they are not turning to the Bible as they ought to get the much needed help. Here is doubtless the weak place in the armor of the modern saint. He is emaciated, weak, undernourished spiritually. It is a fine habit to form, to daily read the Bible. And any one, who can read, may form this habit and thereby greatly enrich his spiritual life.

Two Ridges

We present here the Ridge brothers. Reading, left to right, Rev. C. E. Ridge, pastor of Shiloh Charge, who recently closed a very successful meeting at Welch Memorial Church, High Point, and his brother, I. B., who has been long a member of that Church and who is chorister there, therefore had charge of the music during the revival services. Here are two very faithful workers in the Master's Kingdom.

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Do not for one repulse, forego the purpose
That you resolve to effect. —*Shakespeare.*

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"Wealth proved its futility in the case of the Rich Young Ruler."—*Dr. C. F. Reisner.*

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"To be a Christian is to be like the Father who is in heaven."—*Rev. Wm. E. Dudley.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Three Tests of a Good Home

According to Peabody's book on *The Religious Education of An American Citizen,* there are three tests of a good home. The first is simplicity. Not by this does he mean poverty nor the absence of modern conveniences, even luxuries, but he does mean that a good home is simply a home—it exists for itself. It is the opposite of confusion and entangling conflicts and complications. Where love rules and father lives for mother and the children, and where the children live for the parents and for each other, there you have a good home. A sort of transparent brotherhood, all members living for the central aim, namely the happiness of the whole group. Here the family circle means something. It is its own excuse for being. Home is too important to exist for other ends; its own happiness should come first. A hard-working father leaves home for a day's work, but the labor over, he turns again homeward because home is the object of his love, the aim of his toil. Simplicity, then, is one real test of home.

A second test is consistency. Sham has destroyed many a home. Here living example is more powerful than words. Many a parent, unable to make heads from tails of historic theology, had a Church life so true and unerring the boys caught on to his unswerving insight to profound and heavenly ways. He may have been ignorant, but he did not deny it. He may have been weak but did not mask it. In the search for God he showed a hunger and in his zeal to live the Christian life he made the Church his comrade. His consistency was real. There was dependability in his nature and fairness about his ways. No one could doubt his aims, and no one found disappointment in the appraisal of his heart. When the whole family is thus consistent it marks again the sign of a good home. This home has convictions and makes them known.

Finally, Peabody said, a good home would be a pious home. The human is so weak and feeble it needs an acknowledgment of the Divine One. Piety is just reverent goodness. It stands in awe before the holy things of life and bends its head in the atmosphere of the Eternal. It is, I think, the opposite of the secular; it is the spiritual sense operating in a material world. It knows right from wrong, the pure from the vulgar, and uplifting sentiments from those that drag life down. Piety is evidence of God's influence in the home, and even if this is not exhibited in a spectacular form, it can still give depth to the thinking and feeling to the attitudes assumed in the family group. It is religion in every-day life.

Simplicity, consistency, and piety, then, are the three tests of a good home. So says one who has studied American life in a thorough and tolerant manner.

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Those who have not often felt the joy of doing a kind deed, have neglected much, and most of all, themselves.—*A. Nielson.*

FOLLOWING VISION WITH SERVICE

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, May 1, 1938

By J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—Mark 9:14-29.

Golden Text—"All things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23.

Last Sunday we studied the story of the transfiguration as a proof to the confused and doubting disciples that Christ was and is the Son of God. It was a glorious vision and in the midst of their ecstasy the three disciples heard the reassuring words: "This is my beloved Son: hear ye Him."

Now to me the incident of our study today came as a logical continuation of the convincing proof that Jesus was the Christ. When Simon Peter suggested that the mountain top experience be continued forever he surely did not consider just how inconsistent that would be: Christ, the Son of the Loving Father, forever on the mountain top of glory while the sick, suffering, destitute, discouraged men and women walked the valley below. The mere fact that the Love of Christ for men led Him into the valley of humble service is far more convincing proof that He is the Christ than the mere fact that He with His disciples enjoyed moments of emotional ecstasy. ". . . shew me thy faith without thy works," said James, "and I will shew thee my faith by my works." It is easy to find hypocrisy in emotionalism, but when one goes out to minister to the sick, to share his last dollar with a friend, to deal in justice and honor with the humble and ignorant as well as with the wise and strong, then we know that there is a true expression of the spirit of Christ and a true revelation of the love of God.

During this month Methodism is celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience. It is a splendid thing to memorialize one of the most significant incidents in the history of the Christian Religion. But it is also the logical thing for us Methodists to do, for it is much easier to talk about a great heart-warming experience than it is to take Wesley's journal and follow the strenuous schedule of work as outlined therein. As a matter of fact, however, had the experience of John Wesley stopped at Aldersgate he would have been just as impotent in face of the staggering human needs of his day as are most of us Aldersgate enthusiasts of our own day, and so far as celebrations are concerned had that been true we wouldn't even know that such a man ever lived. If out of our celebrations this spring there does not come a clearer vision of human need as well as a warmer heart then our meetings will be in vain. To me as Christ took on more and more of the sufferings of men willingly until He hung upon the cross the heavenly voice became plainer and more convincing: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

There is another phase of our story today which is worthy of emphasis. The disciples could not cure the boy with a dumb spirit without Christ. Not only was it true that Christ was not there in body but apparently they had not called on the help of God through prayer. They undertook the task in their own strength, but they failed and the world scoffed and doubted.

I would be frank to recognize the danger of a theory that Christianity is a way of practical ethical living as suggested in preceding paragraphs. There is the danger that we will come to believe that it is nothing more than that. Such is the shallowness of American activism. We have thought that the Kingdom of Heaven could come through campaigns and drives sponsored by men in their own moral strength. This procedure is as shallow as false piety is hypocritical. There are some things which men can pull off their coats and do, but there are others which require a great faith and a great inner strength which comes from God through prayer. To try to do the latter alone is to invite the scoffs of a doubting world. But to take time to bring ourselves in the right relationship to God, to get in line with His purposes, to know his will, such is to find everything possible that represents His purposes and will. So, doing our best to bring to pass that which we know to be right, and calling for strength which we do not have, in faith let us pray for a greater faith realizing that nothing is impossible through Christ.

THE GALILEAN APPOINTMENT

Since the New Testament is a Gospel rather than a biography, scholars have difficulty, often, in fixing time and place for certain events. This Galilean appointment, however, is an exception. Our Lord selected the mountain in Galilee, and told His disciples He would meet them there after His Resurrection. More than five hundred went to meet Him there. Jesus in the midst of a great throng, standing on a mountain, reviewing the scenes of many of His mighty works in Galilee.

Many of the dramatic events of Scripture have mountain backgrounds. The Law was delivered from Mount Sinai. It was on Mount Carmel that Elijah won his great victory over the priests of Baal. Jesus was on a mountain when He preached the sermon that set forth the principles of His Kingdom. Again on a mountain He was Transfigured. From another mountain the disciples received their Great Commission. Again, the Ascension was from Mount Olivet.

Many of the meetings of Jesus seemed accidental; many of His most precious words prompted on the spur of the moment, and many of His miracles of love and mercy seemed spontaneous. This meeting in Galilee seems to have been an exceptionally well-planned meeting, however. One that greatly concerned our Lord. Matthew and Mark both state that Jesus promised it before the crucifixion; and angels and Jesus told the women to tell the disciples about it, on the first morning of the Resurrection. There was something about that meeting in Galilee that our Lord regarded of great importance.

The angels urged the women to tell the disciples, while Jesus urged them to hasten and tell ''my brethren.'' Some think these are synonymous terms. If so it was the first time Jesus called the disciples ''brethren,'' and none of them were presumptuous enough to call Him ''brother.'' Others argue that He meant brethren in the flesh, since He saw the disciples several times, in and around Jerusalem, before going to Galilee. Apparently, none of His brothers believed on Him before His Resurrection, and afterwards they did, two of them writing Epistles that are now in our New Testament. Whichever view one may take, this much can be said, that Jesus always placed spiritual before fleshly revelations.

Another fact concerning this Galilee meeting, is that friends only were invited. The invitation was to friends and those friendly to His Kingdom. Those miserable, carping, treacherous enemies, who hounded Him to His Cross, and sealed His tomb were excluded from His post resurrection meeting with the disciples. The next time they would see Him, would be in Judgment. Think of all these appearing before Christ in judgment, stained with His blood. There are many good things the curious, the hostile and unworthy never see.

Dr. Edgar Goodspeed shows genius in translating the first words of the Lord after His resurrection, ''Good Morning,'' rather than, ''All Hail,'' as found in most of our Bibles. When the disciples were meeting behind closed doors for fear of the Jews, Jesus greeted them, ''Peace be unto you.'' All the words and works of Christ before and after His resurrection were marked by kindness and thoughtfulness, but none more so than when He appeared to the tired fishermen, and enquired, saying, ''Children, do you have ought to eat?'' Reminds one of a mother, coming to her children, when they are in distress. Even this meeting in Galilee is marked by tenderness and thoughtfulness. When the disciples were given their sobering, staggering and world-wide task of evangelizing the world, Jesus assured them that He would be with them always. Really it was; let us go and evangelize the world together! ''Laborers together with Him.''

Perhaps, we have gone far enough with this appointment in the long ago. A natural question to raise here is, Does Jesus still make appointments? The answer is an emphatic ''yes.'' He has an appointment with us all at the Cross. He said, ''And I, if I be lifted up from (marginal readings, out of) the earth, I will draw all men unto me.'' The old man must be crucified with Him on the cross, that we may live that new life. Another appointment that we are urged to make, is in prayer with Him in His temple. ''Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst.'' This world will never know how much the Lord misses the disciples, who fail to attend prayer meetings. Yet another appointment, where our Lord wants to meet us, is in Paradise—in the Father's house of many mansions. ''Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise.''

Rev. W. A. Ledford.

Laytonsville, Md.

Words are like sunbeams, the more they are condensed, the more they burn.—*Martin Vanbee.*

''Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.''

The first and last thing required of genius is the love of truth.—*Goethe.*

''Every man's need of God is not only in the crises of life, but in the ordinary, everyday phases and happenings.''

BRISTOL, AND THE NEW ROOM

The First Church, let us call it that although John Wesley was unwilling to call it such, to be erected by Methodism was this 'New Room' in Bristol, England, in May, 1739—about a year after Aldersgate. Had the churches not closed their doors to these Methodist preachers, in all probability Methodism would have become absorbed and become a part of the Establishment. Whitefield was the first to find his way into the open air, preaching to many thousands of people. It was he who induced John Wesley to undertake it and to join him in Bristol, and here again he did something 'reluctantly.' Aldersgate, Open Air preaching, the New Room — all reluctantly — strange indeed.

The New Room became a necessity for no other place was available or open to them — There were so many sheep gathered in the fields and no 'fold' for them. So being resourceful, a place was found, the stones were laid, a house was built and Methodism had its first home.

The New Room is in what is called the Horsefair — a locality of Bristol now quite downtown. It is a square house, without windows, in the center of a square of houses and then approached through a narrow alley way. Above it and attached to it were living rooms where John Wesley made his home for many years; where many conferences were held, where much of his writing was done. It was from the New Room that Francis Asbury, during a conference there, in response to the question from John Wesley, who will go to America, arose and offered himself—thus tying this sacred spot to our great continent.

A few years ago English Methodists put this property in fine condition. Some properties facing the street were bought and razed. A courtyard took their place, a stone and iron face was thrown across the front and a glorious equestrian statue of John Wesley, of John Wesley in his youth, eager, vigorous, was set in the midst of it. Over in a corner still stands the little 'lean-to' stable where his horse was kept. The 'Room' is much as it was save that the old backless benches have been replaced by more sedate pews. The double pulpit is quite odd to an American where one is on a higher level than the other, somewhat double decked. There is a gallery, the whole room seating perhaps three hundred. The living rooms are what one might expect — filled with old furniture and relics of those great fathers of the Church, and in a part of them a caretaker and his family now live.

The whole place is an inspiration to any one who loves the Methodist Church and reverences its old places. When I looked into the face of that young, inspired preacher, and I got in position where I could look him 'square in the eyes,' I felt he was searching out my soul and asking me if I knew Him. It was a fascination. I sat where Asbury might have sat, saw all the appointments of the place, with Wesley in the front center chair, closed my eyes and listened to voices — Voices of the New Room — now stilled and yet filling the earth. I even desecrated the lower pulpit by being photographed there, yet I brought home an identification and visualization. Go there this summer if you can, and be greatly rewarded, even as I.

JAS. H. STRAUGHN.

THE NEW THEOLOGY

They were discussing the "New Theology" at the Selwyn; how that it is the learned opinion that, for the first time ever, a great religion is moving from a crumbling temple with no other temple to go to; that Jesus was no more than an ethical teacher.

"That all sounds rational and plausible when it's summertime and everybody is safe and well," spoke up a pale-faced man. "But I've just come from a hospital. I was quartered on the same floor with the operating room and within hearing of the patients who had passed under the knife. In the room next mine on the left they put a professional man, who had been cut for appendicitis. It was then nearly dusk. He must have understood that he could not survive, for his cries and groans were heartbreaking, and his words were, 'O Lord Jesus! O Lord Jesus!' That prayer was the last thing I heard before I slept and the first after I waked. For some half an hour that morning he repeated those three words; then there fell a silence in his room. You may know what that silence told me and how I felt.

"That afternoon they put a woman in the room to my right. I don't know whether she has died; she was alive when I left the place. She must have been in extreme pain and peril, however; for her prayer was as brief and pleading as the other: "O my Saviour! O my Saviour!'

"Gentlemen, your new theology or philosophy is a handsome thing until you reach the Dark Gate; there the cry is not for an ethical teacher—but for a Saviour."—*From "Select Prose of John Charles McNeill," edited by Jasper L. Memory, Jr.*

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WHAT A BOY CAN DO

Here are some things a Christian boy can do who wants to be true:

Be frank.
Be polite.
Be obliging.
Obey his parents.
Keep himself tidy.
Refuse to do wrong.
Never use profanity.
Never learn to smoke.
Be useful about home.
Keep out of bad company.
Never laugh at coarse jokes.
Learn his lessons thoroughly.
Never make unnecessary noise.
Never be disrespectful to old age.
Be kind to his brothers and sisters.
Take the part of those who are ill used.
Never take advantage of the underprivileged.

—*Selected.*

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He only is exempt from failure who makes no effort. —*Whatley.*

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Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fail.—*Confucius.*

OUR STORY PAGE

WHAT ONE BOY ACCOMPLISHED

Over a hundred years ago there was born in a mean Nottingham street, in England, a child destined to make more unhappy people happy than anyone else of his generation had dreamed of doing.

William Booth was his name. He was nicknamed ''Wilful Will'' in his youth. In his age the world called him General Booth of the Salvation Army.

His childhood was as sad as a rainy day in a sooty back yard. There was so much gloom at home that he was driven to find his fun in the streets, where he became ringleader of a band of boys.

His father was born poor, but with a longing to be rich. He made enough money to set up as a builder, buy property and live in rather a grand style. But he was ruined, and died of heartbreak.

Mrs. Booth tried to make a living by opening a shop where she sold cotton and tape and such odds and ends.

She was oppressed by the thought of how the family had come down in the world, and people were half afraid of the silent woman with the tragic face.

William, the only boy of four children, had been told that his father would make a gentleman of him, but at thirteen he was sent to work for a pawnbroker. Every day he saw the poorest and the lowest sort of people; every day he heard tales of hardship and want. He thought about it till one thing became clear; most of the unhappiness in the world came from badness.

What was the cure for the selfishness that made the world full of sorrow?

At fifteen William Booth quietly decided that there was no cure but the love of God and man.

He had a friendship, like the friendship of David and Jonathan, for a youth who was doomed to die of consumption; but before he died this lad started street-meetings in the Nottingham slums and made shy William Booth join in the hymns. At last William found that he must speak, too. He was seventeen then, a tall, pale boy with flashing black eyes.

Someone who remembered that first sermon over seventy years later said that it was given in a tiny cottage in Kid Street. It was such a strange sermon for a young man to preach, the women thought. He described a baby learning to walk, and asked a mother would she scold it for stumbling? He said it was hard to live a Christian life, and we ought not to judge the stumblers but to run and help them.

Another time the same hearer listened to him preaching in the street to a sullen group of men, asking them if there was a child at home cold and hungry because they had wasted their wages. It was a fiery sermon.

At last he gave up the pawnbroker's shop and determined to be a preacher, even if he starved. He became a minister in a chapel, but in the end he found that the worst people were afraid of churches and chapels, and it was the worst people he wanted to reach.

So he created the Salvation Army.

Few people realize that this great organization was founded, not in the flush of his youthful strength, but in his fiftieth year, and when his health was gone. Into the slums it came, flags flying, tambourines ringing, to tell the bad people ''Goodness is not something dull and stuffy. Goodness is happiness.''

Too many hymn-tunes are dismal, so William Booth made his followers sing hymns to the tunes of popular songs. ''Why should the devil have all the best tunes?'' he asked.

At first the Salvation Army had bitter enemies. Its meetings were broken up by bullies, and the processions were pelted with stones and refuse. But, inspired by the wonderful characters of William and Catherine Booth, the soldiers withstood all persecution. Gradually the world saw that they really were making bad people good and sad people happy. They were feeding starving men, scrubbing dirty homes, and clothing ragged children, too.

Rich people started to give to the poor through the Salvation Army, and it spread over the whole world. Wherever there were slums the Army flag appeared. Wherever there was need the Salvation Army came.

Then, in his old age, when his beloved wife was dead and he was striken blind, kings and princes paid tribute to William Booth; Oxford honored him; he received the freedom of the city of London. But when he lay on his death-bed he was not thinking of these things. ''Promise me,'' he demanded of his son, ''promise me to care for the homeless. I am not thinking of this country only, but of the homeless in all lands.''

So he died at eighty-three, still full of the pity that had touched his heart at fifteen, and certain that only love could save the world.

On the night of his death thousands were praying for him, in shelters and homes, who would have been sleeping in prison or on the doorsteps but for William Booth.

If his father had prospered, and if William Booth had had a better chance in life, what a tragedy it would have been for the whole world!—*Nell Nash Chandler, in Youth's World.*

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HOME

Home is more than a house. A cabin in the wilderness or a mansion on the boulevard may be a house. But these—cabin and wilderness; or mansion and boulevard are incidental—the essentials of home lie deep down in the heart experiences of the human race. Hence Edgar Guest got an unusual response when he gave the public these lines:

Home must be built out of laughter and tears,
It's got to be aged by the passing of years;
It's got to be perfumed by memories sweet
An' carelessly raced through by glad little feet,
An' though Mother may fret some when company calls,
There's got to be thumb marks all over the walls.

—*Selected.*

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I would rather be able to appreciate the things I cannot have than to have the things I cannot appreciate. — *Elbert Hubbard.*

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Grace Church Supplement

A GENERAL VIEW OF GRACE CHURCH, Greensboro, which this May is celebrating the forty-seventh anniversary of her organization. As a feature of the celebration this special eight-page supplement of THE HERALD is sent to you with the approval of the Editor and the support of the advertisers. This supplement is issued without cost to THE HERALD.

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FORTY-SEVEN YEARS AT GRACE CHURCH

By E. S. WILLS
A Charter Member

Grace Methodist Protestant Church was organized in 1891, in Newell's Hall, on Asheboro Street, with twenty-two charter members, five of whom are still living. Shortly afterwards the enthusiastic little congregation began the erection of a brick Church building on East Lee Street, under the supervision of Rev. J. R. Ball, who had been appointed by the Annual Conference to do this work. The problem of financing the new building was attended by the usual difficulties encountered in building a new Church, but "the people had a mind to work," and in due time the building was completed.

Rev. W. F. Ohrum, of Maryland, was the first pastor, coming to the Church on April 6, 1892. It was during his ministry that the building was completed, and the initial service held. This was a great service, and one that filled the hearts of the members with joy. The sermon was delivered by Rev. T. J. Ogburn to a congregation which crowded the auditorium.

Mr. Ohrum was a man of great energy and enthusiasm, and the Church grew under his ministry. He lived, however only about six months after coming to Greensboro.

On June 3, 1893, Rev. J. S. Williams, just graduated from Westminster Seminary, came to Grace Church as pastor, and served the Church for four years. Mr. Williams labored unceasingly, not only for the Church, but for the community. His ministrations to those in need knew no denominational bounds.

During the year 1897 Rev. J. F. McCulloch, editor of *Our Church Record* (now THE METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD) served as pastor. His sermons were scholarly, forceful, and edifying.

Following Dr. McCulloch, during the period from 1898 to 1924, the Church was served successfully by the following ministers: Revs. T. M. Johnson, R. M. Andrews, T. J. Ogburn, C. W. Bates and R. C. Stubbins.

During the ministry of Dr. Andrews an opportunity for expansion was offered which the congregation quickly seized. The First Baptist Church offered for sale its Church property at the corner of Washington and Greene Streets. This was purchased by Grace Church, remodelled and used until 1924, when the property was sold for a handsome figure, and a hut erected upon a lot at the northeast corner of Gaston and Edgeworth Streets which had been purchased in 1922.

In January, 1924, Rev. S. K. Spahr, D.D., of the Pittsburgh Conference, came to Greensboro to serve the Church for a period of three months. It soon became evident, however, that he would not be allowed to terminate his pastorate in so short a time, so well had the congregation come to love him, and he remained as pastor until November, 1927, when he asked to be relieved. For two years of Dr. Spahr's period of service, and while awaiting the erection of the new Church, the hut above mentioned was used by the congregation for Church and Sunday School services.

It was during Dr. Spahr's ministry that the beautiful Church we now have was erected, and to him and to J. Norman Wills, chairman of the Building Committee, a large measure of the credit is due for the new building.

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It was with the keenest pleasure that the many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Spahr learned that they had decided to purchase a home and make Greensboro their permanent place of residence. As Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Spahr holds himself in readiness for any service for which he may be called upon, and his influence in the city extends far beyond the boundaries of Grace Church.

In November, 1927, Rev. Ronald J. Tamblyn, of Pittsburgh, came to us as pastor, and served the Church for nearly five years. Mr. Tamblyn devoted himself to Grace Church with great energy and earnestness, and when he left Greensboro a large circle of friends both in and outside the Church keenly regretted his going.

Following Mr. Tamblyn, Dr. G. I. Humphreys, President of High Point College, was appointed by the President of the Conference as pastor, serving for one year. His fine sermons are still remembered by the congregations which heard them.

Dr. Humphreys' work as President of High Point College did not permit him to do any pastoral work, so, in order to relieve him of that feature Rev. E. Lester Ballard was called to be associate pastor. Mr. Ballard soon made a place for himself in Grace Church. He was not, however, a stranger in the community, having served West End for several years previously. Of a cordial, genial disposition, Mr. Ballard makes friends wherever he goes.

In November, 1933, our present pastor, Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, came to the Church as pastor, and is now serving his fifth year. Under his pastorate the congregation has grown in size and has made progress in its various phases of service. Physically an athlete, intellectually well-trained and spiritually earnest, Grace Church is looking forward to greater things under his ministry.

Shortly after coming to Greensboro, Mr. Carroll was married to Elizabeth C. Shoenfelt, of Altoona, Pa., a splendid young woman, who not only makes a home for him, but aids him most competently in his work for the Church. Mrs. Carroll occupies a place of her own in the congregation, and her services are highly valued.

During these years Grace Church has been mother to three other Methodist Protestant Churches here in Greensboro. Indirectly she assisted in the organization of St. Paul's Church in White Oak. The nucleus of West End Church withdrew from Grace for the purpose of founding a Church in the western part of our city. During 1924 when Grace was moving from her second location to the present site, most of the members residing on the south side of the railroad organized Calvary Church. The pipe organ, the pews, bricks, and part of the money from the sale of the second location was presented to the Calvary Church group and the materials constitute the present building there. These three congregations have made excellent progress and two of them are about the size of Grace. We wish them continued usefulness.

Within the past three months the entire interior of Grace Church has been repaired and redecorated, thus restoring to her the beauty of former days. The congregation is composed in a large measure of people under fifty years of age. With the young and energy of such a group, the Church is in position to develop great power for good, and the future is contemplated with optimism.

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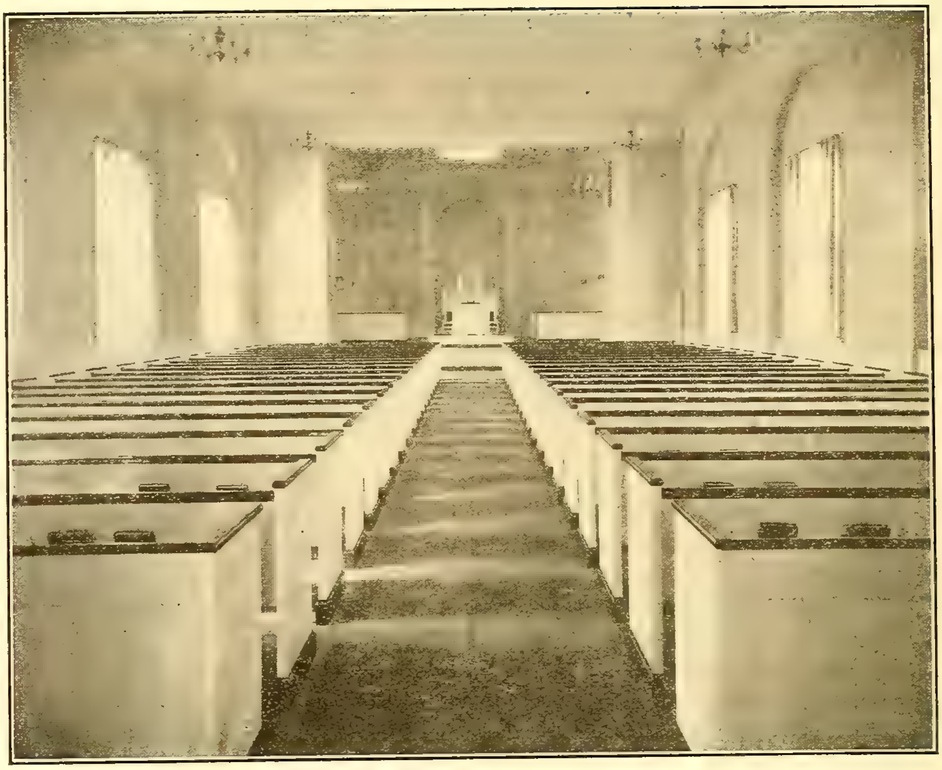
The women of Grace Church have been very active from the very beginning, for during 1892, within a few months after the organization of the church, the women organized themselves into a Ladies' Aid society. This organization was concerned with local church interests, therefore after a few years the women organized both a Foreign Missionary society and a Home Missionary society. Miss Frances Sutton, of Grace Church, was at one time national president of the Home Missionary society. The Executive Board of the Foreign Missionary society held national meetings in Grace church, during the year 1904 and again in 1916.

With the national merger of Home and Foreign Missionary societies in 1928, the women of Grace church united their efforts under one organization, the Woman's Auxiliary. A large number of our women are active with four live circles.

We were happy to have the National Convention of the Woman's Work meet with us at Grace in May of 1936.

In addition to a generous support of local church affairs, the general support of all our missionary interests, a special project of the Grace Auxiliary was the entire support of Dr. Roberta Fleagle, a medical missionary to China. The support was maintained for about five years terminating in 1924 when we launched the building program of our present structure. When the debt of Grace church is lifted, people may expect to hear of great missionary endeavor again from our members.



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MUSIC

Good music is a synonym for Grace Church for wherever the church is known people know of a high class, worshipful music. The accompanist has always been a graduate in instrumental music, the director well-trained, and the voices of high quality.

Mr. E. S. Wills was director of the choir for about thirty years, serving from the very beginning as one of the charter members. He, along with Mrs. E. W. Teague, are still active in the choir after nearly fifty years of appreciated service. Mrs. Teague, soon after the founding of the church, was united in marriage with Mr. E. W. Teague, who, himself has a fine tenor voice, and they together have been long famous for their duets.

With the opening of the new Grace Church in 1926, Mr. Gilman Alexander, head of the voice department of Greensboro College, became director of the choir, with Miss Audrey Bruton, instructor of organ in the same institution, as accompanist. Until the untimely death of Mr. Alexander, Grace Church possessed one of the finest choirs in all North Carolina.

With the passing of Mr. Alexander and the arrival of the depression, the musical program became a voluntary affair. Mr. Bynum R. Clapp, one of Grace's fine young men, came to the helm of the depleted musical group as director and Miss Lucille Sharpe, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Sharpe, of our church, as accompanist. Miss Sharpe resigned as organist in 1934 to become the wife of Oren Long, of Charlotte, and since that time we have been highly fortunate to have as our organist, Mrs. R. E. Morrisett.

In addition to Mr. Clapp's untiring efforts, three factors make a great contribution to the music of Grace Church: First, the loyal and willing service of its volunteer choir from the church membership and friends; secondly, the fine young ladies of Greensboro College and Woman's College, who ably assist the choir during the winter months; and thirdly, the excellent Austin pipe organ as installed cost a little more than $12,000.00, which bears a bronze tablet with the following statement:

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and daughter
ANNE GORDON HUNTER
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by Mrs. T. A. Hunter and her children
Marion, Eugenia, and Thomas
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CHILDREN'S HOME

The Children's Home at High Point has a vital connection with Grace Church through the members of the Board of Trustees of the Home and members of Grace Church. J. M. Millikan, who has been the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Home since its founding in 1912, is a member of Grace Church and proposed the slogan, "A day's wage for an orphan child." This slogan has been adopted by the governor of the State of North Carolina in many of the annual appeals to the citizens for contributions at the Thanksgiving season for some orphan home. In addition, it has been used all over America in various states in a similar appeal.

In addition to Mr. Millikan, George T. Penny, James C. Penny, and J. Norman Wills, Trustees of the Home, have connections with Grace Church. The Penny brothers gave the Boys' building which bears their name. Mr. and Mrs. James C. Penny were members of Grace Church until Mr. Penny's removal to Charlotte, and Mrs. George T. Penny is a member of Grace now.

Generous support of the Home has always come from Grace Church. Even during our trying days of the depression, our monthly offerings from the Church School went along to the Home. Last year Grace gave more than $200 towards the support of the Home.

DR. S. K. SPAHR

By J. NORMAN WILLS
A Charter Member

As Grace Church counts her blessings, she has no difficulty in placing among the foremost, the presence, during the past fourteen years, of Dr. and Mrs. S. K. Spahr.

As no pastor was assigned to Grace Church by the Conference of 1923, the President, Dr. A. G. Dixon, suggested that a superannuated member of the Pittsburgh Conference, Rev. S. K. Spahr, D.D., might be secured for a few months, as he probably would like to spend the remainder of the winter in the "sunny south." Dr. Spahr, having accepted the invitation, arrived about the middle of January, and proceeded, not only to occupy, but really to *fill* the pulpit. It required but a short time for the congregation to determine that the engagement should be for more than a few months, for Dr. Spahr proved to be so vigorous in both body and mind that it was evident that there was no reason for his early retirement, and it was not until after practically four years of delightful association that he was permitted to relinquish the pastorate. Greatly to our gratification, he and his good wife decided to continue to make their home in Greensboro. Mrs. Spahr had previously transferred her membership to Grace, and Dr. Spahr accepted the relation of Pastor Emeritus, as voted by the quarterly conference.

REV. S. K. SPAHR, D.D.
Pastor Emeritus of Grace Church

As a preacher, Dr. Spahr impresses one with the freshness of his thought, the richness of his experience, and with the fact that his attitude was so reverential and devotional that the sermon fitted in perfectly with the worship of the hour. The midweek services were indeed *prayer* meetings, and weary men and women forgot they were tired, as they were refreshed in both body and soul under his leadership. But if I may mention what stands out as the most prominent feature of his ministry, in my memory, it was his Sunday morning prayers, as he poured out his soul in thanksgiving and in petition for his people, for the missionaries of the cross, for the distressed of the community and of the earth, and for all who loved our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has ever been a most welcome visitor to the homes of the people, and when affliction came, his presence brought comfort and courage and hope.

Dr. Spahr was born in the state of Ohio on July 10, 1846. He was graduated from Adrian College in 1874, and was ordained as a minister of the gospel the same year. He has held pastorates in three conferences: the Ohio, the New York, and the Pittsburgh. He now holds his membership in the last-named, and has not failed to attend its annual sessions during the years he has lived in Greensboro. He has served as president of each of the three conferences. His record in the ministry includes fifty-five years of continuous preaching, without a break. He was elected to honorary membership in the North

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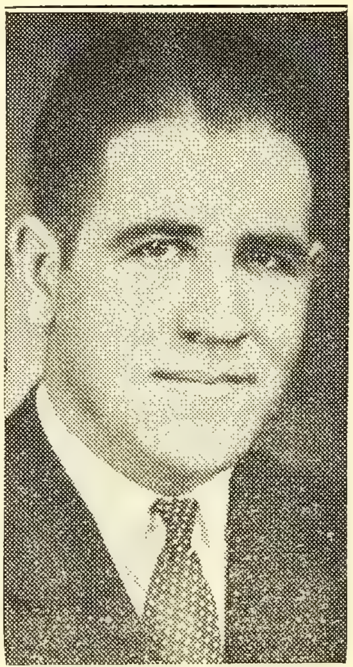
Carolina Conference, at the session following his arrival in the state.

After his four years as pastor of Grace Church, he served the First Church of High Point for a year. Since that time, he has preached occasionally, and is always heard with delight. His presence, with that of his good wife, in our congregation and in our city, is a veritable benediction,—one which we hope to enjoy for many years to come.

PASTOR CARROLL AND FAMILY

Mr. Carroll made the decision to become a minister when a junior in the Reidsville High School. He says there was nothing spectacular in this decision. He had been "brought up in the Church," and his mother was an active Sunday School teacher.

After leaving Reidsville High School, he attended High Point College, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1928. He next attended Duke University, receiving his Master of Arts degree in 1930, and his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1931. He then attended Yale University for a year of special study in Christian Ethics.



REV. J. ELWOOD CARROLL
Pastor of Grace Church

While a student at High Point College and Duke University Mr. Carroll served six years as a pastor: One year at Denton, and five years on Mt. Hermon circuit in Alamance County. On June 15, 1932, Mr. Carroll took up his duties as pastor of the Asheville Church, where he made an excellent record, being very active in the civic as well as the religious life of this city. Following his pastorate in Asheville he began his services at Grace Church, Greensboro in November, 1933, where he has endeared himself to the members of his congregation as well as a large circle of friends and admirers in the city.

In addition to filling the pulpit regularly each Sunday morning, Mr. Carroll teaches the Baraca class, attends all meetings of the Board of Stewards and Trustees, all meetings of the Workers' Council, and occasionally visits the Auxiliary sessions. Of our present membership of about 350, more than 100 have been received into the church by Mr. Carroll, not to mention several others who have moved from the city, or passed to their eternal reward.

Beyond the church, our pastor is interested in many civic affairs. In 1936 he served as president of the Greensboro Ministers' association. He has also served as president of the City Union Christian Endeavor, and of the Central Division, last summer he was general Christian Endeavor convention chairman. At present he is president of the Guilford County League for Peace, and an active member of the local council of Jews, Catholics, and Protestants. Mr. Carroll is a member of the Greensboro Kiwanis club and has served as president of that organization. For two years he has been secretary-trasurer of the club.

He is in constant demand for speeches and addresses. In his annual schedule he will appear at civic clubs in Reidsville, Asheboro, High Point, and Liberty; before the student bodies of High Point, Elon, and Guilford Colleges; and be called upon to deliver from

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five to ten sermons and addresses at high school commencements.

On his thirtieth birthday, June 29, 1934, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Claire Shoenfelt, of Altoona, Pa. The ceremony was performed in Christ Reformed Church, of that city by the pastor, Rev. C. D. Rockel, and Dr. S. K. Spahr. The Carrolls have one daughter, Betty Anne, age two and one-half years.

Mr. Carroll was very fortunate in his selection of a helpmeet, as her interest, untiring efforts, and attractive personality have been invaluable to him in his ministry. She has given of her time and talent to the work of the Sunday School, and missionary societies, as well as the work of the Church in general.

Betty Anne, *like her mother*, has a sweet and lovable personality and is one of our most popular members.

THE MOTHERS' CLUB

The new organization in Grace Church is "The Mothers' Club" which has been meeting monthly since January of this year. It is made up of mothers of children in the Nursery and Beginner departments of the Church School. Mrs. F. R. Stout, superintendent of the Nursery department, and Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll are in charge of the club and arrange the programs.

The book, "Everyday Problems of the Everyday Child," by Dr. Thom, has been the basis of the discussions this year. Mrs. Carroll reviewed the book in part at two of the meetings and at the other two meetings outside speakers discussed other chapters of the book. Dr. Marion Y. Keith, child specialist, spoke on the subject, "The Health of the Pre-School Child," and Dr. Bess N. Rosa, director of Parent Education at Woman's College, spoke at the April meeting on the subject, "Obedience and Discipline."

The meetings have been well-attended and have proved to be very helpful and entertaining.

GRACE GEMS

The Grace Gems, an occasional mimeographed news letter, is the principal means of week day publicity at Grace Church. Our people believe in adequate publicity as is evidenced by the many subscriptions to the HERALD, the use of mimeographed bulletins both in church services and church school worship programs, and the frequent issuance of a news letter to the families of the congregation.

Grace Gems is the brain child of Pastor J. Elwood Carroll and is issued from his study about thirty times per year, or during every week at our busiest seasons of the church year. The issue is suspended during the summer months and appears rather infrequently during some other seasons. But just prior to closing the conference year, at the Christmas season, and during Lent and Easter season, an issue is mailed each week to every family in Grace Church.

The work of mailing is made easier by having a set of Addressograph plates for all families of the church. These plates are provided through the generosity of F. R. and M. D. Stout, Jr., of the Odell Hardware Company. The plates are kept up to date by the work of L. Bryan Clemmons, Jr.

The Gems is an attractive little folder with up to the minute news about Grace Church, her folks, and her plans. Our people think highly of it. We shall gladly mail you a sample copy upon request, also gladly furnish cost figures to anyone who is interested in getting out one for his church.

METHODIST UNION

Grace people have a keen interest in the ranking issue before Methodism today — Union. We have a keen interest because of personal connections. J. Norman Wills, the only lay member from North Carolina on the Commission on Methodist Union, hails from Grace. Our pastor is keenly interested since he was rocked in a Methodist Episcopal, South, cradle and has written his master's thesis on the subject of the rise of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Our greatest interest, however, comes from what Union will mean to our local church. It seems to be the unanimous opinion of our

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people that after Methodist Union there will be a place for Grace Church, even despite the fact that she is located three blocks from Greensboro's greatest Methodist church. To leave entirely out of the picture what may happen in the shifting of church memberships after Union, Grace Church can look towards a brighter future when every Methodist newcomer to Greensboro is a Grace prospect. In the past we have been limited to a small prospect list due to size of our denomination and also that there are three other M. P. churches in Greensboro. After Methodist Union every Methodist becomes our prospect and we look forward to a new day in growth and usefulness. We rejoice in the prospects of an early united Methodism.

EXPANDED SESSION

Activities in all departments of the Children's Division of the Church School have been carried on during the hour of the church service on Sunday morning. At the close of the Church School hour, children who desired to do so, remained for the activities planned for them.

Mothers of the Nursery and Beginner children have cooperated nicely in this plan, and have taken turns in caring for the Nursery and Beginner children during church service, thus allowing the other mothers to attend the preaching service.

In the Primary and Junior Departments, the children engaged in World Friendship Projects. The Primaries used as the basis of their studies, the books, "Ships East, Ships West" and "Musa"; while the Junior studies were based upon "Broken Guns" and "Doorways."

The worship services, songs, memory work, stories and expressional activities were all related to the "World Friendship." Junior boys and girls made a frieze, a sand-table scene and posters of their friends in other lands. We believe that—

"When children's friendships are world-wide,
New ages will be glorified.
Let child love child and wars will cease;
Disarm the hearts for that is peace."

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

A better trained leadership has always been close to the heart of Grace Church folks. Her leaders are well prepared and rightly so since many of the Conference leaders in Christian Education have worked in Grace Church.

Back in 1922—some seventeen years ago—when the first summer conference of Methodist Protestant young people was held at Weaverville, Grace Church supplied a large delegation, and only two years later called Lawrence C. Little as associate pastor, who had been Dixie Secretary for Christian Endeavor. Mr. Little remained at Grace for a short time then was called to the secretaryship of the general Board of Young People's Work.

Rev. N. M. Harrison, as well as Mr. Little, was president of the N. C. Young People's Work, now known as Conference Council of Religious Education, and he served as associate pastor of Grace. The third member of the Religious Education triumphry was Rev. E. Lester Ballard, who came fresh from Boston university with a master's degree in religious education. All of these men have made their contribution towards a well-prepared leadership in Grace.

Last of the religious education leaders is the present pastor and his wife. For three years Mr. Carroll has been director of all leadership education work in the N. C. Conference including the annual summer school at High Point College. He has been a member of the Conference religious organization since 1924, and Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll since 1934. Mrs. Carroll has had wide experience in Vacation Church School work and has done special study at Columbia university.

Leadership Education classes have been encouraged for all the Grace Church workers. In 1936 Grace Church had fourteen young people—the largest number from any church—at the High Point school. In addition many local schools have been held in Greensboro in cooperation with other M. P. churches.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE

Many of the moving spirits of High Point College were connected with Grace Church. Dr. J. F. McCulloch returned from Adrian College, Michigan, with the avowed purpose of starting a publishing house as a means of producing publicity for founding a college. Dr. McCulloch was closely associated with Grace and served as her pastor one year.

Dr. R. M. Andrews was a pioneer in the founding of the college and for ten years served as Grace pastor. At the end of his second five-year term as Grace pastor he was elected Annual Conference president, then first president of High Point College.

Dr. G. I. Humphreys, second president of High Point College, preached for us more than a year during 1932 and 1933.

Influential laymen in Grace Church assisted with the college. J. Norman Wills challenged the church with an offer of $100,000.00 for a college provided the Church in North Carolina would raise the sum of $200,000.00. The Church failed to raise its full amount, so Mr. Wills made a generous present of $10,000.00 to the college. Other laymen of Grace who have served on the Board of Trustees of the college in addition to Mr. Wills include Mrs. J. M. Millikan, J. M. Millikan, Ernest W. Teague, and Mrs. D. S. Coltrane is closely associated with the college as a member of the General Board of Education.

Revs. E. Lester Ballard and J. Elwood Carroll, Grace pastors, are graduates of High Point College, as is true of some of the young men and women of our congregation.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Grace Church began with the organization of a Sunday School in Newell Hall on Asheboro Street, therefore, one might expect a very active interest in the Sunday School throughout all these years. The work of the school is told about under many of the other items of this report, that as a school we shall say little.

J. Norman Wills has given many years of useful service as the superintendent, coming to the new Grace from Moriah M. P. Church where "he was boy superintendent at the age of 19." T. D. Sharpe and Roy C. Millikan have served several years of usefulness as superintendents. This year we have serving his first term, Ernest M. Scarboro, a young man of our congregation who graduated from Guilford College and has been teaching in the city schools. Mr. Scarboro is making the very finest superintendent. His worship programs for general assembly are excellently planned and executed, his Workers' Council meetings leave no stone unturned, and he is giving untiringly of his time in making a new era in Grace Sunday School.

During the past winter our average attendance has more than doubled over that of a year ago. The collections are far ahead of

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previous years. In addition to having the rooms redecorated, much additional equipment, especially beautiful pictures, have been added. Hymn books have been purchased to supplement our present number. The school has a full staff of well-trained teachers and is doing a very inspiring job of teaching. We invite inspection during the week and observation during the Church School hour on Sunday.

THE HERALD

Grace Church has been vitally connected with The Methodist Protestant Herald, which was founded by the late Dr. J. F. McCulloch who was for some time a pastor of Grace and worshipped here until the erection of Calvary Church in 1924.

In the early days when funds were being collected for the publishing house several of the Grace members made substantial contributions which made them life subscribers to the Herald. Five of these members still survive and receive their paper regularly. The funds thus raised for the publishing house were so given with the purpose in view that ultimately that fund should be used towards the erection of a college in North Carolina.

The McCulloch Philathea class is so named as a memorial to the late wife of Dr. McCulloch. Warren, the younger son of Dr. McCulloch, is a member of Grace Church, and has been printer of the Herald since the death of his father. For several years J. W. Swain, also a member of Grace Church, was associated with Warren McCulloch in the printing business which included the issuing of the Herald.

During the past two years the Herald has been edited by Dr. R. M. Andrews, who has served two five-year terms as pastor of Grace Church. During 1937 Rev. J. Elwood Carroll was associated with Dr. Andrews in the editing of the Herald, and the Grace Church study was used as the Herald office. Grace people believe in the Herald and have reached their subscription quota nearly every year, and this year have gone beyond it almost ten per cent already.

WORKERS' COUNCIL

The monthly session of the Workers' Council has become the power house of the Grace Church School and the youthful superintendent, Ernest M. Scarboro, is the dynamo. As a post-depression development the Workers' Council has become a dependable, self-motivating organization.

Under the leadership of Rev. E. Lester Ballard in 1932 and 1933 the Grace people began to realize the passing of the era when the Sunday School superintendent directed all the affairs of the school to the coming of the Workers' Council plan of projecting and directing the work. For some four years various methods were tried in an effort to find the best procedure for a Workers' Council. By the third year of Mr. Carroll's pastorate the dependable method seems to have been discovered.

We have found that a regular monthly meeting with supper is the best. The meeting falls on Monday evening after the second Sunday and the meal is prepared by a circle of the Woman's Auxiliary. Each person attending the supper pays only twenty-five cents towards the expense of his meal, while the remaining dime is taken from the Church School treasury, thus paying the circle members thirty-five cents for each meal served. The meeting is called to order promptly by 6:30 o'clock and is concluded by 8:00 o'clock, thus allowing for other meetings, visits, or an early return home.

Our order of procedure is a fellowship supper with from twenty to thirty officers and teachers present, roll call and minutes of the past meeting, and general business including reports from classes and departments and plans for the future.

We invite visitors who are interested in this approach to the improvement of their Church School work.

THE STAGE

There seems to have existed in Grace Church a natural interest in religious drama. People here speak of dramatic performances from the early days of the organization of the church. This spirit seems to have grown during recent years.

Some three years ago for the annual banquet the program was in the form of a play written by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, "The Lost Church." Then the same summer saw the presentation of an original play written by the Carrolls on "The North Carolina Conference Interests," which was presented at the mid-year meeting. This past Christmas saw a beautiful dramatic program presented in the church auditorium. The occasion was such a marked success that a general cry arose for a stage for more such programs.

Superintendent Ernest Scarboro raised the question, "Why can't we build a stage in the end of the assembly room?" Pastor Carroll said, "We can!" Then things moved quickly. The Workers' Council approved the idea and offered whatever financial support the Church School could render. The Woman's Auxiliary came to the assistance with a donation of $83.00, and Mr. Carroll and the janitor swung into action. Within two weeks the job was complete and the people could hardly believe their eyes.

The first performance was the thank offering play, "The House on the Sands," which proved a great success. A repeat performance was requested and admission was charged with a profit of nearly $30.00 to apply towards the cost of the stage which amounted to nearly $175.00. Palm Sunday saw the presentation of a dramatic story of the triumphal entry, and Easter a full hour pageant depicting the resurrection story. Every Grace member is proud of the stage and believes it has already paid for its cost and is a thing of usefulness and beauty for future days.

FELLOWSHIP CRUSADE

The Fellowship Crusade was a real challenge to Grace Church people and they met it with a will. The objectives challenged us both because of our present financial load and because of the leaders in the Crusade. Dr. R. M. Andrews, director of the Crusade, had served as our pastor for ten years, and Mr. Carroll, chairman of the committee on financial objectives of the Crusade at the Annual Conference is our present pastor. We Grace people had to do something despite our present financial program.

Grace sounded the gong in reaching all objectives. It seems that Kistler's Church, on Cleveland charge, hit the gong first, but Grace hit it so close behind that it sounded like an amplified echo. The reaching of all goals is due to the hard work of the Crusade committee composed of E. W. Teague, Mrs. F. R. Stout, E. E. York, and the pastor. The men worked on the spiritual and financial objective while Mrs. Stout rounded up the Herald subscriptions to a count of about 110 per cent.

In reaching our objectives we found our hardest work coming on the first—spiritual. Under this item we have 120 signers. Our Herald list numbers 38½ paid subscriptions, in addition to several widows of ministers who receive the paper gratis. On the financial objective we have a few dollars over our quota of $550 pledged, and have already turned in to Treasurer Allen $355. The Crusade can be put across if we as pastors and people really want to do the job.

NOTICE

The memorial service at Shiloh church, Randolph charge, has been changed to second Sunday, May 8. An all-day service is being arranged. All former pastors and everyone are invited. Wednesday, May 4, has been set to clean cemetery. Everyone who has friends and relatives buried here is urged to come and help get the cemetery looking nice. If the weather does not permit cleaning Wednesday, come Thursday. There will be picnic dinner on the grounds.

MRS. EUGENE BROWN, Reporter.

Wishing to learn what his nephew would say, Uncle Jack asked little Fred, "What would you do if you stood at the root of a tree with your foot on a live rattlesnake, a tiger was crouching on a branch ready to spring, and you saw a wild savage running at you with uplifted spear?"

"I should wake right up," said Freddie.—Ex.

Q.: "My lawn is full of weeds. I have tried weed-killer and digging them up, but they return. What should I do?"

A.: "You must just learn to love them."—Ex.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Greetings to Methodist Protestant mothers. Did you read our requests to you in last week's Herald? That all may be perfectly familiar with our plans, we repeat:

Our Plans

1. We are asking all our mothers who have happy homes, and who are glad that your children have living parents, to act as our solicitors and collectors to secure a good offering for the Children's Home for Children's Home Day. The date to be set soon.

2. We are asking our mothers in each of our churches to call a mothers' meeeting, on or near Mother's Day, and discuss ways and means to raise the best possible offering for the Home, to be sent or carried to the Home on Children's Home Day. Such a meeting will afford an opportunity to talk together about the Home and lay the best plans for a good offering.

3. We are asking that the mothers cooperate in every way possible to see that every member of the church, and every friend of the Home, is given a chance to make an offering. Don't be satisfied just to pass the plates and take an offering. Do something better than that. If you have better collectors than the mothers, then put them at it.

Pastors and Their Wives

Our pastors and their wives will please help the mothers of your church and get them started in this movement. We have all confidence in the mothers, and believe they will do well, and that they will bring up the BEST YET OFFERING.

Offerings

Saxapahaw Union S. S., Saxapahaw	$ 5.00
Dulin S. S., Mocksville	2.00
Shiloh S. S., Shiloh	8.50
Fair Grove S. S., Haw River	.45
Willing Workers class, Dundee, Mich.	3.00
Gideon's Grove S. S., Flat Rock	3.00
Mitchell's Grove S. S., Guilford	4.92
Union Ridge S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Mt. Carmel S. S., Forsyth	4.40
Siler City S. S.	5.00
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
Mrs. H. L. Angall, Mason, Mich., for shoes	1.50
Bessemer City S. S.	2.00
Bethel S. S., Mocksville, Jan. to April	3.50
Hebron S. S., and home-coming	20.94

Hebron, Orange

We had a most delightful day yesterday with friends at Hebron on Orange. It was their home-coming day, and I had the privilege of bringing a brief message at the 11 o'clock hour. They had a large crowd, a good program, a good dinner, and fine fellowship. The day will mean much to that fine old church. We thank the folks for the privilege of being there. Someone else will report the meeting.

Our list of offerings is short this week, but we sincerely thank all who contributed. God bless and direct each of you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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Trackman (coming in last): "Did you take my time?"

Timer: "I didn't have to. You took it yourself."—Ex.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"HOW TO CHOOSE A VOCATION WISELY"

Topic for May 8, 1938

Scripture Text—Matthew 25:14-30.

Suggested Hymns—"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," "Give of Your Best to the Master," "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," "The King of Love My Shepherd Is."

Points for the Leader

The subject for discussion at this time should be of interest to a great many young people, especially since we are just getting out of high schools and colleges and many of us are facing the problem of choosing and finding our life's work. While there are some people who merely work to earn money to enjoy their leisure time, there are others who work because they really enjoy their work, and are anxious to contribute something to their vocation and to the welfare of society. Therefore, the field which we choose to work in, and our ability, or fitness, for that field may be a determining factor as to whether or not we shall work to enjoy something else or whether we shall enjoy our work. So let us face this problem of how to choose a vocation wisely, with an open mind.

Topics Which May Be Discussed

1. What elements should one consider in selecting a life-work?

2. Does God expect man to develop talents which he does not have, or use those which he does have? Illustrate.

3. What personal qualities are necessary? How get them?

4. How may one determine his ability for a vocation?

5. What fields, or vocations, are open to youth today?

6. Should one prepare to do more than one thing in life? Why?

7. Are labor unions and farm control programs making it more difficult for youth to get a start in life? Give reasons.

Quotable Poetry

To every man there openeth
A way, and ways, and a way.
And the high soul climbs the high way
  And the low soul gropes the low.
And in between, on the misty flats,
  The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
  A high way and a low;
And every man decideth
  The way his soul shall go."
—John Oxenham.

Suggestion for Meeting

It would be well to take several Sunday evenings to discuss this same topic, if you choose. If you can get a number of men, or women, who have been successful in their vocation, to come and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of their vocation, and at the close allow the C. E. members to ask questions concerning that work, it would be a help in deciding a life-work.

The C. E. officers may arrange with difference concerns and business enterprises for the C. E. members to visit these places and see them in operation. This also should help us to make our choice.

If you cannot spend but one Sunday evening on this topic, you might arrange to have someone from two different vocations speak on the same program. Select the two vocations that the most of the C. E. members might be interested in.

REV. J. W. BRAXTON.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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MINNIS FUND REACHES GOAL AND MORE

The Minnis Fund has all been paid, and those who have contributed are responsible for showing loyalty to our own missionaries in India. At the Branch meeting at Tabernacle last year, it was decided that $750 would be raised for half the salary of Mr. Minnis. Evidences of interest have been manifest, and the Minnis family is worthy of such, by their own people. Let us continue our interest and prayers.

The following list completes the list of names of those contributing:

Amount previously reported	$607.58
Reidsville, Philathea class	1.00
Reidsville, Sunshine circle	.75
Reidsville, Junior Mission circle	.50
Flat Rock, Vance	3.00
Henderson	6.50
Bethel, Alamance	5.00
Hickory Ridge	7.50
Hebron, Orange	1.50
Bethany, Ran., S. S. and Ladies' Aid	3.00
Glen Raven C. E. and S. S.	5.00
Miss Ethel Brown, Calvary	1.00
Sunshine circle, High Point	4.74
Mt. Pleasant, M. P.	5.00
Hickory Grove M. P., Guilford	6.00
Mt. Hermon, M. H.	6.26
Danville, 1st Church Aux.	1.00
Brower's Chapel, Rich.	5.00
Denton C. E. society	1.00
Denton Mission Band	2.00
Mrs. N. V. Johnson	.25
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Moriah C. E. society	2.25
Vickery, Guilford	3.50
Welch Memorial	5.00
Mt. Moriah, Cleveland	1.25
Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland	1.00
Mrs. J. L. White, Oak Grove Aux., Clev.	1.00
Mrs. T. G. Madison, Cleveland charge	1.00
Fountain Place, Burlington	7.16
Liberty M. P. S. S.	1.75
Rankin Memorial, Philathea class	1.00
Efland	25.00
Friendship, Mt. Hermon, S. S.	7.00
Mrs. Redding	1.00
Mrs. S. W. Taylor	1.00
Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer	1.00
Mrs. Geo. R. Brown	3.00
Burlington	3.24
Mrs. D. S. Coltrane	5.00
Canaan, Denton S. S.	1.00
Denton Mission Band	1.28
Fair Grove church	3.51
Total	$753.51

Raising this fund was assigned to me, and I am most grateful for the cooperation which has been expressed and for the interest, which predicts an increase in the support of the Minnis family.

MRS. Wm. C. HAMMER.
Asheboro, N. C.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Pleasant Hill Church, Rev. G. B. Ferree, Pastor.—Sunday morning, April 17, Mr. Ferree conducted a very impressive service, using as a text Matthew 28:6, "He is not here; for he is risen." The congregation joined the choir in singing songs appropriate for the Easter time and the subject of the morning, "The Resurrection of Christ."

The Women's Auxiliary held the installation service at the home of Mrs. C. G. Hunter with 14 members present. Our pastor had charge of this service. The new officers for the following year are: president, Mrs. W. B. Speas; vice-president, Mrs. J. F. Hunter; recording secretary, Mrs. Blaine Long; treasurer, Mrs. Edgar Waller.

The Sunday school is making plans to buy new song books for the Sunday school.

The Young People's Missionary society will meet Sunday immediately after Sunday school. This group, with their leader, Miss Lena Hunter, meets twice monthly.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hunter recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. We wish for them many more such happy occasions.

Miss Virginia Sprinkle has returned to High Point College after spending the Easter holidays with her parents here.

MILNA LONG, Reporter.

Mt. Hermon, Mt. Hermon Charge, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor, April 18.—The Woman's Auxiliary finished the past year with credit, claims all paid, some gain in membership, and more interest. New officers have been elected. A move has been made to organize more circles. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Peter Coble, the new president.

The pastor preached from 1 Cor. 15:57 on Easter, or "A Double Victory." His daughters, John Lou and Faye, sang a duet. Norma Lea and Helen Holt and Verna Dare Thompson sang a trio. The pastor asked the congregation for an expression in regard to the special meeting. The vote was to run the meeting as last year, the pastor to preach, with Mr. D. W. Milan to lead the singing.

Rev. H. L. Isley talked to the Christian Endeavorers. He is one of our own members and his talks are always enjoyed.

We were glad to have Doris and G. W. Holmes home for the holidays from High Point College.

Mrs. T. D. Vinson is in the hospital; we hope she will soon be well and be in her place at church. REPORTER.

Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, April 20.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment April 17, bringing to everyone an interesting message on "The Resurrection." His next appointment will be May 1. We hope to have a large attendance.

On Monday, April 18, the Sunday school of Weaver's Chapel gave a picnic ending the contest between the Reds and Blues. The contest lasted for three months; the Reds won. The purpose of the contest was to get people interested in Sunday school work. Our Sunday school attendance has greatly increased since we started this contest in January. We hope to have as large attendance in the future as we have had for the last few months.

We were very glad to have with us Monday the superintendent of the Littleton Sunday school, Miss Annie Perkinson, and Mr. Williams, of High Point. Mr. Ed Hale, who has been a great help in our church for some time, delivered an interesting talk about our Sunday school. Miss Perkinson and Mr. Williams gave an interesting talk, too.

In spite of the rain Monday afternoon, we had a large number present and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

We were very sorry indeed to hear of Mrs. Vickery's death. Rev. Mr. Vickery and children have our deepest sympathy.

BETTIE MAE KING.

Liberty, Aubert M. Smith, Pastor, April 26.—The spirit of the Easter season was manifested in Easter anthem by the vested choir, which was rendered in a very impressive manner and greatly enjoyed by a large congregation.

The Woman's Auxiliary was entertained by Mrs. Made Hardin in the church Thursday afternoon. Circles Nos. 1 and 2 under the leadership of Mrs. B. J. Gregson and Mrs. C. T. Brady, gave interested reports of a very successful year's work. Mrs. R. W. Ward was elected president, Mrs. Mamie Smith vice-president, and Mrs. J. E. Cox secretary and treasurer. The women of the church have accomplished much in the past three years under the leadership of the retiring president, Mrs. Wade Hardin. Mesdames B. J. Gregson, W. M. Hanner, and John Thompson were elected delegates to go to the branch meeting in Burlington April 27 and 28. Many lovely gifts were presented to Mrs. Hardin, after which an ice course was served.

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

Lebanon M. P. Church, Rev. O. L. Easter, Pastor.—Work at our church has been moving along during the past weeks. The week before Holy Week cottage prayer meetings were held in connection with the mid-week prayer service and in preparation for the services held each evening during Holy Week.

These services were very worshipful and proved a blessing to all attending. On Wednesday evening, Rev. James C. Lambert, of Lansing, Mich., who was visiting his brother, Glenn Lambert, gave a lecture illustrating it with colored pictures taken on his recent trip to the Holy Land. This message proved most interesting and impressive along with the splendid services planned and held by our pastor.

The High Point Christian Endeavorers held thehir annual sunrise service with us in our church and enjoyed with us the Easter lilies which we were so fortunate as to have for the adornment of our church during the entire day Easter. The lilies were contributed in honor and in memory of our loved ones, and added much to our services, all of which were well attended.

During the last few weeks we have had the pleasure of welcoming the following to our church membership: Mrs. E. B. Barnes, E. B. Barnes, Mary Lee Barnes, W. Alberta Barber, Annie and Billy Bryant, Verta Gregory, G. W. Gwyer, Jr., Mrs. O. L. Easter, Robbie Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Setliff, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Spencer.

Our church was made sad by the loss of our fellow member and Sunday school teacher, Mr. J. C. Daniels, and our hearts and prayers have been with Mrs. Daniels and family during the recent weeks. Our sympathy, too, is extended to Mrs. R. E. L. Hayworth in the loss of her father.

Sickness has visited quite a few of our members during the past weeks and they have always been missed from the services, and we are most happy to see some of them back in their regular places once again.

Our pastor announced yesterday that Mr. and Mrs. Williams will be at our church for a service on Friday evening, April 29, and all are looking forward to this service.

REPORTER.

Mt. Carmel, Lexington Charge, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—We are glad indeed that our Sunday school is still growing as we add a few more members almost every Sunday. Our regular Sunday school at 10 and preaching every first and third Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Visitors are always welcome.

Our Sunday school held a contest with the children under the age of 15 years, to see which one could raise the most money for one of our church budgets. Miss Elise Swicegood was the winner. She was presented a small Testament for a prize from L. E. Mabry.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Swicegood on April 19, with a goodly number present. Old and new business was discussed which was of much interest. They are planning to give a supper in a few weeks. The benefit will go toward repainting the church. The date will be announced later for the supper. Miss Beautus Waitman was elected delegate to the branch meeting to be held in Burlington, April 27 and 28. Our next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Swicegood, May 17. We would like to see every member present.

The Sunday school gave an egg hunt on Easter Monday evening in a pine grove near the church, which was enjoyed by all.

Mr. J. E. Swicegood is confined to his home with tonsilitis. Mrs. C. A. Berrier is slowly improving.

MAREDITH HEDRICK, Reporter.

Gibsonville, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Our church has had another good month of services and much progress is seen in all of our organized work. Our pastor's subject last Sunday morning was "The Work of the Holy Spirit." Sunday evening the subject was "The Barren Fig Tree, or Fruitless Christians."

The Missionary Circle No. 1 met in regular monthly meeting at the home of Miss Georgia Clapp last Wednesday evening. The delegates elected to the annual branch meeting which meets in Burlington this week are: Mrs. Frank Owen, Mrs. O. B. Williams, and Mrs. Carl Allen. After all other business was transacted Miss Clapp served delicious refreshments.

A pageant, "The Easter Miracle," was rendered by the young people under the direction of Mrs. Edro Wheeler, and the Easter music was by the church choir; the attendance was good; an offering for World Service was received.

The Young Women's Missionary Circle met in regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening at the parsonage. Miss Stacy Wall, president, presided. Rev. O. B. Williams conducted the devotionals, and spoke on the visit of Stanley Jones to China and Japan. The hostess, Mrs. O. B. Williams, assisted by Mrs. Clayton Faucett, served refreshments.

The Sunshine Circle met in regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon with Oliver Shelton. Miss Hilda Ridge presided at the business meeting and new officers were elected. Cary Rook led the devotionals. The program was given by Mrs. R. B. Greeson and Mrs. W. G. Boone.

Mrs. O. B. Williams was hostess to the Mission Club in monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon. The new president, Agnes Adkins, presided. Catherine Jones led the devotionals. Rev. O. B. Williams reviewed the two concluding chapters of the mission book. Mrs. W. J. Jennings gave an illustration of a Hindu marriage.

Wednesday evening John T. Rountree entertained the stewards of our church with a banquet in his home. A delicious three-course dinner was served. All the members of both senior and junior boards of stewards were present, also Pastor and Mrs. Williams. The 27 present thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Rountree; no one in our church is more loyal than he.

Mrs. T. L. Wells and son, Tommy, of Chipley, Florida, are at the parsonage and will spend the summer there. Mrs. Wells' parents are Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Williams.

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First Church, Danville, Va., Rev. R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—Since we are so undecided about whether to give the Whites a kick, or a pat on the back, for beating the Reds in the contest, we will just say, "You win, and thanks for the fun," until Thursday night, May 5. It was very amusing to race with Miss Virginia Fowler in seeing which could tag the most visitors as they hit the door. Still we do not feel the least bit in the dumps, because the Young People's class has grown considerably in number and interest, and we are just happy to have so many new members. We hope they will worship with us as often as possible, and feel welcome at all times.

The Christian Endeavor society presented the pageant, "An Easter Tribute," at the Sunday school hour Easter morning. They did not have a very hard task in beating the sun up, but they held a short service at 6 a.m. despite the rain, with Rev. C. Arthur Burton, of Jefferson Avenue Christian church, as guest speaker. Special music was rendered and everyone who missed the service missed something far better than a few minutes' sleep. We felt almost as refreshed as we did after those fine sermons Rev. C. G. Isley preached during revival. We certainly enjoy having Mr. Isley, and having him with us in our homes and church. (Mr. Vickery can probably tell you single girls a secret about Mr. Isley.)

Our hearts rejoice over the fact that several people consecrated their lives to Christ during the revival. We must commend our choir leader, Mr. G. H. Sides, and choir members. for the beautiful music they gave each night. Mr. Sides believes in training from the beginning, and he started in by teaching the children to offer the older songsters some competition. We are all looking forward to hearing Curtis Levi, Mr. and Mrs. Sides' new son, match his bass voice against Mr. Sides' tenor.

We would like to introduce a new Methodist Protestant, Mr. Walter Bass, Sr., and also Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simpson. Although they are all old friends of ours, Mr. Bass became a member of the church only a few weeks ago, and Mrs. Simpson's name is new to us. She was formerly Miss Delilah Spain, united in marriage to Mr. Henry Simpson at the home of our pastor. The church wishes them all the success and happiness possible throughout life, and extends to Mr. Bass a glad hand of welcome.

Our sincere prayers go out for Mr. R. L. Vickery and family in their bereavement. We cannot express our feelings, for we, too, have missed Mrs. Vickery's presence among us more than we can tell; but it does console us to know that she is in a far more beautiful and happy place. We need and desire a part in your prayers deeply.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

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Littleton Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, April 23.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He preached on the "Resurrection of Christ." Many facts and points were brought out that lots of us have never thought about. It was a very well explained and heart-stirring sermon, which all of our pastor's sermons are.

During the Sunday school hour, an Easter program was presented, consisting of recitations, songs, readings, etc. After the scripture reading an offering was taken for missions, and near the last of the program a duet was sung by Misses Annie and Edna Perkinson. There was also a quartet, "Christ Arose," sung at the morning services, and the choir sang a special at the beginning of the Easter program, during the Sunday school hour.

The church was beautifully decorated with narcissus, tulips, spirea, dogwood, and evergreen for both occasions.

We have been asked to take our Easter program to two of the other churches on the charge, which are Vaughn's and Weaver's Chapel. The fourth Sunday morning in April at 11 o'clock has been the decided time to take the program to Vaughn's, while we have not yet set the date to take it to Weaver's Chapel.

On Easter Monday a picnic was given by the contestors of Reds and Blues at Weaver's Chapel, and among the many that were present were Miss Annie Perkinson, Mrs. Bobbie Newsom, and Mrs. M. L. Morris, of Littleton church, and Mr. Lasker Williams, of High Point College, who was spending his Easter holidays with his mother at Littleton. All those that were present for the picnic reported a good time, and I feel sure that if all enjoyed the nice dinner as we did, they truly enjoyed themselves.

Our contest of Reds and Blues has come to a close of three months, and I am glad to say that the Reds won, although I was a Blue; but nevertheless, I am a happy Blue, for after all I don't mind being defeated. Everyone is looking forward to the picnic that we are planning to have real soon, which is to be at Leache's Grove.

The Women's Auxiliary met March 8 at the home of Mrs. Bobbie Newsom. The meeting proved to be a successful one. Our new guide books were used and new officers were elected for another year. Those elected, with our pastor acting as chairman, were: Mrs. Sallie Williams, re-elected president; Miss Annie Perkinson, first vice-president; Mrs. Bobbie Newsom, second vice-president; Mrs. Curtis Porter, recording secretary; Mrs. Bud Perry, corresponding secretary, with Mrs. Bobbie Newsom as her assistant; Mrs. Frank King, treasurer; Mrs. Bud Perry, Miss Annie Perkinson, Mrs. Bobbie Newsom, mission work committees; Mrs. M. L. Morris, Mrs. W. L. Perkinson, Mrs. J. H. Trolinger, and Mrs. Bud Perry, program committees; Mrs. Robert Morris, Mrs. Frank King, Mrs. Curtis Porter were appointed to visit the sick ones. With these we complete our list of officers for the coming year. Two more members were added to our auxiliary the last meeting, and we are hoping to have others to join throughout the year.

We are still continuing the Bible class once a week, with good attendance. Lots of good is being gotten from these and I am hoping that much more good will be accomplished as we continue these Bible studies. We have appointed committees to help get our members and others to attend.

Thursday evening before Easter a number of the members met and cleaned up the church and grounds. With the yards freshly cleaned, it added lots to the looks of our church. We are planning in the near future to do more towards improving the church and grounds.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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First Church, Thomasville, Rev. J. T. Bowman, Pastor.—The last report from our church was sent in by our pastor and his wife, and I take the privilege to say that I highly appreciate their writing. I am afraid your knowledge of our activities would be very thin, because as you have probably learned, I am not the "writingest" reporter. To write one must think, and to think one must have something to think about. The three go together just like cream and sugar and oatmeal. But don't get the idea I haven't had anything to think about; in fact, things have been happening here in such a rapid stream that I was forced to think and obligated to write you about it.

Our church was proud to add two new members to its roll recently when Mr. Fred Coggins and Mr. Buren Peacock presented their letters to us from other churches.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has started on a new year with high ideals and more determination to make this an even more successful year than ever before. Under the capable leadership of our beloved president, Mrs. A. H. Ragan, and the circle leaders, Mrs. J. A. Hedrick and Mrs. Tommie Cranford, much can be done that will make others happier and leave us wiser and stronger for the effort. Already the auxiliary has contributed $50 toward the expense of new hymnals that have been purchased and are now in use at the church. Speaking of hymnals reminds me that beginning Monday evening, April 25, Rev. E. L. Ballard will conduct a music school here that will continue each evening throughout the week except Saturday.

Friends all over the N. C. conference will be sorry to learn that Mr. D. R. Connell is seriously ill at Duke hospital. He is superintendent of our school and we miss him beyond any spoken expression, but with our prayers and yours we hope that it will be God's will to send him back to us soon in a healthier condition both physically and spiritually. Mrs. J. J. Hundley is now able to be up again, after having been confined to her bed for some time.

On Easter Sunday services appropriate to the season were held at both the evening and morning services. Holy Communion was partaken of in the morning and the young people presented an inspiring pageant that evening.

Second quarterly conference was held last Wednesday night and the most outstanding business at that time was the nomination of delegates to the annual conference. Mrs. W. A. Leonard will run against Mr. I. A. Teague, and the votes will be cast at a later date. Either of these fine Christian people will represent First church in a way that will be honorable and pleasing to all concerned.

Sunday, April 24, was a great day here, for, to our delight, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard visited us and had charge of the morning worship. After his sermon he administered holy baptism to Edith Marie and James T. Bowman, twin babies of Rev. and Mrs. Bowman. Because the child is most certainly the father of the man, those who teach, and those who are set in places where they may mold the coming generation, should remember that there falls a distinct responsibility in life today. And to Mr. and Mrs. Bowman we extend to them our gratitude for such an outstanding pledge, and we pray that they will see the day when their children are just the specimen of mankind that they would have them be.

At the evening worship Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams, returned missionaries from China, were with us and they gave a very interesting and uplifting message to a packed audience. We were glad also to have the good people from Community church join us in this service.

Several ladies are planning to attend the annual meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work at Burlington, N. C., this week.

In closing let me say that Circle No. 1 is sponsoring a supper at the hut Saturday evening, April 29, and should you happen to be passing through Thomasville and smell the savor of delicious dishes, drop around and we will be glad to serve you the best food and plenty of it—for just one quarter.

MRS. KNOX TEAGUE, Reporter.

Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—This church is moving on very nicely. We are glad spring has come and that our attendance at church and Sunday school is increasing. The Ladies' Auxiliary has closed a very successful year, but we hope to do much better in the new year. This auxiliary paid its budget in full, also sent $7.00 for Mr. Minnis's salary, besides doing several local things.

Pastor Bingham has been fiiling his regular appointments with us and giving some real fine spiritual messages.

The Easter program was given Sunday evening by the small children. Miss Edith Guthurie made a talk on missionary work and told what the offering was used for.

On the second Sunday of April the friends of Mr. J. F. Bradshaw gathered at his home and gave him a surprise birthday dinner honoring his 64th milestone.

On next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour Mr. Bingham plans to speak to the high school graduates from this church and others who wish to attend church here. He hopes to have as many as can and will to take part in this service, as this is nearing commencement for the Eli Whitney high school.

Holy Communion was observed here Easter Sunday morning with a goodly number taking part. This was very encouraging.

We are sorry to report that Mr. T. H. Moore is confined to his home again; hope he will soon be much better. We are glad that Mrs. M. W. Curl is back home after spending some time in Wesley Long hospital; hope she will continue to improve as she has been.

The good people of the community met the other day at the church and cleaned the grounds and cemetery, also planted a flower garden.

REPORTER.

Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, T. H. Vickery, Pastor.—We were glad to have our pastor back for another appointment. He brought with him his father, Rev. R. L. Vickery, pastor of First church at Danville, Va.; also two brothers and sisters. We extend to the family our deepest sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

We welcome all the visitors and extend to them an invitation to come and worship with us each Sunday.

All the children cooperated to make the Easter program very good last Sunday night.

SARA SIMPSON, Reporter.

Central Church, Asheboro.—The Women's Auxiliary of the Central M. P. church kept open house informally at their church parsonage on Elm street in Greystone Terrace Thursday afternoon and evening. The many guests who called were received between 4 and 6 o'clock and from 7:30 to 9:30 in the evening. This social affair was sponsored primarily because the church membership has recently completed payment on their attracive parsonage and in celebration of this, at 9:30 p.m., the statement of indebtedness was burned by W. L. Ward. Following the "burning" program Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of the North Carolina M. P. conference, extended words of congratulation for this splendid achievement.

Mrs. J. S. Lewis, a member of the church trustees, received at the front door, and the receiving line was composed of the pastor, Dr. S. W. Taylor, and Mrs. Taylor, their son, S. W. Taylor, Jr., Miss Esther Ross, who is president of the women's work of the church, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ward, with Mr. Ward serving as chairman of the church trustees in the absence of the chairman, W. F. Redding, who was unable to attend.

Others who directed the visitors over the house were: Miss Lollie Jones, Mrs. Ellis Scott, Mrs. Thomas Redding, Mrs. R. W. Wood, Mrs. George Hasty, Mrs. John Swaim, Mrs. Otis Brower, Mrs. George Kivett, Mrs. Jesse Councilman, Mrs. C. C. Winningham, Mrs. Earl Henley, Mrs. David Almond, Miss Exie Callicutt, Miss Bee Lowdermilk, and Miss Leona Wood.

Presiding in the dining room were Mrs. S F. Phillips and Mrs. Robert Lloyd. Punch, wafers, and mints were served by Mrs. Lacy Lewis, Mrs. Clyde Hendrix, Mrs. John R. Brown, Mrs. W. E. Shaw, Mrs. John Taylor, Mrs. A. O. Ferree, Mrs. Otis Brower, and Mrs. Rufus Routh. The table was covered with a lace cloth with a center-piece of snapdragons and syringia in a low container.

Mrs. H. R. Trollinger asked the guests to register in the guest book which contained a picture and short history of the parsonage. Piano numbers were given during the reception hours by Miss Louise Swaim, Mrs. N. M. Harrison, Lacy Lewis, Jr., and James Hendrix, violinist. The church school orchestra with the following members: Willys Hooper, Wallace Black, James Hendrix, Harris Lamb, and Glenn Pugh, played during the afternoon.

Mrs. R. D. Lowdermilk and Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., spoke the goodbyes.

The out-of-town visitors were: Mrs. R. C. Stubbins, Dr. Joy Harris Glascock, Miss Velna McCulloch, Miss Pearl McCulloch, and Mrs. L. W. Gerringer, of Greensboro; Thomas Williams, of Enfield; Mrs. L. L. Hinshaw, of Randleman; Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, of High Point.

CLETA RICH.

Shiloh, Randolph Charge, April 26.—Our pastor, Rev. G. L. Reynolds, brought an inspiring message last Sunday, from St. John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

The Easter program brought a large congregation to our church. It was very interesting, especially the pageant.

Our sympathy goes out to the Swaim family in the death of their mother, Mrs. Lucy Swaim.

Mrs. Marvin York, who has been sick for several months, is in a very serious condition at this time.

Mr. Frank Brown is seriously ill at Wesley Long hospital with a head trouble.

Mrs. Oliver Glasgow and Mr. Henry Capps have been sick for some time.

Our annual memorial service will be held Sunday, May 8. Everybody come—we hope to have an interesting program.

MRS. EUGENE BROWN, Reporter.

Flat Rock Charge.—Second quarterly conference will be held on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Gideon's Grove, May 7th. All members be present.

J. A. BURGESS.

Canaan Church, Denton Charge, April 25.—The Canaan Sunday school is still moving along nicely with a splendid increase in attendance the last few Sundays. The people are cooperating nicely in both the Sunday school and church work.

We are glad to say that the financial end of our church is moving along very well. The envelope system has been adopted by our church, as a means of raising money, and has proved to be very successful in getting money for both our preacher's salary and conference claims.

The Women's Auxiliary is still wide awake, and continuing in their good work. They have built some new cement steps, which have added very much to the attractiveness of the church.

An Easter program was given at the church the evening before Easter with a number of the large group of young people taking part. The program was very interesting and proved that somebody had put forth an effort in getting it up and ended with success.

Our beloved pastor, Rev. Mr. Curry, gave us an interesting message yesterday based on a text taken from the 24th chapter of Luke. The sermon was enjoyed and appreciated by the large number present. It was also announced that we would have our annual home-coming the second Sunday in May, and an invitation is extended to all of those who wish to attend. Pray for us that our church may prosper and continue in the Lord's work, and that we may be humble so the Lord may continue to bless us.

J. NORMAN HUNT, Reporter.

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Rockingham, H. W. Bell, Pastor.—On Easter Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, the children presented their program, which was enjoyed by all present. At the evening service the senior boys and girls presented a play called "An Easter Tribute." This program was also very good.

Our Sunday school attendance has fallen off some since our last report. But we are glad that our services haven't decreased spiritually. We hope now that the weather is so pretty and warm, to see our attendance increase.

The Ladies' Aid gave an oyster stew last Friday night at the home of the pastor. Everyone had a nice time.

We are glad to report that our church is being covered.

Our revival meeting is to begin about the third Sunday in May with E. G. Cowan doing the preaching. We ask the prayers of all the churches that we may not only have a meeting, but an old time spiritual revival, and that souls may be born into His Kingdom.

REPORTERS.

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Denton-Canaan. — The Easter services at both churches were quite satisfactory and encouraging. Services were conducted at the Denton church on each night during the Passion Week. A well attended Communion service was conducted on Thursday night. On Sunday morning the Easter sermon was preached and eight members were received into the church. On Saturday night the Easter program was rendered at Canaan and the same program was rendered at Denton on Sunday night. The offerings at both churches were very satisfactory.

The Denton high school has just closed and a number of our young people graduated with honors. Clinard Nance was voted the best all-round boy in the senior class and the best in the school. Golden Morris was the best all-round girl. Joe Cranford was honored and given a medal for best citizenship. Clinard Nance was given a loving cup for being the best all-round boy and he was awarded a beautiful trophy for being the best in the agriculture department. There were 42 in the graduating class. Rev. S. W. Taylor preached the commencement sermon, which was well done. As Methodist Protestants we feel that we received our share of credit and honor. A number of Canaan people attend the farmer school. This school has not yet closed and at this school we will have a number to graduate.

At Canaan the annual home-coming service will be observed on the second Sunday of May. There will be an all-day service and all friends of the church are invited to be present.

Recently Brother Ames Sexton and Brother Carl Bisher have undergone serious operations at a High Point hospital. Brother Sexton is at home well on the way to recovery, while Brother Bisher is still in the hospital, but improving.

Since we adopted the duplex envelope system at both churches a considerable increase in finances has been noticed. While pastor's salary is not quite up to date, the conference interests are being paid as they come due. It pays to use the duplex.

GEO. L. CURRY, Pastor.

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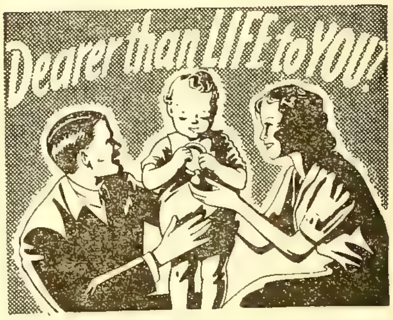
Tabernacle Charge, April 25.—Yesterday was a good day at Tabernacle. It was our privilege to have with us our missionaries from China, Rev. Horace and Margaret Williams. It had been the writer's privilege to know these people during the days that they were in the Seminary in Westminster, Mo., and it was with much joy that we were permitted to see and be with them again. They were with us during the Sunday school hour and during the morning worship. During the Sunday school hour Mrs. Williams spoke to a combined group of the younger pupils, and Mr. Williams spoke to a combined group of the older people. During the morning worship both addressed the congregation. Their messages were very interesting and, I think, very helpful. It is always good to have some evidence of the work that we are carrying on; it inspires us to do more. We give our money for missions but we are always more anxious to give when we know more about where our money is going and for what it is going. I feel that everyone enjoyed having these two consecrated workers with us and hearing of the things that they are doing in far-away China. I am sure that we will remember for a long time their visit with us.

On Saturday evening a number of our people gathered in the hut for a fellowship supper—the ladies bringing picnic baskets. The Williamses were with us at this time and during the evening Mr. and Mrs. Williams answered any questions that anyone asked. Also Mr. Williams interested all with Chinese writing on a blackboard. Mrs. Williams made her contribution with songs and nursery rhymes in the Chinese language. It was truly a good evening for those who came.

During the Easter season there was considerable activity around Tabernacle. Every night during Holy Week there was service with the exception of Saturday night. On the first four nights the writer brought messages in keeping with the season, following each day of Passion Week. On Thursday evening the service was concluded with a communion service. On Friday evening the young people presented an Easter play in the hut. The same play was presented at Julian on the second Sunday night by the same young people.

On Easter Sunday in the morning at Julian during the Sunday school hour the children rendered a program. The morning worship, which followed, carried out the Easter theme. At Tabernacle in the afternoon the children had charge of the Sunday school hour. Some of the Intermediates conducted the worship service and the smaller children presented the play entitled, "Spring in the Brown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Meadow." Again the Easter theme was carried out in the worship service following.

We were gratified with the interest in these services during the Easter season. The attendance was not large at the evening services, but we felt well repaid for the effort we put forth.

We have also been making some improvements around. At Julian the men worked out the shrubbery which was planted last year. Some pieces were moved to more advantageous places and pieces that had died were replaced. The ladies are planning some improvements in the Sunday school room. I believe that I have not reported that during the winter season Brother G. G. Gilmore, of Julian, who is connected with the North State Nursery, planted the grounds around the parsonage. His planting has improved the looks of our home considerably since the leaves have put out. In all he placed 26 pieces of shrubbery around the house and lawn. At Tabernacle we have just recently completed our social and recreational building, generally known as the hut. The daubing has improved the looks and makes that building show up much better.

EUGENE A. LAMB, Pastor.

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Haw River Circuit.—"Monticello High School Day" was held at Friendship church on the first Sunday in April. The house was almost filled for the service. I greatly appreciate the privilege of this contact with the school, and I think the service was a real help all around.

The improvement program has been started at Midway. The stucco over the porch has been replaced with shingles, and the contract has been let for repainting the woodwork. (The church is brick-veneer.)

Easter exercises of one sort or another were held at three of the churches, and an offering taken at all four. Sorry to say the total offering is somewhat less than last year.

The circuit auxiliary has been organized just a little over a year. The organization had not been completed when the last branch meeting was held. Mrs. Bates asked that no apportionment be given it, since she did not know what the women folks could or would do. The result has been far beyond anyone's expectation. $160 has been sent to the branch treasurer, and some money raised for local work. But perhaps the best part of the year's work has been the widening of friendships as the women have met together in the circles in each of the churches, and in the auxiliary meeting at the parsonage, once each month.

Thanks to Brothers J. Turner Richardson and Ernest Spencer, material is on hand for concrete steps at the front porch, and new wooden steps at the rear. So it'll be safe coming or going.

Our schedule for the annual revival meetings—I believe the latest term is "religious emphasis"—has been worked out: Dr. F. W. Paschall will help at Midway, beginning the fourth Sunday in June; Rev. E. A. Bingham is to assist at Mizpah, the first week in July; the meeting will be held at Fair Grove the second week in July, with Rev. E. G. Cowan assisting. The last meeting will begin on the third Sunday in July at Friendship. Rev. J. W. Braxton will assist there. Brethren, pray for us!

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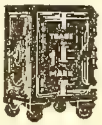

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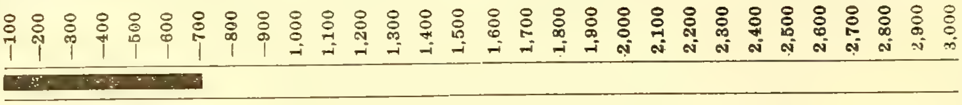

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Just look! The like of which has never happened since this booster has been trying to take care of this page. Three charges have tied in the matter of subscriptions. My memory is very poor, but I do not remember a tie between two charges, not this year, at least. It is a fine thing to have them come up like this. On the southern edge of the conference comes Brother Cook with an amount equal to Brother Braxton from the central part of the conference; and from the extreme east comes Creswell, with an amount equal to that sent by the other two. The pastor's name is not mentioned in connection with this last, but I am sure Brother Wagoner is on the job.

Now, if all of us who are in between would do as well next week, there would be something coming from this loud speaker that would doubtless startle the natives, he would be so glad. Give him a trial and see if it will not make Booster think of something new to say. That would be startling!

Poor subsidy! Never got any attention this week. Too bad! I am sure that after the rush is over and we all get our summer togs paid for, we will be coming up with more to comfort you.

There needs to be an awakening, a heart-warming for good literature, for if you will just notice the average book table and magazine rack, you will see that there needs to be a revival of reading the things that are uplifting. The church paper should come first in every church member's home, but it is no unusual thing for some to tell you, "I don't want it." Ask the Herald agents. They can tell you something surprising.

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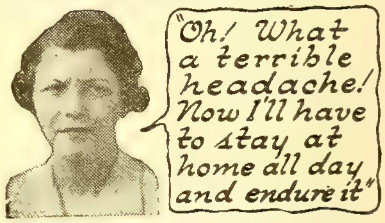
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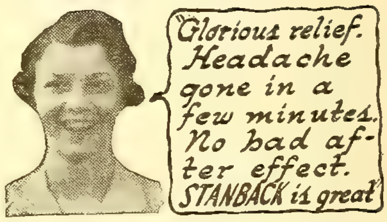
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The Christian Doctrine of Salvation

William N. Clarke, D.D.

The Christian doctrine of salvation must be identical at heart with the Christian message of salvation. Through all ages the Church of Christ has been a herald, a preacher of salvation to the world, and her work of heralding has continued until now. She has made her proclamation with joy, for she bears a glorious message; the sermon has been a psalm, and the preaching, praise. In another department of thought she has the doctrine of salvation. She distinguishes it from her message, but yet the two are one. There can be no message that differs from the doctrine, and there can be no real doctrine that differs from the message.

The twentieth century needs the doctrine and message of salvation as much as did the first. The world today needs to believe in salvation, in order that it may experience salvation, through the length and breadth of its life. It is not that the world is suffering for this or that particular form of the idea of salvation, as the past has developed it; it needs the doctrine itself in its central meaning. Our world needs to believe in sin as a dreadful fact, to believe in the perfect God, to believe in the mission of love, to believe in the power that can transform men. We should not think that the time offers no encouragement to the proclamation of this divine reality. I think we do our generation some injustice when we say that it has no sense of sin. Rather it is true that the sense of sin which our generation does possess a part, is the key for the understanding of our present hopes. Self-searching is far less abundant now than it used to be, and the consciousness of personal guilt is not as easily aroused as it once was. But there is slowly rising, we believe, a social sense of sin. We are called upon to feel our unity with mankind, and to pass judgment upon events and character in the light of their relation to the common life of man. For slowly the mind of Christ is being discerned in the common life of our people. It is true there are yet many barriers to overcome. But it is the mission of the gospel of Christ to overcome our selfishness, and that can be done only by fastening our very hearts to the cause of righteousness and thereby help men. Christ is leading on in this great movement of transformation through the years. But needs more than human interest; we need salvation—we, the men and women of this day. We must have Christ's estimate of sin for our own, as distinctly as we have our habitual estimates of worldly values. We need to discern the God and Father of Christ who loves our selfish world and longs to save it from itself, as we perceive the sun in the heavens. We need to learn the lesson of the cross, of salvation by love and self-sacrifice, as well as we learn the principles and method of our common business. And we need to believe in the reality of the power that can conquer evil, as we believe in electricity and its power to perform. There are forces all around us that would trample down our faith in the divine realities. Therefore, let us consecrate ourselves daily in simple devotion to God.

Central Church, Asheboro, Dr. S. W. Taylor, pastor, has reached the first and third objectives of the Fellowship Crusade; the Herald subscription quota is guaranteed. Congratulations and many thanks.

Union Grove, Orange Charge, Rev. C. P. Morris, pastor, has reached the first and third objectives in the Fellowship Crusade; the Herald quota of subscriptions is guaranteed. This is the second Church for Orange and its wide-awake pastor to reach the objectives. We are expecting the other churches on Orange to go over the top. Congratulations and many thanks.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Branch Meeting

Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the meeting of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work, held in our First Church in Burlington last week were immensely pleased with what we saw and heard. While the Church has gone forward along all lines yet it does seem that really more progress has been made in the Women's work than in almost any other.

The Grace Anniversary Banquet

On Friday evening of last week we had the privilege of being present at the banquet in Grace Church, Greensboro, as part of their celebration of the founding of Grace Church. This was one of the most thrilling meetings in which I have ever been in. The unusual thing about the meeting was that the usual speech making was absent but instead there was good music and two short plays which did more to seal the truth of the importance of the Church and the Church services upon the lives of the listeners than could have been done in days in the public address. While the presentation of the truth from the pulpit and the platform is important and while we are going to continue to use it, yet it is true that the Church which makes use of pageantry is going to get the message across. And so I say, congratulations to Grace, not only for being forty-seven years old but for discovering this powerful method of getting the truth across.

A Sunday Morning at First Church, High Point

Last Sunday morning was spent with our First Church at High Point, Rev. J. C. Madison, pastor. Brother Madison had asked me to be there before Commencement at High Point College in order that I might have a number of the students in the congregation. But on Saturday night I found out that while I was to be preaching in the main auditorium Rev. Horace Williams, our missionary to China, was to be speaking to the Junior Church downstairs. Having a feeling that our returned missionaries deserve every recognition I took the matter up with Pastor Madison and had Brother Williams to speak to the congregation in the auditorium and I took part in the service. Brother Williams was at his best and I was exceedingly glad that the adjustment was made. Our First Church has had a rather remarkable year so far. Something like fifty new members have been received since Conference and the work seems to be moving splendidly. It has been my privilege to be in various meetings at this Church this year and there seems to be a very progressive spirit among the people. The Fellowship Crusade has been worked rather extensively with good results, the attendance at the services is gratifying and all in all it seems that this Church is destined to go forward in the years that are to come. Brother Madison, the pastor, is not only popular in his own Church but in the city of High Point as well.

The Quarterly Conference on Mt. Pleasant Charge

In the afternoon of last Sunday it was my privilege to hold the second quarterly conference of the Mount Pleasant Charge at Pleasant Union Church. The veteran secretary, Brother S. A. Alexander, who has held that position for about thirty-five years was at his post and had such full minutes of the previous quarterly conference that one could almost feel that he had attended it even though he knew he were absent. It is quite an accomplishment to be able to write good minutes of a meeting and I congratulate this Charge on having a good secretary. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Braxton, gave a good account of his stewardship for the half year. This Charge is one of our most progressive circuits and many improvements have been made on the property in the past few years. The latest improvements seem to be in wiring for electric lights for the parsonage. This will mean much to the pastor and his family. Brother Braxton and his family have greatly endeared themselves to the people on this charge and the parsonage family seem fond of the people. So it is mutual all around. Mount Pleasant Charge can be depended on to carry on its part of the Conference program.

May and June for Church Extension

I am now calling attention to the fact that May and June are the months in which Church Extension assessments are to be raised. Please let no pastor fail here for this is a very important part of our program. We woud not gain much by raising money for Annual Conference Debts in the Fellowship Crusade if we were to fall down in the regular assessments.

Why the Mid-Year Meeting Is Late in the Week

A suggestion has come that the quarterly assemblies and the mid-year meetings be held at the first part of the week. This is a timely suggestion and I will say that the first quarterly assembly was held on Monday and the third one will be. The only reason that we announced the mid-year meeting for Friday was due to the fact that there were so many other meetings it seemed that the latter part of the week was the only time we could have it if we were to allow any time for getting in the reports after the quarter ends. The General Boards' meeting, the Missionary Convention, High Point College Commencement and the Pastors' school follow in such rapid succession that it was difficult to find a time. But come to this one at Community Church, Thomasville, Friday, May 13. Rev. J. W. Braxton will conduct the devotional life, Dr. G. I. Humphreys will speak on Aldersgate and future Methodism. Rev. J. C. Auman will speak on building up a congregation. Dr. Andrews will review the Fellowship Crusade and the President will review the half year. Please write Rev. J. C. Auman you will be there and how many you will bring for dinner. The hour is 10:30 a. m.

Appointments

Saturday, May 7—2:30 p. m., Quarterly Conference, Randolph Charge, Shiloh Church.

Sunday, May 8—Little Charge, circuit rally at Hawkins Chapel at 11; preaching at Vaughn at 7:30.

Sunday, May 15—Why Not Charge, circuit rally at Flag Springs at 11.

Sunday, May 15—2 p. m., circuit rally Davidson Charge, Chapel Hill Church.

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A Notable Prayer

Guide me, teach me, strengthen me, till I become such a person as Thou wouldst have me be; pure and gentle, truthful and high-minded, brave and able, courteous and generous, dutiful and useful.—*Charles Kingsley.*

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A Scripture Verse for Each Day of the Week

Sunday—I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.—Psa. 122:1, 2.

Monday—Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest.—Ec. 9:10.

Tuesday—For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.—Rom. 8:14.

Wednesday—Whatsoever ye would that men do unto you; do ye even so unto them.—Matt. 7:12.

Thursday—Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you. Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.—Luke 6:27, 28.

Friday—In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:2.

Saturday—Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matt. 11:28.

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The Art of Making Our Handicaps Help Us

A study of the lives of people who have succeeded in spite of tremendous obstacles in their way or of physical handicaps is most instructive. Homer and Milton were blind but remain at the top as great poets; Moses and Demosthenes had some impediment of speech but succeeded notwithstanding; St. Paul had an infirmity which he termed ''a thorn in the flesh,'' yet he rose far above its harmful influence; William Wilberforce was a hunchback but his eloquence won the cause of the enslaved in England; Lord Byron had a club foot; Helen Keller, blind and deaf. And what shall we say of the physical weakness of Robert Louis Stevenson; the deafness of Beethoven; the poverty of Dr. Samuel Johnson; of the trials through defeat of Abraham Lincoln; of the disappointments and loneliness of Dante; of John Bunyan making Bedford jail his pulpit for twelve years from which he still preaches to tens of thousands of interested readers? And there are so many others who as Tennyson said, have made ''stepping stones of their dead selves to higher things.'' These just would not be silent, would not remain inactive. But went forth through arduous toil, almost unendurable hardships, and by their courage and faith have made their handicaps help them win great victories.

St. Paul writes to the Philippians of his imprisonment thus, ''But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel. So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; and many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.''

To many such an imprisonment as Paul endured would have been considered a great hindrance to the cause of Christ. But Paul made it a help. Preached to the soldiers who guarded him—they had to stay, and won many of them. And others who saw his boldness in his bonds were made bold to speak as otherwise they would not have. Yes, Paul knew the art of making his handicaps help him. It is too bad that a sore thumb or a couple of sneezes can have such an effect upon many of our Church leaders today. They are powerful enough to keep people from doing Church work for an indefinite time. Old Alibi is a troublesome old Tartar. But he does show what sort of company people keep. These complainers, who are never quite ready, who have something in the way whenever they are faced with a religious task, ought to read the 11th chapter of Hebrews once a week until they recover their lost morale.

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The Influence of Mother

Henry Ward Beecher said, ''The power of the cradle is greater than the power of the throne, greater than royalty in its diffusion and in its capacity of usefulness—ten thousand times greater. Make me monarch of the cradle, and I will give to whosoever will the monarchy of the kingdoms and of the thrones.''

When writing to Timothy St. Paul expressed his gratitude for the unfeigned faith of Timothy's grandmother and mother. This faith was seen in the daily life and works of Timothy as he went about with Paul. It had resulted in such a splendid life that the Apostle could not refrain from expression his gratitude. In the old books you see three names linked up in a beautiful trinity-mother, home, and heaven. Mother suggesting of home, for what is home without mother. And home suggesting heaven to us. For our best information about heaven, is our eternal home. So it does not require a master at exegesis to show how mother shapes the destiny of this world, and decides in a majority of the cases who will eventually reach heaven.

And so it is fitting that one day of every year should be set apart as a memorial to mother. A day when the whole world can unite in honoring mother. For while we may not speak the same languages, we may not be alike in education, in wealth, or health or in social standing, but all are alike in that there is a mother somewhere if not living, in the unseen world, who treasures in her memory an appraisal of us that far surpasses the values others may put upon us. She discounts our faults and foibles as none others will. Her love will live as long as her heart is warm; and we believe that in heaven mother will be the first to welcome home her child from whom she has been separated so long. As some one said of mother's love:

''You struggled blindly for my soul
And wept for me such bitter tears,
That through your faith my faith grew whole
And fearless of the coming years.''

All honor to the mothers of men; wearers of the red rose can show her their love in so many ways and words before she leaves them. Let this day be an opportunity for you to prove again your love for mother.

THERE ARE STILL MOTHERS

Whatever else be lost along the way
There still are Christian mothers in all lands,
And now we pause to honor them today;
The queens who have no scepters in their hands,
And yet who reign upon a firmer throne
Than any that the earth hath ever known.

Rulers of life, with love as pure
And true and selfless as the old earth knows,
Their trust in God, unshakable and sure,
Their faith implanted in their children, grows
Into a living, lifting, shining thing,
That through great stress can know no conquering.

There still are mothers who will ever hold
The old sweet ways of truth and righteousness
Before their children's eyes; who long have told
Christ's teachings to their young to heal and bless,
Thank God for any mother, anywhere,
Who lives and serves, and finds her strength in prayer.

—*Grace Noll Crowell.*

Fellowship Briefs

We visited Friendship Church, Rev. E. A. Cook, pastor, last Sunday night. Not many present but nearly all there pledged their support to the Crusade. We are indeed delighted to put Central Church, Asheboro, and Union Grove Church, Orange, on our front page this week.

Next week the back page of the Herald will show the amounts pledged and paid on the Crusade, so far as we can give them. We will also show the standing of the churches on Herald sugscriptions last May, first week; comparing it with what has been done up to and including this week. Watch for this next week.

Do your work, be honest, keep your word, help when you can, be fair.—*J. P. Morgan.*

''Much that is called play is much harder than that which is called work.''

MOTHER

They laid her away in the afternoon,
She was and she is no more,
But the roses nod and the birds of June
Still sing at her cottage door.
And men and women go laughing by—
And this they will do when the greatest die.

But because she was, who is now no more,
There are numberless lovely things,
She planted the roses by the door,
And the tree where the robin sings.
And who can say that is the same
Old world which it was on the day she came?

Oh, busy and hurried the world goes on,
As it will when the greatest die;
And the few who mourn for the absent one
Are tempted to question why.
But the roses the sweet souls planted here
Still live and blossom from year to year.

—*Edgar A. Guest.*

To Our Subscribers

During the month of May there will expire between two and three hundred Herald subscriptions. Of course, we want them all to renew. We cannot afford to lose a subscriber and we ought not to lose many of these. But in the changing of the pastors and Herald agents we sometimes lose heavily. A charge which before there was a change of pastors may have never secured more than a half of the subscription quota, but a new pastor or new Herald agent came on the scene and the subscriptions went over the top with ease. And alas, it has happened when the pastor left or a new Herald agent took charge, down went the subscriptions. Dropping from a full quota to half. These facts illustrate the need of our subscribers cooperating with us. For if it should happen that neither your pastor or your Herald agent should remember that your subscription is expiring, please send it on any way. For so long as our Conference remains as it is we shall doubtless need the services of the Herald. But the Herald has never served enough of our people, for too few of them read the paper. We beseech you, then, by the needs which you are aware of in your local church that you see to it that YOUR Church paper circulates more largely among the members of your congregation.

Dr. W. W. Peele Bishop

We congratulate the Methodist Church, soon to be, on having such a leader in the Episcopal office as Dr. Peele. A Christian, a most courteous gentleman, and thoroughly familiar with the administrative affairs of the Church. The best wishes and prayers of the Editor of the Herald will follow you, Brother Peele.

''Life would grow tiresome if it had not rough spots to make us appreciate the smooth.''

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

My Fear of Experts

A certain firm employed an efficiency expert, and when he landed in the little town an old hack driver was sent to meet him at the train. It was a terrible cold day. When they had crawled into the buggy and pulled the buffalo robe over their laps the driver said, "Well, you are the efficiency expert, are you?"

"Yes, sir," answered the visitor. "I came to improve things around here, and I think I will begin right now. Turn this robe over with the hair next to us if you want it to turn the wind and keep us warm."

The old driver with some hesitation turned the robe over muttering, "I be hanged, it's a pity the buffalo didn't know that a long time ago."

This story illustrates the weakness often noticed in the work of those who pass as "experts." I have no complaint with special training and preparation for a fine type of service, but I do often grow impatient with those who know so much about less and less until they finally know everything about nothing. I discount such people. They seldom represent the middle of the road of human experience.

For one thing the expert is tempted to magnify the means rather than the ends. He concentrates on the *way* he does things and not on how the people take it. In music he will insist on rendering the difficult number his way regardless of how it bores the hearers. In medicine he must treat the patient according to the latest drug even though a household remedy might have done better. But the expert's reputation is at stake, and this is the reason some of us laymen feel that he might let the patient die by a scienctific remedy rather than get well by one of Granma's notions. Yes, the means have to be right. The expert fishermen told Jesus they had foiled all night and caught nothing. Yet on taking the advice of One who did not pretend to know the trade they caught a net full.

The expert is likely to magnify a part at the expense of the whole. In worship he insists that the prayer is right while the rest of the service may be neglected. Or he may set great store on the beauty of the program even though the power has gone out of it. The professional evangelist, I have noticed, usually singles out a few sins to be condemned while larger ones go free. A part is emphasized at the expense of the whole.

Another weakness about the expert is his loss of the common touch. Dr. Judd at the University of Chicago used to tell us on class that he had great respect for the layman's view of education. Professional educators, of which he was one, can sit back in the corner and spin out fine theories about training the boy and the girl, but the parents of those children still know something about their own offspring. Some leaders are so busy telling others how to bring up children that they have not time to stay at home and see how their own are getting along.

Yes, it is so in every field. The artist studies pictures so much and people so little that his pictures depart from the understanding of the common man. The layman believes that a picture ought to look like the thing it represents, but not so the artist. He insists that the picure must be a distinct creation. Hence you behold crooked smokestacks and distorted faces as true art, while everybody knows a smokestack ought to be straight and the face should appear natural. And in religion the viewpoint must square with the newest deliverance on psychology even though it departs from human experience. The botanist picks the rose to pieces, lays the petals out one by one on the table, and then says: "Behold the rose." But by that time it is no rose. His analysis has destroyed it. This happens to religion often under the merciless hands of the so-called expert. Religion is never known, and cannot be known, aside from the human being that enjoys it, and hence the person who singles out religion and studies it apart from someone's experience has nothing to work on. It is like making a picture of the smile after the girl is gone.

Finally, I fear the expert because he seldom is fair or adequate in what he represents. Too much concentration incapacitates one to see the wider view. The professional evangelist seldom, if ever, proves to be a fair representative of religion. He generally plays on one string, rather than tuning up the whole Gospel harp and sounding forth in all the keys. And while specialists are needed in every enterprise, I still, like Dr. Judd, have sympathy for and faith in the natural common-sense approach to the problems of life. Like the old hack driver surmised, you are not apt to teach the buffalo a new way to wear his own hide.

COOPERATING IN SERVICE

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, May 1, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 9:30-41.

Golden Text—"For he that is not against us is for us." Mark 9:40.

As we come to our lesson today it seems that Jesus has come to realize the utter impossibility of bringing the masses to a place of understanding and appreciation of His message. Evading the crowds He is giving His disciples intense instruction. It seems, too, that He is still concerned about their former enthusiastic confession of Him, "Thou art the Christ." Realizing that they do not understand the full meaning of their confession He tells them once more what it means to be the Christ and what they may expect of Him. "The Son of man is delivered up into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he shall rise again." Though the disciples still did not understand it is interesting to note the contrast in the way they reacted to this saying and the way they reacted to the saying days or maybe weeks before which was almost word for word the same as this. The first time Christ spoke of His death Peter rebuked Him, but not now. Many things have taken place since that other conversation. The disciples now are in a stage of doubt, waiting, not knowing what to believe but afraid to ask. Perhaps they were afraid to face the truth which was gradually dawning upon them, and yet they dared not again rise to contend with their Master.

The failure of the disciples to understand the spiritual mission of Christ is again illustrated in this lesson. They were disputing among themselves as to which should be greatest, or probably as to which was greatest, and Christ knew of their dispute. This incident gave Him another chance to drive home another of His powerful lessons as to what true greatness really is. Calling the disciples to Him He said: ''If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.'' To me those are among the most suggestive words that ever fell from the lips of Christ.

Of first importance is His emphasis upon service rather than position. Apparently all men are alike before Him provided they take the talent given and use it honestly in the service of men. It may be that he who cleans the streets and does it well in many instances is far more honorable in the sight of God than one who holds some high office and before whom many people stand in worship. When the masses come to despise the common labor of life it is a sign that the judgments of Christ are being ignored. What an accusing lesson for the pleasure mad, money mad, relief and generation of today.

Closely connected with service is Christ's emphasis upon humility. In a day when military heroes and kings held the spotlight of the world He set a child in the midst of the crowd and said, ''Of such is the kingdom of heaven.'' There was no place for pride, or contending for greatness, in the presence of a teacher like that. Humility is the ability to see oneself as God sees one. Jesus must have been intimating that if the disciples were ever to understand His way of life they must acquire the childlike attitude, the simple trust and humility of little children. That must have been a hard saying for the disciples even as it is a hard saying for us today. So, no wonder John changed the subject by referring to another experience of the day.

Someone other than one of the disciples had been casting out devils in the name of Christ. Since he was not a member of the ring, not in good standing with the bosses, Peter, James and John, they forbid him. Apparently John thought their narrowness was a mark of their loyalty, ''But Jesus said, Forbid him not.'' Also He went on to express Himself in the words of our Golden Text: ''For he that is not against us is for us.''

On the eve of Methodist Union I suspect that this saying of Jesus is a very popular text. Well it may be, for I can see no earthly reason why three great bodies so much alike in history and in spirit should stay apart. But that does not mean that we may some day expect the merger of all denominations into one. In my mind such is neither possible nor wise. Christ did not even suggest that the other men who had been seen casting out devils in His name should be invited to join the group. Honest differences of method and opinion are a blessing instead of a curse. Make your principal so general that everyone can agree upon it and chances are that it is not worth agreeing upon, that is so far as theological beliefs are concerned. But on the other hand it is possible for all of us to be bound by loyalty to Christ and devoted to His kingdom ideal. So Christ is saying let everyone who is bound by this loyalty and devoted to this ideal alone to serve in his own way, for he too is our co-worker and friend. Many protestant denominations have honest disagreements, differences of opinion and emphasis which should be respected, but all of us are seeking to accomplish virtually the same thing. That being true I can see no earthly reason why there shouldn't be wholehearted cooperation in such enterprises as missions, social reform, and public religious education. That is true not only for protestant denominations but for people of other religions as well who have the same kingdom ideals as we. When the Jew seeks for social justice he, too, is with us, not against. We may call God by different names, may seek Him by different methods, but all of us have the same hunger deep in our hearts for beauty, truth, love, and fellowship with Him. To be able to love a man though you disagree with him, to be able to work with him for righteousness though he may be of a different race, creed and clan, is to be of the spirit of Christ.

NOBODY KNOWS

Nobody knows of the steps it takes,
  To keep the home together;
Nobody knows of the steps it takes,
  Nobody knows—but Mother.

Nobody listens to childish woes,
  Which only kisses smother;
Nobody's pained by naughty blows,
  Nobody—only Mother.

Nobody knows of the sleepless care
  Bestowed on baby brother;
Nobody knows of the tender prayer,
  Nobody—only Mother.

Nobody knows of the lessons taught
  Of loving one another;
Nobody knows of the patience sought,
  Nobody—only Mother.

Nobody knows of the anxious fears,
  Lest darlings may not weather
The storms of life in after years,
  Nobody—but Mother.

Nobody kneels at the throne above
  To thank the heavenly Father
For the sweetest gift—Mother's love—
  Nobody can but Mother.

—*Selected.*

May the vast future not have to lament that you have neglected it.—*Lincoln.*

''The man who gets the idea that he's the big shot is often the first to get fired.''

OUR STORY PAGE

MOTHER'S RESPONSE TO MOTHERS' DAY

''Love, like rubber, has a two-way stretch,'' I thought last Mother's Day as I sat in the back of the Sunday School auditorium and heard one young person after another eulogize his mother. Like the rest of those being honored, I wore a warm smile and lapped it up; It was gratifying to know how much our children appreciate us. Before the exercises were over, however, I was recalling many, many Mother's days.

After all, Mother's Day is any day in the year. We do appreciate your going on a skimpy lunch for a couple of weeks at the school cafeteria in order to save unobtrusively from your luncheon budget enough to buy that Mother's Day gift; we do love to hear you render all those nice, deeply pondered-over speeches made in public. The big bear hug with which we are awakened on the second Sunday in May almost makes us believe in Santa Claus! But no gift at all on Mother's Day, no special mention of the occasion would be missed half so much as all your little thoughtful actions throughout the entire year which make of motherhood such a joy and sacred privilege.

Let me give you case histories of several of my own Mother's Days, just as they come hit-or-miss to mind. Upon checking with your mother, you will be delighted to learn how many, many times in your young lives you have celebrated Mother's Day unconsciously, automatically—and on just any day in the year.

Our own first-born, now a freshman in college, at the age of four engaged in a bloodly battle with his six-year-old neighbor over their mothers' appearance. Each declared he had the prettiest mother. Now, to any four-year-old youngster, no matter what Helen Rubenstein's verdict might be, his mother is the prettiest. Because the other boy was heavier and older—I would think that was the reason—sonny lost out and came dashing across the street looking much the worse for wear. His mother, who was sitting secluded behind the living-room curtain, puffed up with pride because, upon arriving on the safety of his own porch, the little fellow mopped his bloody nose and called back at his foe, with whom he shared an apple fifteen minutes later, ''Anyhow, my mother is the youngest!'' Mother had to be championed. This occurred on a week-day in August! not the second Sunday in May.

As the boy grew older, so the compliments grew in quality. Eight years later our boy was enjoying the popularity of a good chessplayer. One bitter-cold January night, mother was laid low with influenza. Father had to be out of town. A friend telephoned to challenge son for a game of chess—on Saturday night, when there wasn't any home work, too. Without hesitating a minute, son spoke into the instrument:

''No can do it tonight, Bill. Mother's down with the flu and dad's away. I'll have to stick around and fire the furnace and see to it that the patient gets her medicine on time.'' No amount of urging on my part that he play changed his mind.

While in high school sonny developed what we called a ''scientific complex.'' Acid-burns began to appear in rugs, on furniture. In self-defense, a laboratory was rigged up in the basement from which, ever so often, the most ungodly odors emerged, and usually when there were guests in the house, too. On the morning of high school commencement eve our telephone rang—a pay-station call. Excitedly mother heard sonny's voice:

''Gee, mom! What do you think? I won all the science honors the school offers. My knees are still shaking, because in Recognition Assembly they just kept calling my name, and kept calling! I won the Lanphier prize—twenty-five dollars, the Washington University medal and the whole works, and, (here the poor boy had to stop and come up for air) and I couldn't go to lunch until I told you.'' Mother didn't need any lunch at all that June day.

Last Christmas he came home for his first college vacation and reviewed an escapade of a fellow student which resulted in the expulsion of said student.

''But what on earth ever made him do that?'' we asked.

''Poor Jack! He just wasn't raised right; he wasn't blessed with the right kind of mother. You know, mom, since I've gone away from home I realize more and more what a peach you are to us kids.''

The ''peach'' dashed from the room on a pretended errand to the kitchen because she didn't want to spoil his vacation with tears, even if they were tears of joy and appreciation.

But boys and young men do not have a monopoly on celebrating Mother's Day the year round. Recently our family was temporarily maidless. Without being asked to do so, fourteen-year-old daughter made all the beds before going to school and insisted on washing and wiping the dinner-dishes. At the end of the first week we slipped an extra coin into her weekly allowance.

''What's this for?''

''For helping so generously and graciously with the housework.''

''Say, mom, don't make me laugh! Have you forgotten how many times I neglected to wash the skillet? Listen! You take this and buy yourself that eversharp pencil you need to carry in your purse. Every time you use it, think of me—or the unwashed skillet.''

''Daddy, if I practice double tomorrow, may I skip tonight?''

''Why?''

''I saw mother taking an aspirin tablet a while ago. That probably means she is having one of her terrible headaches.''

''In that case, I think you had better postpone tonight's practice.''

These are just homey illustrations of what a mother ponders and nurtures in her heart.

Just as to you of all the women in the world only one can be your mother, so to your mothers—of all the children in the world only one specific group is her own family. You mean as much to her as she does to you. What you do matters to her. True, it is her job to correct; perhaps, upon regrettable occasions, to punish.

Have you ever watched a mother cat box her kittens for getting into mischief? Perhaps her baby is getting too near the edge of the lilypool, and tiny kittens cannot swim; so she cuffs them for it and they soon learn to stay away from danger.

Human mothers, for the protection of their young, to teach their kittens the hazards of life, to help them grow into desirable citizens, to develop them into stalwart Christians, must also cuff—not physically, necessarily but mentally, intellectually. Young people must learn to care for their bodies; without good health every other endeavor falls flat. "A sound mind can live only in a sound body." They must be trained to develop their minds, grow spiritually in order to grow "in wisdom and in stature."

How proud we parents are to witness that growth, step by step; to have had the privilege of sharing it with you.

The great philosopher Herbert Spencer once said words to this effect: Education comes not from books alone, but from *doing*.

A celebration of Mother's Day, or Children's Day, need not come by material gifts, beautiful as the original thought is, but from *doing*. Doing at any time in the year. Mother may not make a big ado about thoughtful deeds at the time, but she will cherish them and you in her heart always. — *Matilda Rose McLaren, in The Girls' World.*

DEER IN TOWN

How would you like to meet a big antlered deer as you ran along the street to school? That is just what the children of the little town of Jasper Park, far up in the Canadian Rockies, do every morning. Here, the government of Canada has created a game preserve, and all wild animals are protected, and because they are not hunted, they come to have no fear of people. In fact, some of them, especially the deer, become very tame.

Visitors from far and wide exclaim in amazement at the sight of herds of deer slowly walking about the town, and calling from door to door for things they like to eat. They seem to enjoy the friendship of people very much. Bread, orange peelings, cake, and most vegetables are their favorite delicacies. In the fall it is quite a common thing to see deer digging in the potato patch. They are not afraid of cars, trains, or in fact anything, and will often be found just outside the window at night listening to the radio. Of course the dogs are not at all pleased. They would like to chase the deer away, but this is against the law in Jasper Park, and when some dog does that and keeps doing it, he has to spend his time chained up. So the dogs soon become accustomed to not running after deer.

The young fawns, the baby deer of last year, get very friendly as they follow their mothers around the streets. They stick close beside their mothers, but one little fellow will always knock at my door when he is in the yard. He likes brown bread, and will leave everything for that, and an apple peeling. He will walk, ever so carefully, into the hallway and take the food from my hand.

Of course, many deer never come into the town and mingle with the people; but those that do, seem to hate to leave it in the spring, when warm weather sends most of their kind into the high hidden valleys, where the flies do not bother them, and the rich grass makes fine pasturage. They still come back to visit their friends, and their friends' gardens; but they are not very welcome, for they eat all the growing things unless one has a "deer-proof" fence, and these have to be at least six feet high. So deer are not very well thought of during the summer months in the town of Jasper.

Around the school building there is a big grove of lodgepole pines growing quite close together, and in the early spring, herds of from eight to ten deer will lie in the shade chewing their cud, just like cows in a pasture, and watching the children playing all around.—*Zion's Herald.*

THE FINAL TEST OF RELIGION

The final test of religion is not an argument, but a consistent life. I often think of Thomas Carlyle sitting one cold winter afternoon before the fireplace in his library when the door opened and the new minister of the parish church entered. After an exchange of greetings the young minister asked the philosopher what he should do for the community. Carlyle replied rather bluntly, "What this parish needs is a man who knows God otherwise than by hearsay." Arguments only leave one cold. God has sent us into the world not to defend him but to proclaim him. The validity of our belief does not turn on a syllogism, but on character; not on logic, but on life. Many people come to see me during the course of a week anxious to debate religion, but I have long ago found that debating religion never solves the dilemmas of life. At the end of the debate neither side to the argument is apt to be convinced, and the inquirer often leaves with his own prejudices confirmed. The only thing that a religious debate accomplishes all too often is to cultivate estrangements, ill-will and a rankling spirit.

What I am writing about religion is from the viewpoint of one who has made certain discoveries about it. I did not get it out of a book, but I did get it out of life. To me religion is not an echo, but a voice; not an opinion, but a conviction. The argument of personal experience in religion has no answer. Long ago a village carpenter said to a cringing governor in the capitol of an old Near East city, "Sayest thou this of thyself or hath another told it thee of me?" That is the final test of religion. What people want today is not theology, but religion, and there is a vast difference. Theology is the expression of an experience which men have had with God; religion is that experience.

All too often have Church people concerned themselves with the experience itself. It is the experiencing of God that is important. Many people think of doctrine as mere moonshine, but they cannot walk away from one who has felt the power of God. Let no one misunderstand me. In the long run men will attempt to put in words what they have experienced. Religion can no more stand without a backbone. But most people want to see something more than a skeleton walking down the street. The place for a backbone is in the back and not in the front. The only adequate religion for successful living is one that we feel and experience. — *Joseph R. Sizoo, in Make Life Worth Living.*

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It is not by a man's purse, but by his character that he is rich or poor.—*R. L. Stevenson.*

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REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH, WOMAN'S WORK

Burlington, N. C., April 27-28, 1938

The 9th annual meeting of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work of the Methodist Protestant Church met in regular session at First church, Burlington, April 27, at 10:15 a. m., with the president, Mrs. R. M. Andrews, presiding.

Mrs. E. O. Peeler, Secretary of Spiritual Life, conducted an interesting devotional, using the theme for the new year, "Fellowship in Furtherance," as her topic.

Roll call of officers and secretaries showed 36 present.

Mrs. R. A. Hunter called the roll of the new Life and Memorial members. These numbered three life members: Mrs. J. A. Gunn, Reidsville Auxiliary; Mrs. Roy Stallings, Reidsville Auxiliary; and Mrs. Ada Hine, Maple Springs Auxiliary. Four Memorial members were reported: Juanita Dorsett, Thomasville Auxiliary; Mrs. A. F. Moore, High Point Auxiliary; Clyde Fentress Foust, Bethel Auxiliary; and Christine Efland, Efland Auxiliary.

A resume of the year's minutes were given by the recording secretary, and were accepted as read.

Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., second vice-president, was called to the chair while the president gave her report for the year and delivered her address. The report listed her activities and her interests and indicated her consecrated and whole-hearted devotion to our purpose and to the work of our Heavenly Father. She deplored the lack of Young People's organizations in the Branch and the general lack of missionary education and offered as a remedy of the latter fact the following recommendations:

First: That we ask our Secretary of Missionary Education to prepare a lesson which she considers adequate to furnish a working basis for them, and that the Branch have sufficient copies of it made to furnish one to each member of Auxiliaries that have been organized within the last 12 months, and any others that in the discretion of the district chairmen should receive this information, and that they be sent out by the Secretary of Missionary Education.

Second: That we make a definite effort to get every Auxiliary to study the book, "Moving Millions: the Pageant of India" as a step toward interest in our own territory there. And that we do our best to get every member to read the book for herself.

Third: That we study "The American City and its Church" in every Auxiliary and try to get our members to read the book.

Fourth: That we try by every means available to get more subscribers to the *Missionary Record.*

The theme of the President's address was "The Test of Greatness." This was very ably developed and interestingly given. The report, carrying with it the adoption of the recommendations, was accepted, with a rising vote of thanks for faithful service rendered during the year.

Special music, arranged by the Burlington church, was rendered by members of the Stevens Evangelistic party who have been conducting a city-wide revival there.

The comparative report of Mrs. Bowman, Corresponding Secretary, was especially interesting in that all reports sent in indicated a substantial gain along all lines. She reported 122 Auxiliaries in the Branch, 11 of which were honor societies and 22 standard societies. Of this number, 11 were organized during the year. We have a membership of 5,600 women, but only 58 per cent cooperate in the program of the Women's Work. We have 579 record subscribers and 55 children's organizations. This report was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

The report of the Treasurer was a further indication of progress. Receipts for the year amounted to $9,760.38, this being $849.78 more than the amount raised on the budget last year. This is the largest percent of the budget ever raised by the North Carolina Branch. Disbursements for the year amounted to $9,690.28 and there is a balance of $70.10 on hand. This report was also accepted with a rising vote of appreciation.

The Assistant Treasurer reported a total of $2,319.03 on hand during the year in the Loan Fund. Of this amount $1,180.21 was received from former students as repayments of loans and $15.95 was interest earned. $1,689.00 has been paid to the Bursar of the College and there is a balance of $622.03 still on hand.

The Secretary of Student Loan Fund reported 24 applications for loans, 22 of which were granted. The total amount applied for, some of which is still to be paid in, is $1,889. Both the foregoing reports were accepted as read.

Mrs. E. W. Teague, auditor, reported that the books of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer had been examined and found correct and in excellent condition.

Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, Missionary Editor, reported furnishing some information in the Women's column in the Herald each week. If articles were not forthcoming from members of the Branch, clippings of interest were reprinted.

The Secretary of Literature, Mrs. Speas, indicated in her report an unusually active year with 120 Auxiliaries on the monthly mailing list. A large number of special articles have been distributed during the year, and guide books for two years sent out by her. These reports were accepted as given, and appreciation expressed for services rendered.

The report of Miss Pearl McCulloch, Secretary of Temperance and Christian Citizenship, was read by the Secretary. This warned us against the evils of liquor, and deplored the existing conditions. It also showed that Miss McCulloch has been active during the few months she has served as our secretary of this department.

Committees were named as follows:

Resolutions: Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, chairman, Mrs. J. T. Bowman, Mrs. W. B. Speas.

Finance: Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, chairman, Mrs. S. W. Taylor, Mrs. W. A. Hornaday.

Courtesies: Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., Mrs. H. A. Garrett, Mrs. J. H. Cutchin.

Credentials: Mrs. F. W. Paschall, Mrs. W. J. Jennings, Mrs. E. T. Coble.

Awards: Mrs. C. W. Bates, Miss Blanche Hardee, Mrs. Geo. R. Brown.

The report of the Finance committee contained several recommendations and listed the Auxiliary apportionments for the year. The following recommendations were accepted:

First: That the budget for this year be: $6,000 for World Service; $3,000 for N. C. interests (the Children's Home, Bethel Home, Student Loan Fund of High Point College, and Branch Contingent Fund which includes our promotional work) and $1,000 for High Point College.

Second: That the percentage for the N. C. budget be: 50 per cent for the Children's Home, 20 per cent for Bethel Home, 15 per cent to the Student Loan Fund for High Point College, and 15 per cent to the Branch Contingent Fund.

Third: That we pay $100 to Editor of the Methodisf Prorestand Herald for space in the Herald.

Fourth: That the Auxiliaries send their funds to the Treasurer promptly each month, and that no Auxiliary reduce its budget until it has tried faithfully for 12 months to raise it.

Fifth: That the Treasurer print in the Herald once each quarter a summary of the work of the quarter, such as money received, new Auxiliaries sending in funds, and any other items of interest.

Sixth: That the Auxiliary apportionments for the year be as follows: (This list as corrected and accepted will appear in the Herald at a later date.)

All district chairmen present reported on conditions in their respective districts.

A prayer by Rev. J. P. Pegg dismissed the morning session.

1:30 P. M.

The afternoon session opened with a hymn, and Rev. H. F. Surratt led in prayer.

Miss Bettie Brittingham was presented, and after bringing greetings from other

Branches, delivered an inspiring address on the work in the foreign fields, stressing especially the relations between China and Japan.

A pageant portraying the activities of the Secretaries of Causes was presented under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Lamb, and each Secretary participated. They gave reports of the work accomplished by their departments. Some of the outstanding facts reported were:

Thank-offerings amounted to $51.52 more than the $1,400 goal.

Awakening interest in departments which heretofore have not been very active, such as in Life and Memorial memberships, and in Scholarships and Native Workers.

A renewed interest in the development of the spiritual life of the Auxiliaries, and a desire for more information along all lines.

The Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Pritchard, President of the Annual Conference.

7:30 P. M.

The evening session featured the address of Mrs. Horace Williams, who has recently returned from our mission field in China. Mrs. Williams, in her charming manner, spoke on the life of the Chinese Christians, and their influence on the China of today. This was followed by an impressive candle-light communion service in which the entire congregation participated, conducted by Dr. F. W. Paschall, and assisted by Dr. J. E. Pritchard and Rev. Horace Williams.

A Prayer of Consecration by Mrs. Williams concluded the service.

APRIL 28, 1938—9:30 A. M.

The sessions of the second day opened with a devotional service conducted by Mrs. E. W. Teague. A prayer by Dr. T. M. Johnson concluded this service.

Minutes of the sessions of the first day were read and approved.

The conditions and problems confronting High Point College were presented in a 20-minute address by Dr. Humphreys, president of the college. He reported a record-breaking year in many ways, with a 40 per cent increase in enrollment, and the expectation of having to limit the enrollment for the coming year because of lack of dormitory and class room space. He made an appeal for an increase in our loan fund during the coming year and asked our interest and cooperation in this respect.

Dr. A. G. Dixon, in presenting the cause of the Children's Home, spoke of the children there, the homes from which they came, and the results on their lives of their stay and training in the Home. He asked for our cooperation in collecting coupons to assist in building a gymnasium. He also appealed to us to emphasize gifts for the Children's Home on Mother's Day.

Rev. Homer Casto spoke briefly on conditions at Bethel Home but stated they had no needs we could supply other than those provided for in our budget.

Mrs. Parker, formerly Miss Verla Coble and one of the six women who solicited the first funds for the Children's Home, was presented.

Mrs. Mabel Russell, another of the six, and author of the History of the Children's Home, announced that she had 200 copies of the History on hand at the meeting for sale. Copies have been sent to all Branches and have been distributed in 23 states. A substantial profit will be realized for the Home when all copies on hand are sold.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was adopted as follows:

First: The committee recommends that a study class be held at each district meeting for secretaries and other interested women, and that this be under the direction of the Chairman of Districts.

Second: That an intensive *Missionary Record* subscription campaign be conducted in every Auxiliary.

Third: That inasmuch as the apportionments made by the Finance Committee are insufficient to meet the World Service Budget, the North Carolina Branch assume the support of Rev. J. F. Minnis.

Fourth: That the Thank-offering budget for the year be fixed at $2,600.

The following recommendations were presented at the afternoon session and were adopted:

First: That all Auxiliaries pay for their monthly program material.

Second: That the Corresponding Secretary send to each Branch Secretary of Causes a list of all Auxiliary Secretaries.

The Nominating Committee, Mrs. J. M. Millikan, Mrs. F. R. Auman, and Mrs. P. S. Kennett, made the following report which was accepted and officers named therein elected:

President, Mrs. R. M. Andrews, W. College Drive, High Point, N. C.

First Vice-President, Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, 120 Hillcrest Road, Raleigh, N. C.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., Asheboro, N. C.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. S. Holt, Graham, N. C.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. T. Bowman, Thomasville, N. C.

Treasurer, Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C.

Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. P. S. Kennett, W. College Drive, High Point, N. C.

Auditor, Mrs. E. W. Teague, Greensboro, N. C., R.F.D.

Chairman of Districts, Mrs. F. W. Paschall, 603 E. Davis street, Burlington, N. C.

SECRETARIES

Secretary of Exhibits, Mrs. J. Clay Madison, North Main street, High Point, N. C.

Secretary of Pastors' Aid, Mrs. E. L. Ballard, 165 Hillside, Asheville, N. C.

Secretary of Christian Education, Mrs. Geo. R. Brown, Reidsville, N. C.

Secretary of Thank-offering, Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C.

Secretary of Life, Memorial, Perpetual and Sustaining Memberships, Mrs. R. A. Hunter, Winston-Salem, N. C., R.F.D. 1.

Secretary of Student Loan Fund, Mrs. J. M. Millikan, High Point College, High Point, N.C.

Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, E. Circle Dr., High Point, N.C.

Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. E. O. Peeler, Anne Street, Concord, N. C.

Secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. E. A. Lamb, Greensboro, N. C., R.F.D. 4.

Secretary of Literature, Mrs. T. L. Speas, 226 Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Secretary of Benevolences, Mrs. J. M. Stone, 514 Fifth avenue, Greensboro, N. C.

Secretary of Scholarships and Native Workers, Mrs. R. C. Stubbins, 808 Brown street, Greensboro, N. C.

Secretary of Temperance and Christian Citizenship, Miss Pearl McCulloch, 1011 Martin street, Greensboro, N. C.

Custodian of Records, Mrs. C. W. Bates, Brown Summit, N. C.

District DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

1—Miss Blanche Hardee, Enfield, N. C.
2—Mrs. L. M. Barnes, Henderson, N. C.
3—Miss Bessie Holmes, Graham, N. C.
4.—Mrs. W. J. Jennings, Gibsonville, N. C.
5—Mrs. E. T. Coble, Greensboro, N. C. R 4.
6—Mrs. J. H. Allen, Reidsville, N. C.
7—Mrs. Carl Curtis, Burlington, N. C., R 13.
8—Mrs. Earl Vestal, Asheboro, N. C.
9—Mrs. W. L. Edwards, 915 S. Main St., High Point, N. C.
10—Mrs. W. H. Neese, Winston-Salem, N.C., R 5.
11—Mrs. Wiley Shoaf, Lexington, N. C., R 3.
12—Miss Marjorie Cranford, Denton, N. C.
13—Miss Anna Cox, Winston-Salem, N. C.
14—Mrs. B. L. Heavener, Vale, N. C.
15—Mrs. Ernest Litaker, Concord, N. C.
16—Mrs. W. S. Little.
17—Miss Montez Henderson, Easley, S. C., R 4.
18—Miss Irene Holcomb, Weaverville, N.C.

The following women are delegates to the Missionary Convention to be held in Tiffin, Ohio, in May:

By virtue of office: Mrs. R. M. Andrews, president, and Mrs. J. T. Bowman, corresponding secretary.

Elected delegates are: Mrs. E. A. Lamb and Mrs. W. A. Hornaday.

Alternates: Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Mrs. J. M. Millikan and Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr.

The report of the Credentials Committee showed 215 delegates, 280 visitors, 41 ministers, representing 53 different churches, attending the sessions.

Members of Ladies' Aid Societies present were presented. These were from two churches on Anderson charge in South Carolina.

The Committee on Awards presented the loving cups for Young People's Work to the following churches: Precious Jewels — First church, Burlington; Sunshine Circle — First church, Thomasville; Mission Club — Concord; and Young People's Circle — Maple Springs.

A committee to study the Child Evangelism Movement was appointed as follows: Mrs. Geo. R. Brown, Mrs. E. A. Lamb, Mrs. F. W. Paschall, Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, and Mrs. H. C. Nicholson.

The Committee on Courtesies made their report, thanking our hosts and hostesses, and all who contributed in any way to the success of the meeting.

A prayer by Dr. A. G. Dixon dismissed the morning session.

1:30 P. M.

The afternoon session opened with a song, and a prayer by Rev. Homer Casto.

Motion prevailed that Mrs. R. M. Andrews serve as Missionary Editor for the year.

Motion prevailed that Mrs. H. C. Nicholson have charge of raising the Minnis Fund.

Newly elected officers were called to the altar and with a prayer of consecration by Dr. J. E. Pritchard, Prsident of the Annual Conference, were inducted into office.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. Herbert Wade, of the Burlington Auxiliary.

A challenging address on our work in China was given by Rev. Horace Williams, a missionary on furlough from that field.

Motion prevailed that the President's address be printed in the HERALD. This will appear at an early date.

By common consent the committee to prepare the minutes of the Branch meeting for the HERALD were authorized to approve the minutes of the day.

A hymn was sung and the Benediction by the pastor of the local church, Dr. Fred W. Paschall, concluded the session.

MRS. GEORGE C. HALTOM,
Secretary.

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PASTORS' SUMMER SCHOOL

The lecture course for the first week is nearly complete. We hope to be able to make full announcements next week. Some very able men have been booked, and if all our plans carry, we shall have a feast of good things in these addresses. They will all be open to the public, and will be given in the College auditorium at 8 p. m. The Seminary faculty will begin class work Tuesday, June 7. The lecture course will begin Monday night, June 6. We hope to be able to publish the full course of study next week. The entire program of the school will be in the hands of all our pastors and ministers in ample time. The date of the school is June 6-17. Our goal is 50 ministers and their wives spending the entire time at the college. The rate, including room and board, is $8.50. No charge will be made for pastors' wives. They are to be the guests of the College for the entire time of the school.

Everybody ready, now, for High Point, June 6-17.

S. W. TAYLOR.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Bethel, Alamance	$ 3.25
Friendly class, Calvary, clothing and shoes	5.00
Creswell S. S., Creswell	6.00
Union Grove S. S.	1.04
Canaan S. S., Denton, March and April	2.00
China Grove S. S.	1.42
Woman's Auxiliary, Foss, Okla., for shoes	2.00
Caroleen S. S.	3.34
Rockingham S. S.	2.00
Lebanon S. S., Spring Church	2.00
Oak Grove S. S., Cleveland	1.99
Liberty S. S., Davidson	1.00
Kistler's Union S. S., Cleveland	3.70
Union Chapel, Granville	16.59
Bess Chapel S. S.	1.50
New Salem S. S., Randleman	1.25
Canaan S. S., N. Davidson	3.50
Stony Knoll S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Bethany, Flat Rock	1.75
Hope S. S., Siler City	1.25
Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	6.74
Union Grove, Orange, home-coming	11.50
Intermediate girls, Liberty Hill, Anderson	2.00
Eden Auxiliary, Halifax, for shoes	3.00
Midway S. S.	2.00
Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.00
Bellmont S. S., Mt. Hermon	10.57
Young Ladies' Class, Gibsonville, feeding child, April and May	10.00
Central S. S., Asheboro	40.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

Tabernacle, on Tabernacle, about 8 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables.

Julian, on Tabernacle, white gifts.

Union Grove, Orange, a box of cakes from the picnic table for school lunches.

Miss Mollie Wheelis, Whitakers, two good books for our library.

Coupons

A friend has offered to pay $5.00 to the Branch of the Women's Work which sends us the most coupons during 1938, the $5.00 to go to the auxiliary which sends the greatest number of coupons from said Branch. If in doubt about what coupons are redeemable, write Mrs. A. G. Dixon and she will gladly send literature. She has a few Baby Bonds yet. If they will help, let her know. Our next project for the coupons is to build a gymnasium for our boys and girls. It will take many coupons. Will you help?

Children's Home Day

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, and we are asking that on that day or soon thereafter, the mothers in all our local churches hold a meeting, either at the church or in one of your homes, and plan for the Children's Home Day offering.

The Children's Home is a mother to many orphan children, and we are trusting and believing that our Methodist Protestant mothers will plan wisely, work faithfully, and bring or send us a good offering from each local church.

June 30th

That we may fit into the church calendar for the summer, it seems wise to meet here at the Home on Thursday, June 30. Reserve that day for the Home. Respond readily to the mothers for an offering, and come in goodly numbers.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

SUBSCRIPTION RECEIPTS

Mrs. George L. Parker, Enfield	$2.00
Mrs. Mamie Shepard, Liberty	1.00
Mrs. Carrie Braswell, Kannapolis	2.00
Miss Georgie Thompson, Orange charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. E. S. Taylor.	
J. A. Suits, Midway church	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Kirkman.	
Mrs. C. C. Sharpe, Moriah church	1.00
Sent by Mrs. A. V. Kirkman.	
Grady Walser, Shiloh charge	1.00
Alvin Walser, Shiloh charge	1.00
Harper Shoaf, Shiloh charge	1.00
Miss Lelie Byerly, Shiloh charge	2.00
Sent by Miss Byerly.	
Mrs. C. C. Burke, club subscriptions, Graham church	8.72
Ben Martin, Denton charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Curry.	
W. M. Payne	1.00
Sent by W. J. Spencer.	
Mrs. A. F. Blackwelder, Concord	2.00
L. H. Sides, Concord	2.00
Mrs. C. C. Garrison, Glen Raven charge	2.00
Sent by Miss Frances Pritchett.	
Charles L. Jones, Fountain Place	1.00
Sent by Pastor Moser.	
Mrs. Rachel B. Andrew, Burlington	2.00

Subsidy

Hope church, Siler City charge	2.50
Bethany church, Flat Rock charge	1.50
Sent by Mrs. Humphries.	

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Schools:

Bethany, Randolph	$2.50
Burlington, First	6.00
Hickory Grove, Forsyth	2.50
Shiloh	5.00
Greensboro, West End	6.00
High Point, Welch	3.00
Randleman, New Salem	1.00
Pleasant Grove	4.00
Shiloh, Friendship	3.00
Cleveland, Moriah	1.50
Haw River, Mizpah	1.50
Asheboro	9.00

Christian Endeavor:

Denton	1.00
Pleasant Grove	1.00
Cleveland, Moriah	1.50
Haw River, Mizpah	.50
Pinnacle	.50
Henderson	.50

Schedule

With an enrollment from 1 to 25, $.50; 26 to 50, $1.00; 50 to 75, $1.50; 76 to 100, $2.00. For every additional 25 members, add 50c. This applies alike to both Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor societies.

J. CLYDE AUMAN, Treasurer.

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Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, pastor of Grace church, has motored this week to Pine Ridge, Kentucky, where on Friday evening he will deliver the educational address to the graduating class of our school there. He is accompanied by Mrs. Carroll.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Welch Memorial Church, Dr. J. D. Williams, Pastor, April 25.—Sunday, April 24, Dr. Williams preached a good sermon from the seventh chapter of Matthew and the sixth verse, "Cast not your pearls before swine, lest they turn again and rend you." The subject was "Guarding the Holy and the Sacred." He said the church was sacred and the Bible and God were sacred. And we ought not take the name of the Lord in vain, but that we must keep it sacred. After the service the doors of the church were opened and five nice young people were baptized and joined the church. Thirteen have joined the church as the result of the meeting and the membership revived. We are planning an old-time class meeting some time in May. Will let you know the date soon.

EUGENE SEGRAVES, Reporter.

First Church, Henderson, April 25.—On Monday evening, April 4, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Tankersley celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. They observed the occasion by having open house to their friends from 8 to 10:30. During this period a large number of people from Henderson called to offer their best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Tankersley have been active in the Methodist Protestant church practically all of their married life. When they lived in Baltimore, they united with Starr church. Upon coming to Henderson 35 years ago they transferred their membership to our church. They have been active in the program of the church during all these years. Mr. Tankersley is a faithful member of the choir at the present time. Mrs. Tankersley is superintendent of spiritual life in the Woman's Auxiliary for the new year. She has served in this capacity for a number of years. Pastor and people offer to these two congratulations! May God bless them and spare them both for many more years.

We have already held our revival meeting. It opened on March 30 and closed on April 10. The pastor did the preaching. Attendance was very good, considering the time when the meeting was held. At that time the programs in school and community were thick. However, we were anxious to work our meeting in during the period of Lent. On Easter Sunday morning we received the following into full membership: Bryant Robertson, Janet Hayes, Hilda Hart, Kathleen Hart, John Baity, Lucius J. Freeman, Jr., Josephine Freeman, Edna Freeman, Thomas Hunter Powell, Calvin Falkner, Annie Pearl Knight, Thomas Bobbitt. Others are to join on Mother's Day.

I am glad to report that our church and Sunday school attendance are increasing in this church. On Easter Sunday morning we had the largest attendance that I have witnessed since I have been pastor here. Special music was offered in a very splendid way by our choir at that service. Everybody seemed to enjoy the morning service very much. In the evening we presented the Easter pageant, "An Easter Tribute." The director was Mrs. W. B. Hight. She was assisted by Mrs. T. J. Whitehead. The program was very effective and the attendance good.

Since the last report, the writer has united in marriage the following: Albert S. Scoggins and Madeline Forbes on March 19, and Felix Morgan Williams and Helen Elizabeth Burroughs on April 25. We wish for these young people a happy married life.

The Auxiliary met for the first time for this branch year at the parsonage on Monday afternoon. Around 30 members were present. The new officers were installed at the regular evening service on Sunday. Mrs. L. R. Gooch is the president for the coming year. We are expecting a very fine year's work from this group. We are glad to report that they met their budget in full for the last year.

A number of our young people from High Point College were at home for the Easter holidays, Mary Mitchell Baity, Nancy Parham, Mabel Parham, Nellie Gray Kittrell, and Ralph Hight. We regret to learn that Miss Kittrell had to undergo an operation upon returning to High Point. However, we understand that she withstood the operation well. We hope for her a speedy recovery. Miss Margaret Hight is at home for her spring vacation. She is teaching in a junior college in Maryland. Mrs. F. S. Best and her six-months-old son are visiting Mrs. Best's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Gooch. Their home is in New York City.

T. J. WHITEHEAD, Pastor.

Grace Church, Greensboro, J. Elwood Carroll, Pastor.—Members and friends of Grace church rejoiced last week in her 47th anniversary, features of which celebration included the fellowship banquet on Friday evening and special services Sunday morning.

On Friday evening about 150 members and friends sat around the banquet table in the church school assembly room to partake of good food served by the ladies of the church, enjoy the fellowship of former pastors and wives, and see presented two one-act plays. Pastor Carroll served as toastmaster. In addition to former pastors and wives as honor guests, we had also Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, of High Point, about 10 girls from the local colleges who have rendered invaluable services during the past winter, and 12 new members received into our church on Easter Sunday. Copies of the new church directory were distributed as souvenirs.

Sunday morning saw the church well filled to hear an appropriate sermon by our Pastor Emeritus, Dr. S. K. Spahr, upon the theme, "The Glorious Church," with the text from Ephesians 5:27. Some of the characteristics of the glorious church would be living, leading, liberality (generous), loyalty, and loving. A full choir sang "Open the Gates of the Temple" (Knapp) as the anthem, and also "For All the Saints" (Barnby) as a memorial tribute to the late charter members of Grace church. The altar flowers consisted of 22 carnations symbolizing the same number of charter members, with white flowers for the deceased and the five red ones for the five living charter members. The flowers were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carroll, of Reidsville, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shoenfelt, of Altoona, Pa.

We extend a warm welcome to the 12 persons who united with our church on Easter Sunday. Mrs. J. E. Deviney, Mrs. C. C. Teague, Herman H. Aderhold, W. A. Fox, Mrs. Florence R. Bryant, and Mrs. J. C. Troxler, Jr., came to us by transfer, while the following young people united upon confession of faith: Dorothy Dotson, Evelyn Huffines, Frank R. Hutton, Jr., Allan Hutton, Joseph Hutton, and David Hutton.

Four future members of Grace church were christened on Palm Sunday in the presence of a large congregation of friends. They included Grace Leslie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Bird; Fred Prather, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Hutton; William A., Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Fox; and Clarence A., Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Clapp. We wish these young parents every success in the rearing of these, their first offspring.

Grace church has been saddened twice within a week in the passing of Mrs. W. Henry Hunter and Mrs. T. A. Hunter. Mrs. W. Henry Hunter is the mother of several of our Grace members, though a member of First Baptist church herself, from which her funeral was conducted on April 28 by Rev. O. E. Lee, Dr. S. K. Spahr, and Rev. J. Elwood Carroll. Mrs. T. A. Hunter was one of our most faithful members and a full obituary will appear elsewhere in this paper.

Mis Aslma Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Sharpe, underwent an appendectomy last Tuesday and is recovering nicely. She expects to return home this week. Mrs. Elizabeth Stapleton has recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

In the words of Walter Winchell, a "bundle from heaven" was delivered to the printer of the Herald, Mr. and Mrs. Warren McCulloch, on last Wednesday. They named her Louola Marie. Also another to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McPherson, a son. And still a third to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waugh, by name William Henry.

Plans are under way to observe Mother's Day Sunday and Children's Day about the first of June.

Hollister, Halifax Charge, Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor, May 2.—We have not had a report in the Herald for quite a while, but that is no indication that we have been idle. We have our Sunday school every Sunday morning under the leadership of our superintendent, Mr. Walter Parker. The attendance and interest are good each Sunday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Auxiliary was held in the home of Miss Kathleen Shearin on Tuesday afternoon, April 12, with the new president, Mrs. C. C. Satterwhite, presiding. The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. J. J. Williams. The new guidebooks, "Fellowship in Furtherance," were used. There were eight members and nine visitors present. The treasurer, Mrs. E. T. Ellington, reported our budget paid in full, also the clothing of a child in the Children's Home, besides other obligations we had met. We have also assisted our pastor in purchasing 30 new hymnals for the church. We hope to buy several more in the near future. Several of our members attended the District meeting at Bethesda church and enjoyed it very much. The May meeting of the Auxiliary will be held with Mrs. E. L. Wood on Tuesday afternoon, May 10, with Mrs. W. E. Knight leading the devotional service.

On Sunday afternoon, April 24, at 3 o'clock, the baccalaureate sermon of Hollister school was delivered by our pastor, Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., to a large and appreciative congregation. Mrs. Charles M. Miller, of Enfield, N. C., directed the choir, accompanied at the piano by Miss Virginia Branch, also of Enfield, N. C.

The final closing exercise of the school will be given Tuesday evening, May 3, with an operetta.

ASSISTANT REPORTER.

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Draper, J. L. Love, Pastor.—As I haven't seen anything from our little church for some time, I will send in a report of the latest news.

We are beginning the second week of our revival, and are having a wonderful time. Brother Harkey, from Lincolnton, is doing the preaching, and he is bringing some wonderful messages. I just want to say we had one among the best services last night I was ever in. The Lord was there and there were several souls saved, and some good old-time shouting. We certainly do appreciate Brother Rayle taking such an interest in our meeting, for it means much, and we have also had Brother Vickery from Danville, Va., with us some. We feel that our revival has just got started good, for God is answering prayer in a wonderful way. Christian people, help us pray that more souls may come to Christ.

We are sorry to say some of our people are sick is hospitals, but are improving. Hope they will soon be with us again.

Our Sunday school is doing fine; some improvement in attendance. We want to see it keep growing.

Now, we want the prayers of all the Christian people that we all may continue to work for our Master and to be each day just what He would have us to be. Pray for us and our revival.

W. O. FERRIS.

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First Church, Burlington, Dr. F. W. Paschall, Pastor.—Regular services began again yesterday since the city-wide revival has closed. We feel that our church has been greatly blessed due to this revival. Many souls were won for Christ. No one will ever know just how much good has been done by the Stephens party. I have been greatly blessed and feel that I have come to know Christ better and want to serve Him better. It seems that I have been brought nearer to the Kingdom and it has made me realize more seriously the life that I am living. I have begun to search myself and I have come to the conclusion that I needed a revival, and feel that since these dear people have gone on, that they are leaving a memory that will always linger, not only in my heart, but I feel sure that it is the testimony of every one of our church members who attended these meetings.

Our attendance at church services and Sunday school has been increased, interest seems to be stepping up. Just hope it will continue.

Going back to the revival, there is one thing I did want to mention, and that is the special interest that our young people took in these services. I declare unto you, it was amazing to watch them. It seemed that they were on fire for God, and it did me good to see them work in that manner. These young people will never forget their leader, Mr. Harry Storrs. He had such a wonderful Christian personality and he put it to some use too. I was in the young people's meeting the last night at the Tabernacle and I'll tell you, it did my heart good to see those boys and girls testifying, telling what the Lord had done for them, and how they expected to carry on the work after Mr. Storrs was gone. It brought tears to our eyes, when time came to say bood-bye, but their memory will long live in the hearts of many.

Dr. Paschall's message at the 11 o'clock service was "Assurance of Salvation," and at the evening service, "Christ First." Both messages were very touching and inspirational. During the past few Sundays we have had several new additions to our church membership, and we welcome every one of them whole-heartedly.

During this past week, on Wednesday and Thursday, the N. C. Branch of Women's Work of the M. P. church was held in this church. A large number were present both days. Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams, returned missionaries from China, were the principal speakers. Miss Betty Brittingham, of Baltimore, assistant executive secretary of the Board of Missions, and Mrs. R. M. Andrews, president of the state work, also took an active part in the session. The program began on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock with the worship by Mrs. E. O. Peeler, and following that, the regular opening ritual. Mrs. Geo. Haltom gave highlights from the year's minutes. In the afternoon a pageant, "Portraying Women's Work," under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Lamb, was presented. At the evening service Mrs. Horace Williams addressed the group on "Our Work in China." A candlelight service was also held, in charge of Dr. Paschall. On Thursday morning three 20-minute addresses were given by Dr. G. I. Humphreys, of High Point College; Dr. A. G. Dixon, of High Point Children's Home, and the Rev. Homer Casto, of the Bethel Home.

REPORTER.

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North Davidson Charge.—This writer has not written much for the Herald this year. We have an able reporter for each church who are supposed to furnish all the important items of interest. It might not be out of place to summarize here some of the high spot achievements so far this year. In the first place, Mt. Pleasant has spent around $600 for new pews and carpet. (The pews were purchased from the Home Lumber Company, Asheboro, N. C. This concern is manned by Methodist Protestant men.)

Bethesda church repainted at a cost of around $150. The Ladies' Aid of Spring Hill planted shrubbery at a cost of $30. Canaan voted yesterday to recover the main portion of the church there. Recently Bethesda Auxiliary bought first class linoleum for the parsonage kitchen and breakfast room. The palings on the parsonage ground are being painted with paint ordered by the second quarterly conference.

The attendance and interest are very encouraging. Finances are somewhat lagging, but we have reason to hope for a better showing later on.

WM. H. NEESE.

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Guilford Circuit.—Just a few words about this work. The people seem to have a mind to work. As has been stated, the people of Fairfield built Sunday school rooms some time ago and have now put a coat of paint on the entire church, which has added much to its appearance. Vickery will soon have completed an addition to that church which will give two large Sunday school rooms and will almost double the seating capacity of the church. It will be a beautiful church when completed. Mitchell's Grove members have put a new roof on their church and they are planning to build an addition to it in the future. Hickory Grove is a new church, and they have sufficient room at present. But they have a mind to do something, and on last fourth Sunday one of the brethren said, "Brother Trogdon, you are requested to come to Brother Matthews' out on the Greensboor road at 4 o'clock." I obeyed, and when I reached his home a great crowd was there, and they relieved their minds by pounding on the preacher, and they did a good job, too. They sang a few songs and I offered prayer, and we parted the best of friends. I found they had put in my car 45 pounds of sugar, two sacks of flour, canned fruit, coffee, and many other things too numerous to mention. I cannot give names, but the Lord knows every one, and will bless every one according to His mercy and love. We pray the dear Lord will use us in a way that may be a spiritual blessing to the people.

JOEL B. TROGDON, Pastor.

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Albemarle Church, Rev. C. G. Isley, Pastor, May 1.—Our annual revival began last Sunday, with Rev. C. L. Spencer, pastor of the Randleman charge, conducting the services. We had good congregations and each one seemed well pleased with the fine sermons. There were 35 converted and 19 joined the church. We were very glad to have these people join with us.

The Sunday school attendance of our church has greatly improved during the last month, having 191 present Sunday morning. There has been a contest in the men's class and also in the ladies' class for the past several weeks. This ended week before last with lots of new members for each class.

The Pfeiffer Junior College choir gave a splendid musical program at our church last Sunday evening which was enjoyed by all.

The quarterly conference was held April 20 at the church. We were glad to report at this time that our pastor's salary has been paid up to date. Our two nominees for our annual conference are Mr. J. H. Harkey and Mr. Jap Hatley.

Miss Dora Gantt and Ernest Safrit, students at A. S. T. C., Boone, N. C., have arrived to spend the summer holidays in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gantt and Mr. and Mrs. Homer S. Safrit.

Mr. C. L. Hatley will return home Thursday after being a patient in the Oteen hospital.

MRS. COLON MAULDIN, Reporter.

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Community Church, Thomasville.—Our work is moving along nicely with a noted increase in attendance at the services.

Our revival meeting has closed and last Sunday morning the following members were received into the church on profession of faith: Mr. W. A. Halton, Mr. Wylie C. Taylor, Billie Gray Berrier, L. Garland Streetman, James Samuel Carricker, Buena Louise Sechrist, and Jessie Bost. Three came by letter from other churches, Mrs. C. B. Bost, Mrs. Everette Kennedy, and Delores Kennedy. We are happy to have these good people join with us.

Several of our ladies attended the Branch Meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary last week at Burlington. Besides the delegate, Mrs. J. E. Clodfelter, the following were present: Mrs. J. Clyde Auman, Mrs. J. W. Boyles, Mrs.

H. C. Nicholson, Mrs. C. R. Reed, Mrs. C. F. Finch, and Mrs. Geo. McAdams

On Friday, May 13, the mid-year meeting of the annual conference is expected to meet with us and we shall be glad to welcome all who find it convenient to attend. There will be an all-day session and dinner will be served at the church by the ladies of the church.

MRS. HOWARD GREEN, Reporter.

Friendship-Mt. Hermon Charge, J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—Since my last report we have had three weddings: Miss Ruth Lamar to Fred Ingle, Beatrice Overman to Roy Rich, and Lucile Isley to John Spoon. To these young people we wish to extend our congratulations and wish for them a long and happy married life.

A shower was given for Mrs. Fred Ingle and Mrs. Roy Rich at Mrs. W. D. Mansfield's. They received many beautiful and useful gifts.

The seventh district meeting of woman's work was held at Friendship, and most of the societies were represented. Mrs. W. C. Hammer delivered a very interesting address, then reports of the different societies were given. We were all inspired by these reports, and each of us hope to do better next year. Mrs. Carl Curtis was elected chairman.

Our Easter entertainment was directed by Miss Louise Homewood, Mrs. Herman Isley, and Mrs. W. D. Mansfield. It was very enjoyable and beneficial to all who saw it. The collection amounted to $10.91.

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Our pastor has had the attendance counted to find what per cent of church members attend, we are glad to know it is good, but wish to cooperate with our pastor and do better. Since the Easter holidays are over we feel our attendance will increase.

I am very sorry to report that Miss Sara Isley is very sick. May we all give of our prayers for her, all in our community who are sick.

MRS. W. D. MANSFIELD, Reporter.

Canaan-Mt. Ebal.—On the second Sunday of May, May 8, is the standing date for the annual home-coming of the Canaan church, Denton charge. There will be an all-day service and everybody and his brother is invited. The ministers who have gone out from this grand old church, former pastors, and those who have assisted here in evangelistic work are especially invited. Come and let us have a good time together.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the second Sunday in May, friends, neighbors, and loved ones of Mt. Ebal church are invited to gather on the grounds and have a brief Mother's Day service and then decorate the graves of loved ones. Mt. Ebal was once the strongest church in this community, but because of removals from the community and deaths, this church has suffered severe losses; but it has many friends, and to these this service should especially appeal.

GEO. L. CURRY, Pastor.

Bethany, Randolph Charge, G. L. Reynolds, Pastor.—Our pastor preached at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. We are having good attendance at Sunday school, with 100 present Sunday. A good crowd was present on Easter Sunday night for the program.

The Helpers' class has organized a prayer band. The class will meet for prayer services at church on Sunday night. The public is invited to join us in these services.

We are glad to hear that Miss Gracie Baldwin, who is a patient at High Point Hospital, is improving; also Mrs. C. T. Redding has returned to her home from the Sanatorium. We hope they both will be able to be back with us at church soon.

Rev. A. D. Shelton and Rev. G. F. Millaway were in the community one day last week. Rev. Mr .Millaway was pastor of Bethany church about 40 years ago. He called on several of the older people. They were very glad to see him.

The memorial servics will be held the third Sunday, May 15. The pastor will be with us for the services and other speakers will also be on the program. Everybody is invited to come; all-day services.

REPORTER.

Gillburg, Vance Charge, J. D. Cranford, Pastor, April 24.—Our pastor filled his regular fourth Sunday appointment to a well filled house. He read the entire 20th chapter of Joshua for his scripture reading. His text was from Hebrews 6:18, "Who hath fled for refuge," giving us some strong points on how to find that place of refuge.

Vance charge has recently purchased a new gas range for the parsonage. We hope to be in a position some day to give our beloved pastor and family all the modern conveniences.

We are doing fine in our Sunday school work. As we have more pupils on our Sunday school roll than we have members of the church. Our pastor often praises our Sunday school. He has offered a prize for the class making the greatest increase in the next three months, so watch our race.

We are having our auxiliary anniversary meeting, being one year old, this week. We are taking a waist measurement, a penny an inch; then we will combine the entire society to have a guessing contest from it.

We are looking forward to one of our best meetings, trying to get 100 per cent present. Also reports from the Branch meeting from our president, Mrs. W. O. Ellis, also Mrs. John Parks, our corresponding secretary. They are faithful workers, never being absent since we organized.

Be sure to watch for our Sunday school race.

NELLIE FAULKNER, Reporter.

First Church, Lexington, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—The First church will observe Mother's Day Sunday, May 8. Rev. Mr. Mabry will preach on the subject, "Mother," at the morning service, and also he is going to give the members a chance to speak a word for their mothers and what they mean to them.

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varnish. The choir has a curtain and a rod put up in front of the church choir. In front of the pulpit a new altar railing has been erected and a kneeling pad has been put down. This was upholstered in red mohair. To help finish paying for this work eight men donated $5 each. This will put us out of debt for all the bills we owe.

Our Sunday school and church attendance is very good at this time. We have had a few new members to join our church in the last two weeks. Our pre-Easter revival created much interest in our community.

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Pleasant Hill, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge.—Our pastor, Rev. E. G. Cowan, filled his appointment here May 1 and delivered a very interesting message. His text was Matthew 6:9, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." He brought out several facts about prayer.

The memorial service will be held at Pleasant Hill May 29. An all-day service is being planned, with a picnic dinner on the grounds. Everyone is invited to come and worship with us. RUBY BROWN, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Our Sunday school was well attended on the first of May with 200 present and 8 visitors. At the preaching service Rev. Mr. Braxton brought us a splendid message on the subject, "A Faith With Power."

The second quarterly conference was held at Pleasant Union church on Sunday afternoon, May 1.

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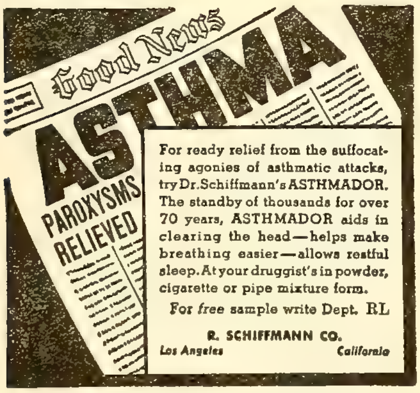

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Dr. G. I. Humphreys, of High Point College, preached the baccalaureate sermon at Nathanael Greene high school, Sunday night, May 1. The senior class numbers 21 this year. The class has been outstanding in athletics as well as other activities. Valedictorian honors go to Elaine Causey; salutatordian, Clark Causey. James Linens was winner of the Civitan honor scroll.

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, A. Wayland Cooke, of Greensboro, delivered the graduating address. We wish for the graduates the best of success as they go forth to fill their places in our community.

The Business Girls' circle met at the home of Mrs. Virgie Amick, Saturday night, April 23. A program on "Service" was given, with an enjoyable social hour following.

Mrs. Minnie Little, of Alanta, La., is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Braxton.

Mrs. Virgie Amick and Mrs. Smith, the mother of Mrs. Clyde Hudson, are both ill at this writing.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

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DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested—and surely you must be—in planning for a Vacation Church School for your church or churches this summer, by all means hear Miss Spratt, Director of Vacation Church Schools for the M. E. Church, South. Miss Spratt will speak in three M. E. churches which are acessible to many Methodist Protestants. Mrs. O. D. Nelson, who heads up the Children's Division of the M. E. Church, South, in this district, has invited Methodist Protestants to these meetings. They are scheduled as follows:

May 13 at First M. E. church in Asheboro at 9:30 a.m.

May 13 at Main Street M. E. church, Reidsville, at 3:00 p.m.

May 14 at West Market Street M. E. church, Greensboro, at 9:30 a.m.

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Select some of those most interested in your church and have them attend one of these meetings. You might be able to select your supervisor and teachers from your school this summer and have them hear Miss Spratt. Perhaps she would be able to inspire them for their task!

We hope you will not miss this opportunity.

MRS. EUGENE LAMB, Director
Vacation Church School Department.

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NOTICE

Crestnut Ridge church on Orange charge will observe a home-coming day Sunday, May 8. There will be a sermon at 11 o'clock, following a roll call of all church members. Those present will receive a certificate of church membership. Dinner will be served picnic style. The afternoon service will be devoted to a consideration of the Fellowship Crusade, talks by former pastors, and special music by visiting singers. All members, former pastors, and friends are invited to attend. C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

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MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM

The Busy Bee society of the Kernersville Methodist Protestant church, at Kernersville, will render a Mother's Day program in the church next Sunday night, beginning at 7:30. A brief program of songs and recitations will be presented, and the address for the occasion will be delivered by Clyde A. Shreve, attorney, of Summerfield. All mothers are urged to attend, and will be seated in a group. The public in general is invited to be present and witness the program. C. B. WAY, Pastor.

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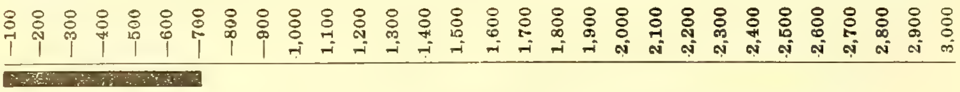

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Fine thing to be on that line. That is the way that Jesus astonished those about him. He did the impossible. Then He left us to do greater things than He did. My, but this is a challenge! And I do not know a greater thing than a pastor can do than to get people interested, who claim to be Christians, than to have them take an interest in good reading matter. You will pardon me if I harp on that for a while. I do not know anything that is more needed now than for Christians to know what is going on in the religious world; especially our own religious world. Speak a good word, gentle reader, for your church paper, when you are discussing the issues of the day with your neighbor. It will help wonderfully. Tell him what you are getting out of it. I am sure that you are getting something worth while if you are a reader of religious literature.

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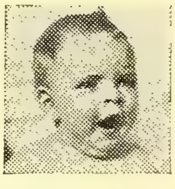

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Excerpts From the Fraternal Address Delivered at the M. E. Church, South General Conference Last Week

By President Jas. H. Straughn

In gospel and government Methodism is the layman's church and apart from the layman's participation Methodism loses its meaning and fields of widest usefulness. We see lay influence today in particular fashion in the Oxford Group movement, and you see it highly developed if you please in Christian Science. The Methodist Protestant Church, recognizing as it does and did this lay value feels that it has been continuing the principle most apparent in the Christmas conference, that the Methodist Episcopal Church in America was organized by a body every one of which was a layman, not one in orders, admitting that Coke was an outsider, which he really was. It is also true that the Methodist Protestant Church has not altogether found fullest employment of the layman but he has been in our midst a singular force for brotherhood and fellowship, a constant reminder of the church's dependence upon his loyalty and support, of his right to participate in all of the church's affairs, and that he is the natural demonstration or visualization of the church itself at work and participating in the councils of the church. Into the Plan of Union for the Methodist Church goes this principle of lay rights.

While the church of which I happen to be a member has had for its distinctive economy such privileges, I do not hold that the recognition accorded the laity in the Plan of Union was done as a concession to our church nor as a vindication of our contention, although it is just that. I feel that it is the natural outcome of the spirit and character of Methodism itself, it just had to be, and it arrived when the two major Methodisms were ready for it, and, on the other hand, while the Methodist Protestant Church has held with the utmost tenacity to the lay principle it also, in its hundred years of life, has had the opportunity to sense the values of authoritative administration, what you call the Episcopacy. Despite the common notion, the contention of the Fathers of our church was not so much against Episcopacy as against the unrestricted powers of the Episcopacy and which they felt could be corrected by the introduction of lay powers within the church. But now, it is manifest that all three Methodisms, parties to this Union, have been converging on each other and each has grown in the recognition of the characteristic principles of the others.

The hope of the evangelical movement is in the laity and there is no way for Methodism to continue save as it seeks to inspire in its people, its laity if you please, the possibility of enlarging responsibility and service. It is possible to have a church wherein the ministry accepts and directs its entire destiny. It is not so, however, in a church which makes of its people free agents, people whose spirits have been liberated by the power of the Spirit of God and who owe to the Church only such loyalty and allegiance as the Church may make possible to them. This Church 'body' must indeed be a fit dwelling for the Spirit that is to live within, even as our bodies must be fit temples of the Holy Ghost. A church at last is simply the grouping of likeminded persons and must conform always to the fullest expression of their religious needs. In our day Methodism with its gospel of everlasting release of spirit, must and will make provision for the widest exercise of these spiritual gifts. It involves the character of our organized structure; it involves the nature of our services; it involves the form of our architecture; it involves our World Service; it involves our social application; it involves the conception of what is the Kingdom of God as revealed in the message of Christ.

In this, Methodism will find its way and develop a technique. This Union of Methodism will speed the moment or it will lack justification. No one is greatly impressed with great bulk alone, save that vast powers may be released and the church attain unto new victories for the kingdom. We shall the better learn how to live with and help each other. Old quarrels have lost their meaning. Slavery is gone forever. There is no longer room for prejudice. Methodism with its democratic spiritual realizations, its people at last one again, of one mind, why should there not arise the new impulse. There will come a fresh interpretation of a satisfying experience, a re-statement of faith and purpose; an emotional equivalent that provides a resurgence of the early passion to win the world for Christ. One can visualize Methodism settling down, complacent and comfortable in becoming another ecclesiasticism, looking forward to larger ecclesiasticisms, finally fusing and submerging its heritage of prophetic declarations into the priestly code and formula of serving altars alone. Or it may continue in mighty strength as a herald of the new day and yield its passion in fervent devotion to the building of a New World, the establishment of the New Jerusalem come down from Heaven to earth. In that day none shall say lo, here; or, lo, there. None shall say, the cleric did thus and so, nor did the laity the other. But they shall declare before high Heaven, these people called Methodists, in recovered joy and love, together have found their way to the throne of God.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Aldersgate Celebration

We are now rapidly approaching the final event of the Aldersgate celebration, namely May 24, which commemorates the 200th anniversary of the heart-warming experience of John Wesley. Those who made the program for our General Church requested that in every Church on the night of May 24 services be held and the suggestion was made that the leader might turn the meeting into an experience meeting if he so desired but that at a quarter of nine each person be found on his knees in prayer. This can be made a very helpful meeting and I know of at least one Church which has provided for such a service and perhaps there will be many more. There ought to be a general observance of this. The services could be substituted for the regular Wednesday evening services if necessary.

The Quarterly Reports

Quarterly reports are coming in on every mail now and I am hoping that within the next few days all of them will be in. It will be too late to get them in for the information to be used in the mid-year meeting after you read this but it will still be possible for me to use the information in the HERALD. So if you have not sent in your report, brother pastor, send it along right away. It is very interesting to study the reports which have come in and I am sure that the others are going to be just as interesting.

The Pastors' School

One thing which I hope a great many pastors are looking forward to is the Pastors' School at High Point College June 6th to 17th. Read what Dr. Taylor said about it in last week's HERALD and read what he will be saying about it for the next few weeks. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the pastors and their wives to come together and have a good time as well as to get a lot of information and good ideas for better work. Every preacher needs to take a little time off occasionally and refresh himself with new truth gathered from others. This matter of preaching twice each Sunday for a whole year is no easy task. It pays to go and hear somebody else once in awhile. Dr. Humphreys at the College has made the generous offer of boarding the wives free if the husband will come and pay his $8 50.

A Day on Littleton Charge

Last Sunday was spent on the Littleton Charge, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, pastor. The day services were at Hawkins' Chapel and took the form of a circuit rally. The house was almost completely filled all day and it was a most blessed and delightful occasion. At the 11 o'clock hour I had the privilege of preaching to a full house and what a privilege it was! It makes a world of difference to have the foks there. At the noon hour the people brought their lunch to a long table and all had a good time together. When everybody had been sufficiently fed it was found that there was much left over.

After allowing ample time for fellowship we went into the afternoon service. Special music was furnished by the groups from the different churches on the charge. Reports were given by the Sunday School superintendents and stewards and in a few cases class leaders. A short history of Hawkins' Chapel Church had been prepared and was read by Mrs. Curtis Porter. This is a very commendable work, preparing history of our churches and I hope we may have more of it. Pastor Trolinger directed the work of the day and kept things moving as he usualy does. In this rally it was announced that the entire Annual Conference budget, including assessment for High Point College had been paid and that Hawkins' Chapel Church lacked only a small amount of being paid up-to-date on pastor's salary for the half year. But one of the most remarkable announcements was that the work of the Church in Littleton is flourishing, that the Sunday School attendance now is about forty and that the Church congregations usually number as many as seventy-five. This is about three times the number of members on the Church roll. I doubt whether there is another Church in the Conference with such a record.

The night appointment was at the Church at Vaughn. Just as we were approaching this Church a downpour of rain set in and it came down with such severity that we dared not get out of the car for more than half an hour. Finally we went in the house and found a fairly good sized congregation waiting. As the rain continued to come down at intervals during the first part of the services nobody came except those that arrived before the storm. It was a pleasure to return to this Church again after an absence of several years.

Brother Trolinger is one of our hardest workers and always gets things done. He knows how to raise the Conference assessments as well as how to build up the churches. I am sure they are going to have a good year.

The Randolph Quarterly Conference

The quarterly conference of the Randolph Charge was held at Shiloh Church last Saturday afternoon. Rev. G. L. Reynolds, the pastor, gave a good account of his activities. The attendance was fairly good and the work seems to be moving along very well. There was some discussion about building a parsonage at Gray's Chapel. However, this matter was postponed until the next quarterly conference.

Appointments

Sunday, May 15—11 a. m., Circuit Rally, Why Not Circuit, Flag Springs Church.

Sunday, May 15—2 p. m., Circuit Rally, Davidson Charge, Chapel Hill Church.

Sunday, May 22—Glen Raven Charge, Haw River, at 11; Glen Raven, 8 p. m.

Tuesday, May 24—8 p. m., in Aldersgate meeting at First Church, Concord.

Sunday, May 29—Attending Commencement services at High Point College.

Sunday, May 29—3 p. m., Memorial services, Rev. J. H. Bowman, at Pleasant Union Church.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION SCHOOL

The annual summer school of Leadership Education will be held at High Point College the week of June 20-25, 1938. Full information will appear in these pages in the near future. Save the date. Start making plans now to attend.

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The Annual Conference Honor Roll Churches in the Fellowship Crusade

Kistler's Union, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, pastor.

Pine Grove, Siler City Charge, A. M. Smith, pastor.

Grace Church, J. Elwood Carroll, pastor.

Brower's Chapel, Richland Charge, M. C. Henderson, pastor.

Hebron Charge, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, pastor.

Central Church, Asheboro, S. W. Taylor, pastor.

Union Grove, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, pastor.

Chestnut Ridge, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, pastor has endorsed the first and third objectives.

What Has Been Done

The following pastors report money pledged and paid to date: Bell, $35; T. G. Madison, $180; Whitehead, $150; Spencer, $25; Coo, for Mills Grove, $10.50; Cook, for Friendship-Love's Grove, $93; Johnson, $8.50; Auman, $106; Brown, $28.75; Neese, $35; Howard, $11; Smith, for Liberty, $50; Smith for Siler City, $50; Braxton, $25; Bingham, $75; O. B. Williams, $16; Moser, $81; Ballard, $22; Easter, $80.50; Bowman, $29; J. L. Trolinger, $65; C. E. Ridge, $147; Bethea, $40; Ferree, $24; Garner, $33; H. L. Isley, $35; J. C. Madison, $350; T. H. Vickery, $5.25; C. G. Isley, Albemarle, $6; Isley, Pine Bluff, $6.75; Huss, $50; Mabry, $5; Grant, $60; and C. P. Morris, $375.

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Martin Luther's Prayer for Help

When Luther was pressed hard by both the State and the Roman Catholic Church, and he was to be tried for his life because of his opposition to the powers of Church and State, he is said to have prayed this prayer:

O Thou my God. Do Thou, my God, stand by me, against all the world's wisdom and reason. O, do it. Thou must do it. Yea, Thou alone must do it. Not mine, but Thine, is the cause. For my own self I have nothing to do with these great and earthly lords. I would prefer to have peaceful days, and to be out of this turmoil. But Thine, O Lord, is this cause; it is righteous and eternal. Stand by me, Thou true and eternal God. In no man do I trust. All that is of the flesh and savors of the flesh here is of no account. God, O God, dost Thou not hear me, O my God? Art Thou dead? No, Thou canst not die; Thou art only hiding Thyself. Hast Thou chosen me for this work? I ask Thee how I may be sure of this, if it be Thy will; for I would never have thought in all my life, of undertaking aught against such lords. Stand by me, O God, in the name of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, who shall be my Defense and Shelter, yea, my Mighty Fortress through the might and strength of Thy Holy Spirit. God help me. Amen.

"Wearing Off the Shine"

It is a well-known custom among congregations to magnify the qualities of the new preacher and to minify the same when he has been with them for a while, and we want to compare it to the baby who, having worn the shine off his new toy, ceases to care for it. A new face in the pulpit with new mannerisms is sure to interest certain people and with some, their interest is never higher than when the speaker is new. It is pathetic to see how this type of folk forget this same preacher when he has been there long enough for them to become accustomed to his voice and manner of speech. And what is true of the congregation is likewise true of the preacher. Some of us need a new congregation every quarter to preach to. But after all is said that may be said about new preachers and new congregations, it takes a preacher many months, may be years, to get his stride with a congregation. Hence it may require a stay of years with a Church for the people to fully appreciate the good qualities of their preacher. The restlessness among Church members and preachers which necessitates a frequent change of pastors has rarely been beneficial—except when the preacher was really incompetent.

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Your Favorite Bible Verse

I have been thinking if every one of us were compelled by some uncontrollable circumstance to keep just one verse of Scripture for his own, to give up from the printed page and from memory all others, what would we keep? I think it would be a most profitable experience to sit down some day and think over all the Bible verses which have been precious to you and try to select the one you like best of all. Try this experiment. The Editor would be pleased to publish, without comment, some of these verses.

Also—

Try to recall from memory in what way you have been most helped by a public religious service. That may be a difficult task to discover what has really helped you most—that is, what particular thing has most helped you. Of course, there are many things done and said in every religious service which are very helpful; but what we would like to publish a list of, without comment, what was it that stirred you deepest of them all.

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Fellowship Crusade Briefs

Chestnut Ridge last Sunday secured their financial allotment and reached the first objectives of the Crusade. Hurrah for the "Ridge." Last Sunday the membership of Enfield Church endorsed the Crusade and Brother Ralph Reaves accepted the chairmanship of the group to work it there. We enjoyed our visit at this Church and were glad to have Pastor Williams present.

The Relationship of the Local Church to the Denominational Enterprises

In purely congregational churches the local church makes its own budgets; elects what enterprises and institutions it will contribute to, and there is no order or organization higher up to predetermine its choices or decisions. But in the Methodist Protestant Church, the General Conference is the law-making body, and it also makes up the budgets of the denomination, which budgets are passed down to the several Annual Conferences, and from there they go to the pastoral charges. So it becomes the duty of the pastoral charge to accept the apportionment placed upon it by the Annual Conference and to do their best to raise it in full. That is the genius of our government—i.e., the way it is supposed to operate. But it does not always operate according to this plan. For many so-called loyal churches make but little effort to comply with the requests of the Annual Conference; and in some instances, neither pastor nor people bestir themselves to meet the requirements.

This has been the vulnerable spot, the "missing link" in our denomination. And because there has been so little co-operation on the part of the many in raising money for missions and education, our denomination has done much less in these spheres of service than was our opportunity. We have faltered when doors of opportunity were ajar many times, not because our leaders were unwilling to go forward, but because the rank and file of our people were more interested in their local affairs than they were in education and missions which were so largely outside their localities.

And now this local interest is becoming more obvious than ever as the objectives of the Fellowship Crusade are urged upon our people. Reviewing the reports of a majority of our pastors on the status of the Crusade; we find that several have done nothing reportable. And notwithstanding the fact that the privilege was given those who felt unable to give money just to endorse the spiritual objective alone, yet many have failed to endorse even that. This is most regrettable. Surely there must be forty per cent of our membership in this Annual Conference willing to rededicate their lives to fuller service to Jesus Christ. However, these reports before me reveal the astounding fact that there is a woeful lack of interest in this objective. In some few instances people are pledging money who failed to endorse the spiritual objective, but as a rule those who fail to endorse the first objective fail to endorse the others likewise. While we do not believe there is any disposition on the part of any one to try to compel our people to do a thing because it was endorsed by the Annual Conference, yet their loyalty to the denomination must be exhibited in some way, and if they fail to do what they are asked to do, how then can they show a loyal spirit?

Finally, members of a local church do not escape responsibility for the debts of the denominational boards and institutions by declaring that they were not on these boards or party to the acts of the institutions which make these debts we are now trying to pay off. For those who directed the activities of these boards and institutions were duly elected to do that very thing, they were acting as our representatives, in a representative government. And these debts were largely accumulated through the failures of the local churches to contribute to the support of these boards as was formerly done before the depression. It was not by excessive spending that the debts were made, but by the lack of adequate receipts to keep the work going that put us in debt. And now when the opportunity is given our local churches to atone for their lack of adequate support in past years by making sacrificial gifts to cancel these debts, it behooves all of us to do our part and to do it gladly, laying our gifts upon the altar for these causes.

We urge, we beseech our pastors and people to do their very best to reach the three objectives before October first. Subscriptions and money may be paid by that time, but the first objective should be endorsed now.

Did You Ever Make a Gift That Helped You?

We mean have you made a gift in money to some person in need, or to some religious cause that really brought to you a spiritual uplift? A gift that made you happier because of it? We would appreciate our readers thinking along these lines a little in their spare moments, and if there arises out of all the thinking some urgent desire to tell the readers of THE HERALD about some experience of yours along the above lines, the Editor would like for you to share such an experience with our readers. Of course, it must be briefly told to be of use to us. But whether you write or not, we hope that many of our readers will think on these things and be profited thereby.

Controlling Our Moods

All of us are subject to moods. We are liable to change from a jubilant, victorious mood to one of most abject despair. You recall Elijah victorious,, invincible at Carmel slaying the priests of Baal, then cringing as he receives a message of Jezebel and throwing himself down and praying to die. How human he was. Or recall the disciple Thomas as he declares he would not again believe in Jesus—not until he put his fingers in the nail prints in his hands. He was dominated by despair; doubt was his major mood. We have people these times who are much more ready to doubt than to believe. We call them pessimists; they cannot see the doughnut for looking through the hole in it. While those whose dominant mood is optimism, they see new Church spires rising from pinetops; behold cities springing from sandhills, and a large congregation from one new face in the audience. John Bunyan describes man in his many different attitudes. He places the pessimist in the slough of despond to flounder around, wasting his strength and time; and he describes the Delectable Mountain as the fitting abode of the hopeful ones, who know no note of despair.

But after concessions are made to doubt and all praise possible is given to optimism, neither of them are moods one is safe to daily live in. The doubter is prone to discouragement and no discouraged person can do his best at any thing. The optimist naturally becomes blind to the harder realities of life, fails to see the obstacles which most likely will be in his way. And becomes like the man our Lord spoke of who started to build before he counted the cost and became an object of ridicule of his neighbors. So he is a wise counselor who cautions us against both pessimism and optimism. While the doubter is doomed to despair, optimism being blind to snares may lead one like the firefly into the swamps of regrets.

Anyone who is a subject of his moods, instead of their master, will find himself in many predicaments the exercise of caution would have delivered him from. But for a religious leader to be subject to fits and starts, today to be expecting to win a great victory and tomorrow to be in the ''dumps''—discouraged, ready to quit, is really exasperating. A Church is most unfortunate when these viscillators get ''in the saddle,'' and the rest of us must wait until they get from under the influence of their moods before anything can be accomplished. It is better to be a dry stick than a wet blanket to a cause; ''I would thou wert hot or cold; because thou art lukewarm, I will spue thee out of my mouth'' was said of a Church nearly two thousand years ago. And the angel of the Lord must have suffered nausea since then.

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TESTING DISCIPLESHIP BY SERVICE

The International Sunday School Lesson

Sunday, May 15, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 10:17-31.

Golden Text—''Come, follow me. Mark 10:21.

Our lesson today places especial emphasis upon what we may call the ''doing'' religion. The rich young ruler who came to the Master was not so much confused about beliefs and dogmas, but was asking, ''What shall I *do* that I may inherit eternal life?'' Though Jesus did correct the young fellow for his loose and rather careless use of the word ''good,'' he did not correct him for intimating that salvation depends in large measure upon what a man does. In fact it is evident that the theology of this young pharisee was beyond reproach; he had lived up to the letter of the law, but still there was a hunger deep in his soul: something lacking yet.

The first answer that Christ gave His young questioner had to do with keeping the commandments. There were probably two reasons for this: In the first place the matter of keeping the commandments referred to is important. This is fundamental in all great living and no man can be a very good Christian unless he takes seriously the basic laws of God. It may not be enough to live by a negative standard but at least something can be said for the person who stays within the moulds of respectability and does not harm his fellowman. When the young man said he did all that and still felt a need for something more Jesus looked upon him and loved him. Probably another reason why Christ first referred to the keeping of the commandments was that this represented the pharisaic idea of the good life. To live by all the *don'ts* of law, custom and tradition was their idea of religion. By making this first suggestion Jesus brings out the weakness of their position. This young ruler had lived up to the law but still there was something lacking. Then it is that Jesus places His finger upon the greatest weakness of this young fellow, love of money. Christ was constantly doing that. For Zacchaeus it was cheating; for the woman at the well it was family troubles. In fact it was and is difficult for anyone to come face to face with Christ and go away without seeing just what the basic weakness of his own life is. Jesus has a way of bringing into the open the inner struggles and weaknesses of life.

In my mind, however, the weakness of the young ruler is not nearly so important as the remedy that Jesus prescribed: ''Go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor.'' In one sentence He shifts the emphasis in Christian living from the negative to the positive way of life. Also He points us to sacrifice as a means to an understanding of the deeper meanings of life. Though justice and righteousness are basic I believe that sacrifice in itself is efficacious. Quality comes as a result of suffering and self-denial in that it produces a kinship of experience with suffering humanity. If love is the supreme law of life then salvation is the mingling of human spirits in a fellowship of common understandings, sympathies and desires. When Jesus commanded that we love our enemies I believe that He meant this, that one understand, see the purposes, appreciate the motives of an enemy and then react in a way that will be for the enemy's best interest. Really to love is to catch the heart beat of our fellowman, to share his deepest struggles, to suffer when he suffers. That is what it means to carry the cross of Christ and to enter into fellowship with Him. In the story of Lazarus and Dives Jesus was not so much concerned for the needs of Lazarus as for the needs of rich Dives who so much needed to feel the heart throb of the man at his gate. In our story today Christ was not so much concerned for the poor as He was for a certain rich young man, a young man who was rich in money but poor in spirit because wealth had come between him and the spirits of men. That is when justly earned riches or any other possessions become sinful, when they move in to sever the unity of human spirits as children of a common Father, for we cannot be children of God until we are brothers of men. To be poor with the poor, to suffer with the suffering, to weep with those who weep, that is to love as Christ loved and that is to follow Him. He said, ''In as much as ye do it unto anybody else, ye do it unto me.'' In other words, ''I feel the pains and burdens of every heart.''

No wonder Jesus said that it was difficult for a rich man to do that. When the disciples did not understand He said, according to the Goodspeed Smith translation, ''How hard it is (for anybody) to enter the Kingdom of God!'' The poor man as well as the rich finds it difficult to keep the loves of this material and physical world from severing that fellowship which should exist between man and man and between man and God. Peter boasted that he had left all for this kingdom of spiritual experience. As a matter of fact about all he had left was a fishing net or two. Jesus said in effect that is fine but don't be boasting, for those who are first now may be last, and those who are last may be first. Christian discipleship is a matter of doing, or leaving, or following but not to be seen of men. Rather it is a matter of doing and sacrificing in order that we may fellowship with Christ and be at one with the Soul of God and Man.

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The Piedmont Ministers' Association will meet Monday, May 17, at 10:30 o'clock in Grace Church, Greensboro.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Some Beautiful Benedictions.

Here are a number of beautiful benedictions found in the Scriptures and recommended for use in dismissing services of worship. They were sought out by my students in Bible. I appreciate this fine variety of formal blessings, and pass them on for your enjoyment, too.

The first and perhaps oldest is the Mizpah Benediction found in Genesis 31:49, which reads, "The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other."

Another very old, and exceedingly prayerful, is found in Numbers 6:24,25,26: "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

One of the most popular benedictions is that written by St. Paul at the close of the second letter to Corinthians—"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you. Amen."

Romans 15:33 contains a brief but beautiful blessing. It reads: "Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen."

Romans 16:24 is also of religious and aesthetic value. It reads: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

The closing verses of the third chapter of Ephesians carry a very choice benediction—one that might be used more often with good effect: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Philippians 3:20 might serve as a dismissal also. It reads: "Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

The closing words of the little book of Jude constitute a most eloquent benediction. Here it is: "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

Now, those who like a more elaborate blessing will find Hebrews 13:20,21 to be ideal. In some ways it is the most beautiful and impressive of all: "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Since we have so many of these gems of closing prayers, so choice and appropriate, it seems to me that ministers would add beauty and impressiveness and dignity to the services by using more variety of them as benedictions.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. That the budget for this year be, $6,000 for World Service; $3,000 for N. C. Interests (The Children's Home, Bethel Home, Student Loan Fund for High Point College and Branch Contingent Fund which includes our promotional work), and $1,000 for High Point College.

2. That the percentage for the N. C. Budget be, 50% to the Children's Home, 20% to Bethel Home, 15% to the Student Loan Fund for High Point College, and 15% to the Branch Contingent Fund.

3. That we pay $100 to the Editor of the METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD for space in the HERALD.

4. That the Auxiliaries send their funds to the Treasurer promptly each month, and that no Auxiliary reduce its budget until it has tried faithfully for twelve months to raise it.

5. That the Treasurer print in the HERALD once each quarter a summary of the work of the quarter, such as money received, new Auxiliaries sending in funds, and any other items of interest.

6. That the Auxiliary apportionments for the year be as follows:

Auxiliary	*N. C.*	*College*	*W. S.*	*Minnis*
Asheboro	$160.00	$60.00	$280.00	$100.00
Asheville	30.00	10.00	40.00	5.00
Albemarle	3.00	2.00	10.00	10.00
Baltimore, West Forsyth	10.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Bess Chapel	15.00	5.00	20.00	5.00
Bethel, Alamance	35.00	10.00	85.00	10.00
Bethesda, North Davidson	20.00	10.00	55.00	5.00
Bethesda, Halifax	10.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Burlington	215.00	40.00	450.00	30.00
Bellmont	10.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Brower's Chapel, Richland	3.00	2.00	2.00	5.00
Bethany, Randolph	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Calvary	75.00	27.00	193.00	10.00
Canaan, Denton	4.00	2.00	6.00	3.00
Charlotte	10.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Charlotte, Richland	6.00	4.00	10.00	5.00
Chestnut Ridge, Orange	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00
Concord, First	70.00	10.00	145.00	25.00
Concord, Saxapahaw	10.00	5.00	25.00	7.00
Canaan, N. Davidson	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00
Center, Alamance	5.00	5.00	15.00	2.00
Creswell	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Denton	15.00	10.00	20.00	5.00
Danville	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Eden	30.00	5.00	40.00	15.00
Enfield	25.00	15.00	40.00	10.00
Efland, Orange	25.00	15.00	30.00	10.00
Fair Grove, Why Not	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00
Flat Rock, Vance	20.00	5.00	20.00	5.00
Fountain Place	20.00	5.00	40.00	5.00
Friendship, Mt. Herman	60.00	15.00	90.00	5.00
Friendship, Shiloh	10.00	5.00	20.00	5.00
Fallston Circuit	20.00	10.00	30.00	2.00
Friendship, Friendship	2.00	5.00	5.00	3.00
Fairview, Anderson Charge	3.00	2.00	4.00	2.00
Fairview, Glen Raven	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Gibsonville	50.00	10.00	75.00	10.00
Graham	30.00	10.00	70.00	10.00
Grace	117.00	35.00	148.00	50.00
Gray's Chapel	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Gillburg, Vance Charge	7.00	5.00	12.00	2.00
Giles Chapel	3.00	2.00	3.00	1.00
Harmony	10.00	5.00	20.00	5.00
Haw River	15.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Haw River Circuit	20.00	10.00	70.00	----
Hawkins' Chapel, Littleton	3.00	2.00	7.00	3.00
Harris Chapel, Vance	10.00	5.00	9.00	1.00
Henderson	100.00	25.00	190.00	10.00
High Point	215.00	50.00	275.00	50.00
Hickory Ridge	20.00	10.00	30.00	5.00
Hebron, Orange	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Hope	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Hollister	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Julian	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00
Kannapolis	15.00	10.00	15.00	5.00
Kistler's Union	10.00	10.00	15.00	5.00
Kernersville	2.00	2.00	5.00	1.00
Lebanon, High Point	80.00	10.00	120.00	----
Lexington, First	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Lexington, State Street	10.00	5.00	15.00	----
Lineberry, Davidson	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00
Liberty	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Lawndale, Cleveland Charge	3.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Love's Grove, Friendship	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Maple Springs	35.00	10.00	45.00	10.00
Matthews' Chapel, Greensville	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00

Auxiliary	*N. C.*	*College*	*W. S.*	*Minnis*
Mebane	145.00	15.00	140.00	10.00
Midway, Shady Grove	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00
Mitchell Grove, Guilford Charge	2.00	2.00	4.00	2.00
Moriah	30.00	10.00	30.00	5.00
Mt. Carmel, Granville	10.00	5.00	25.00	5.00
Mt. Carmel, Lexington, First Ch.	4.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Mt. Carmel, Forsyth	5.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Mt. Hermon, Mt. Hermon Charge	30.00	15.00	55.00	5.00
Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant	75.00	15.00	125.00	10.00
Mt. Pleasant, N. Davidson	5.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland Charge	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00
Mt. Lebanon, Randleman	2.00	3.00	5.00	5.00
Mt. Moriah, Cleveland Charge	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Mt. Zion, Pinnacle Charge	7.00	5.00	10.00	3.00
New Hope, Why Not	5.00	2.00	5.00	3.00
Oak Grove, Cleveland	15.00	10.00	15.00	5.00
Pleasant Hill, W. Forsyth	25.00	10.00	30.00	5.00
Pleasant Union, Mt. Pleasant	5.00	2.00	5.00	3.00
Pleasant Grove	5.00	5.00	20.00	5.00
Pinnacle, Pinnacle	5.00	5.00	8.00	2.00
Pine Bluff	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Porter	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Rehobeth, Granville	35.00	10.00	50.00	10.00
Reidsville	80.00	10.00	120.00	----
Rock Creek, Alamance	15.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
Rankin Memorial	----	----	5.00	5.00
Sapling Ridge, Alamance	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Salem, Saxapahaw	5.00	5.00	10.00	2.00
Shiloh, Shiloh	25.00	10.00	40.00	10.00
Siler City	30.00	10.00	35.00	5.00
Spencer	3.00	3.00	5.00	2.00
Seagrove, Love Joy	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00
Spring Valley, Vance	15.00	10.00	20.00	3.00
Spring Church Circuit	20.00	15.00	40.00	10.00
Spring Hill	3.00	2.00	5.00	3.00
St. Paul, Greensboro	10.00	5.00	10.00	1.00
Shoals, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Tabernacle	90.00	15.00	150.00	20.00
Thomasville, First	40.00	10.00	70.00	5.00
Thomasville, Community	50.00	25.00	150.00	10.00
Union, Halifax	7.00	5.00	10.00	----
Union Chapel, Granville	50.00	15.00	70.00	5.00
Union Grove, Union Grove	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00
Union Grove, Orange	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Union Ridge	7.00	5.00	7.00	5.00
Vickery, Guilford Charge	2.00	2 00	3.00	3.00
Weaverville	20.00	5.00	25.00	5.00
Welch Memorial	25.00	10.00	40.00	5.00
West End, Greensboro	25.00	15.00	35.00	5.00
West End, Thomasville	2.00	2.00	3.00	1.00
Whitakers	35.00	15.00	110.00	10.00
Winston-Salem	150.00	25.00	155.00	5.00

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A PARABLE FOR PREACHERS

Now it came to pass in those days that a church called a certain man to be its minister; and the church agreed to pay him two thousand shekels in silver, a house, and a leave of absence each year.

And, lo! the man was glad to accept the call.

Now the minister prided himself upon being very much up to date; and after a while he said to himself: This church is behind the times, and it needeth the Social Gospel.

So instead of preaching Christ and Him crucified, he preached Old Age Insurance, Unemployment Relief, the Abolition of the Profit Motive, and Reduction of Armaments.

Moreover, he seemed more interested in Socialism than in Salvation.

And the hearts of the people were heavy, for they longed for the Old Fashioned Gospel.

And, behold; they sent a delegation to the minister and asked him to preach something they did not read about six days out of seven.

And the minister was angry and said, I believe in the Freedom of the Pulpit. I know what you need much better than you know yourselves. I shall continue to preach the Social Gospel. If you do not like it depart unto Gehenna.

And the hearts of the people were sore, but they held their peace.

Now the minister had purchased a farm in a far country, where the owner had starved to death, but there was a very fair set of buildings on the farm.

For the minister had said within himself: It may come to pass when I am old and well stricken in years that no church will desire me, and I shall stand all the day idle in the market place, so I will buy this farm as a place of refuge against that day.

And, behold! he and his family did spend their summer vacations there.

Now the buildings on the farm sorely needed paint, and the minister agreed with a local painter for six shekels a day to paint the buildings white.

And when the bill came in, the minister did send his check to pay it.

And in due time the minister visited his farm, and, lo! instead of painting the buildings white the painter had painted them red.

And the minister was very wroth and he sent for the painter and said unto him.

Thou wicked and deceitful painter! Did I not agree with thee to paint my building white, and, lo! thou hast painted it red.

And the painter answered and said, Go to now! It is true thou didst order me to paint thy buildings white, but I believe in the Freedom of the Painter. Red is a much better color than white. Moreover, it seemeth to be a popular color at this time.

And suddenly there shined round about the minister a light from heaven, and he said, I do see my sin this day. Why should I rebuke this man for painting my buildings red when I commanded him to paint them white, when I am called to preach Christ and Him crucified and I preach the Social Gospel?

I will return to my people, and I will say to them, I know now what Jesus meant when He said, Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God; for verily the only way unto a better world is through better men.—*Rev. Edgar Warren in Supreme Council Bulletin.*

LIQUOR FIRST, EDUCATION NEXT

The average American considers that his country is all out for education. Let's see.

Virginia has a good system of state supported colleges and public schools. Also it is far from worst when it comes to using liquor. The per capita consumption in New York, for instance, is more than three times as great as the per capita consumption in Virginia.

Nevertheless, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, the State of Virginia spent for William and Mary College, four teachers' colleges, the University of Virginia, public grade and high schools, the sum of $7,942,446.50. During the same year the state spent for beer, wine, whiskey and other alcoholic beverages, $26,159,515.89.

OUR STORY PAGE

A TON OF LOVE

Jean gathered them up, all the toys piled in the corner. The tree, the lovely Christmas tree, had been carried out, pine needles strewed the floor, holly leaves were dropping from the wreaths. "We've got to get our Christmas presents out of the living room now." Jean began to reach out for dolls and boxes, tiny tables, chairs. "Oh, I declare they weigh a ton," she laughed as she straightened up, arms full.

"Hold on," Bill grunted, "you haven't taken the cards off yet."

"I like 'em, the cards, they're pretty, they say nice things."

"With love, that's all they say; with love, Aunt Louise; with love, Cousin Jack; with love—"

"Say," giggled Jean, "I've got a whole ton right here in my arms—Hi, I'm losing it!"

"What's the use of carrying all that at once? Gee, see there." Bill pranced. "You've dropped that iron right on my toe; it may be little, but it hurt."

"Don't see any use in being mad about it; accidents will happen," Jean tossed her head. Bill, holding up one leg and hopping on the other foot, jostled against her. Over went the whole armful of toys.

"See what you've done," Jean stamped her foot, "my box of cups and saucers." Bill reached for the box, grinning as he stooped. The top of the box rolled off, out crashed one of the cups. Jean fairly howled, "my cups, my lovely cups, you've broken one of them!" She picked up the straight piece, the little triangle with its pink flowers. "I can never mend it; I feel like throwing it at you."

"Yes." Bill looked sober. He had picked up the tiny handle; on it was the card, "With love." "Love," he stumbled on his words, "means forgiving, not getting mad when things happen wrong. And a ton," he wheedled, "is 2,000 pounds—365 days in a year; that's little over half a pound a day. Say, Jean, can't you spare me just that teency-weency half pound?"

"Bill Grimes, you're the funniest boy—"

"You've got a whole ton, you say; just take a half pound to grease things along. Jean, I'm sorry, awful sorry; just a teency-weency bit of that ton now!"

"Teency-weency bit! I'm going to use that whole ton every day. I want people to use it for me, and if I want it for myself I've got to have it for others." Jean's back straightened, her arms were filled again and so were Bill's—Bill was helping—she walked soberly into the play room. She straightened the chairs, she placed the dolls upon them in company fashion, pulled out the small table and began placing cups and saucers upon it. "Five," she looked at the dolls. "Five! Guess there won't be more 'n' five or six coming in. 'Spect we can make 'em do. 'Spect Bill, if people would only try and make things do—Oh, I'm mixed up, you're great on 'rithmetic. Bill, I love hist'ry and it makes me sick to learn about all these people all the time fighting and killing, and burning up homes and—"

"Breaking," put in Bill shyly.

"When you don't mean to break it's one thing; when you start out to do it, it's another. Breaking and killing and hurting — it's no way to live, for one person, for everybody, why—" the two of them were really getting at something—"there are tons upon tons in the wide world, and if people would only call it out, use it"—

"Say, Jean, that's sumpin; can't get it into words, but feel it."

"And live it," Jean cut in. "I'm going to live out my ton; you live out yours. You said a tiny bit would grease; a whole lot will ease. And it will make a fine new year!"—*Lucy Meacham Thruston.*

MAY 24, 1738

Aldersgate was neither an entrance to nor an exit from any theological seminary. Aldersgate was a winding thoroughfare of human life. Upon this thoroughfare of life John Wesley entered on that dark night when, about 9 o'clock, he was dazzled by the greatest light that was ever on land or sea.

For a dozen years following his ordination, he was in religious bewilderment. He followed a course in the Holy Club that he hoped would bring him conscious salvation. He came to Georgia for the purpose of saving his soul. He spoke of coming as a missionary to the Indians, but he declared that he was more concerned to find that reality of religious life that should give him hope. After his ordination he went out as a curate in his father's own parish; he later preached at Oxford; he went to Savannah as a chaplain; he talked with Moravians. Baffled, ever baffled, he sought that which would not appear and hoped for that which he did not see. He was seeking light. What happened?

The night was on. He went to Saint Paul's Cathedral and the anthem was this: "Out of the depths do I cry unto Thee, O Lord." On its wave and resurging his heart was swept as it expressed the condition of his soul. "Out of the depths." From the door he went out into the night. A friend led him over to a religious society in Aldersgate Street—a little winding pathway going out from Saint Paul's by the Bank of England. One was reading Luther's comments on Paul's letter to the Romans. He read, "The just shall live by faith." It rang in Wesley's heart like the bells of the morning. "The just shall live by faith." He felt his heart strangely warmed. More than that—he had his mind strangely illuminated. It was not the warmth that changed John Wesley. It was the light. It was not the movement upon his emotions; it was the revelation to his mentality as it sought, out of the depths, to take hold of that which would give him hope forever. That is what took place. He called it a new birth. And when he thus called it, he set the norm of all that he ever afterward thought or did. The new birth! The new life! He had been in quest of the reality in life, in quest of the reality in religion, in quest of the reality in the relations of man to God; and here he had found it in the regeneration of the human soul.—*Bishop John M. Moore.*

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Woman's Auxiliary, Montgomery, Ala., for shoes	$ 3.00
Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams, a love gift	15.00
Friendship S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	15.01
Moriah S. S.	4.50
Roberta S. S.	9.00
State Street S. S.	3.90
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	2.37
Grace Church S. S.	12.00
Rehoboth, Granville	10.00
Gibsonville S. S.	9.55
Mt. Pleasant S. S., Mt. Pleasant	6.75
Chapel Hill, Davidson	2.00
Kannapolis S. S.	10.55
Mt. Zion, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	3.50
Worthville S. S., Randleman	9.31
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	3.25
Mt. Lebanon S. S., Randleman	6.25
Glen Raven S. S.	5.86
First Ch. S. S., Winston-Salem	8.00
Pleasant Hill S. S., Spring Church	2.36
Tabernacle S. S., Tabernacle	5.00
First Church S. S., Burlington	35.00
Concord, Saxapahaw	2.45
Midway S. S., Haw River	3.50
Asheville S. S., Jan. to May	21.42
Cedar Cliff S. S., Mt. Hermon	1.14
Friendship, Fallston	3.53
Denton S. S.	7.00
The Ethel Hempstead Circle, Inwood, L. I., feeding child	5.00
Mt. Pleasant S. S., North Davidson	1.33
Maple Springs S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Calvary S. S.	15.00
Eden S. S., Halifax	3.00
Bethel S. S., Randolph	3.80
Charlotte S. S.	6.29

Cakes for Mother's Day

Rev. and Mrs. Geo. L. Curry came last Saturday and brought to us for Mother's day, 20 cakes and one dress from the Denton church and 12 cakes and 3 quarts of fruit from Canaan church. In Denton our Children's Home was started, and these good people have always been very loyal to the Home, and we appreciate their good help.

A High Day for the Home

Last Sunday was Mother's day, and celebrated as such here. It was also the day when our seven graduates from the Jamestown high school listened to a very fine Commencement sermon. This Commencement sermon, by Rev. T. A. Sykes of Thomasville. Monday evening they listened to another stirring message by Dean Messick of Elon College, and received their diplomas. This is our largest graduating class in the history of the Home, and makes 23 to graduate from high school during the present administration.

We are so thankful for all the help and encouragement that comes to us from the many, many friends of the Home.

Children's Home Day

It has been difficult to steer clear of other meetings and yet find an appropriate day for our annual Children's Home day. We have settled upon Thursday, June 30, as the day. And we are asking the mothers of each of our Methodist Protestant churches in the Conference to take the lead and sponsor the offering for that day. Some one please take the lead, call a meeting, talk it over and plan for the offering. We thank you and we know God will bless in it all.

Yours in His blessed service,

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

J. Edison Lineberry, St. Paul, club subscriptions	$2.52
Miss Bessie Patterson, 1st Ch., High Point	1.00
Sent by W. J. Spencer.	
Mrs. J. T. Ramsey, club subscriptions Shelby	1.00
A. G. Wilson, Pensacola church	.50
Mrs. W. G. Blankenship, Pensacola	.50
Sent by Mrs. Blankenship.	
Mrs. T. E. Marlette, Saxapahaw charge	2.00
Miss Conner Winningham, Saxapahaw	2.00
W. F. Dodson, Saxapahaw	1.00
Sent by Pastor Bingham.	
Mrs. W. T. Hemphill, Randolph charge	1.00
R. D. Pair, Greensville charge	2.00
W. L. Ward, Asheboro	2.00
Ernest M. Hamilton, club subscription, First church, Lexington	2.20
Miss Anna Cox, Forsyth charge	2.00
John Pace, First Church, Burlington	1.00
Mrs. R. Alex Coble, 1st Ch., Burlington	2.00
Miss Betty Thompson, 1st Ch., Burlington	2.00
Miss Ila Stafford, 1st Ch., Burlington	2.00
Sent by Pastor Paschall.	
J. Edison Lineberry, St. Paul, club subscriptions	1.12
Mrs. G. W. Misenheimer, Mills Grove	2.00
William Misenheimer, Mills Grove	2.00
Sent by Pastor Cook.	
Roy L. Sharpe, Mt. Hermon charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Anderson.	
Mrs. W. A. Moser, Moriah church	1.00
Mrs. J. E. Daughton, Moriah church	1.00
Mrs. J. E. Kirkman, Moriah	1.00
Mrs. J. W. Sharpe, Moriah	1.00
Sent by Mrs. A. V. Kirkman.	
Mrs. Noah Williams, Seagrove	2.00
L. A. King, Seagrove	2.00
Mrs. D. J. Johnson, Seagrove	2.00
M. C. Auman, Seagrove	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Noah Williams.	
Mrs. Robert Overman, Mt. Hermon charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Washington Johnson.	
W. G. Shoemaker, 1st Ch., Thomasville	1.00
Miss Ruby Carriker, 1st Ch., Thomasville	2.00
Mrs. Willie Loftin, 1st Ch., Thomasville	2.00
Mrs. Carl Lloyd, 1st Ch., Thomasville	1.00
Sent by Mrs. T. A. Lloyd.	
Subsidy	
Thomasville, First	$5.00

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Mrs. Neighbors: "They tell me your son is on the college football eleven."

Mrs. Malaprop: "Yes, indeed."

Mrs. Neighbors: "Do you know what position he plays?"

Mrs. Malaprop: "Not sure, but I think he's one of the drawbacks."—Ex.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"BEING POPULAR WITHOUT SACRIFICING HIGH IDEALS"

Topic for May 22, 1938

Scripture Text—I Cor. 13:4-7; John 8:29; 2 Tim. 2:22-25.

Suggested Hymns—"I Would Be True," "The Victory May Depend on You," "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Points for the Leader

No young person wants to be what is known as a "wall flower." We want to be in every game and every performance. Our desire to be popular is so strong that it often become the dominating force in our lives. And if young people cannot be popular in one way they will probably try some other way. Sometimes our desire to be popular is so strong that we are willing to pay a great price for it. Many times it is the price of high moral and ethical ideals and standards. The question we want to discuss at this tme is, How can we be popular without sacrificing our high ideals? In a community where drinking, smoking, and low social standards and relationships exist, how can one be popular without indulging in these practices?

Topics for Discussion

1. When is a person popular?
2. What is the difference between notoriety and popularity?
3. What rules can you suggest for being popular with the best people?
4. If one seeks popularity, what high ideals should we keep?
5. How can young people who refuse to drink, smoke, etc., achieve popularity without compromising their ideals?
6. Is it possible to be popular with everyone. With different groups?
7. What can we learn from Jesus about popularity and temptation? Was he popular in his day? Is he popular today?

Suggestion: Have some one discuss some of the above topics, and then give the group a chance to ask questions on the same.

Edwin Markham Says:

We are all blind until we see
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making if
It does not make the man.

Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilded goes?
In vain we build the work, unless
The builder also grows.

By REV. J. W. BRAXTON

A TRIP TO THE FIRST DISTRICT

For the first time during our stay in the Children's Home we are taking a group of our children into the First District.

Will be in Whitakers Sunday morning, May 15; at Eden on Halifax that afternoon; and in Enfield that night; Monday night, May 16, in Creswell; Tuesday night, May 17, at Pleasant Hill on Spring Church charge; and Wednesday night, May 18, in Littleton. People from the other churches in reach are urged to attend the service nearest to you.

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Chestnut Ridge, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—Sunday was home-coming day as well as Mother's Day for us; and it was indeed a home-coming day. Our church was filled with members, former members, and visitors from far and near. Each member received a certificate of membership. In recognition of Mother's Day, Mrs. Emmie Squires was the oldest mother present. She, with children and grandchildren, are members of our church. The speaker of the morning was Judge Lewis E. Teague, of High Point. He is a leading Methodist Protestant layman, member of the Fellowship Crusade commission, as well as many important boards in our church. In connection with our observance of Mother's Day he brought us a very inspiring message which I am sure every one enjoyed.

After a fellowship dinner was enjoyed, we had a song service with visitors contributing. A solo was sung by Mary Louise Cheek, accompanied at the piano by Miss Enid Smith, of the Mebane M. P. church. The Hebron quartet also gave some special selections. Aside from the music, we had a splendid afternoon session, at which time our church made pledges to put our church on the Fellowship Crusade honor roll.

None of our former pastors could be present, due to special services at their churches. We were glad to have Rev. D. I. Garner, pastor of the Mebane M. P. church, to be with us and speak during the afternoon.

As a whole our work is coming along fine. With the increase in attendance and cooperation of people with our pastor, we hope to fill our obligation as a church.

ANNIE RUTH PENDER, Reporter.

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State Street, Lexington, O. C. Loy, Pastor, May 9.—This being the first report since Easter, we feel like saying hello to all the readers of the Herald; especially to former pastors and members who have gone to other churches by change of residence or position.

The young people were very active in the Easter pageant, and gave their parts in an unusually effective way.

Our C. E. president, Jimmie Jenkins, and Miss Dorthea Warner were united in marriage by the bride's uncle, Rev. J. F. Roach, of Norlina, N. C., April 16, at 2:30. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Warner, of Lexington, and received her education in the schools of Lexington and Pineland College. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. Robert Jenkins and the late Mrs. Jenkins. He also attended school in Lexington. They are a promising young couple. Their many friends will be interested to know that they are at home at 704 West 5th Ave. We all wish for them a successful, happy life in the Master's work.

Sunday night, May 1, a special service was held by the W. C. T. U. leaders. All the members met in a body and marched into the church. We urge them to keep the faith and strive harder to conquer the evil drink habit.

Several of our people attended the Branch meeting held in Burlington, and enjoyed it immensely. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Loy and Mrs. F. J. Cox two days, and Mrs. Joe Everhart, Mrs. Harkey, Mrs. Garner, Miss Pauline Forcum, and Miss Marie Leonard one day.

The baby contest closed May 1 with little Barbara Jean Going winning first prize. A total of $186 was raised through this project, which will be used for the benefit of the church.

The quarterly conference meets Wednesday night at First church, Thomasville. Mr. Loy expects to see several from State Street.

We are glad to report that Mrs. R. L. Weaver and daughter are improving after a siege of pneumonia, while Mr. T. J. Aaron continues critically ill. We ask for him the prayers of pastors and friends.

Everybody enjoyed Mr. Loy's good heart-to-heart talk to the mothers Sunday night. Wish that every word could have been broadcasted to all parents who are careless and fail to give their children Christian training.

We missed Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leonard, who are visiting their son and family in Asheville.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

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Hawkins Chapel, Littleton Charge, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, May 9.—Glad to say our Sunday school is holding up pretty well. One thing we can say, our superintendent, Mr. Paul Hawkins, urges us to be on time.

First Sunday the class leader, Mr. C. F. Hawkins, held prayer service. If we young people would set an example and be extensive to our church work as Brother Hawkins is, there wouldn't be so many empty pews, for Brother Hawkins is between 70 and 80 years old. He has asked Mrs. Claude Hawkins to hold prayer service the third Sunday.

We feel fortunate in having the circuit rally to meet with us the second Sunday; especially to have Dr. J. E. Pritchard to be with us Sunday morning. He delivered a wonderful sermon that reached many souls. At this service the junior class sang a song, and Mrs. Willie Gray Mitchell and Miss Lillion Hawkins sang a duet. Then lunch. At the afternoon service, Weavers, Littleton, and Vaughn each sang a song. Then stewards from each church gave in their reports.

After a brief word from Pastor Trolinger, Dr. Pritchard explained what the Fellowship Crusade would mean to the M. P. church.

We enjoy having you all; come again, for you have a hearty welcome.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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Kernersville-South Winston, C. B. Way, Pastor, May 9.—Yesterday, May 8, "Mother's Day," was a very busy Sunday for this writer, who had five church services, three Sunday school sessions, and two young people's meetings. Of course the pastor did not attend all of them. The activities of the day began with Sunday school and church service at South Winston church. There we observed Mother's Day in the church service with songs, two readings by young girls, and the message of the pastor. good dinner was enjoyed in the splendid home of Brother W. C. Norris.

The revival meeting began at Sandy Ridge church Sunday at 1 a.m., with Rev. R. O. Knucles, Baptist minister, preaching. The pastor arrived for the 2 p.m. service, and Brother Knuckles had charge of the night service. These services will continue all this week, the pastor in charge, with the assistance of other ministers. There was good attendance and interest in the services Sunday.

A very interesting Mother's Day program was rendered at the Kernersville church Sunday night, under the sponsorship of the Busy Bee society. Before the service began, the pastor presented a new pulpit Bible to the church, a gift of the Busy Bee society. The program consisted of songs and recitations by the boys and girls of the society, followed by an inspiring and uplifting address by Attorney Clyde A. Shreve, of Summerfield, who paid a high tribute to the motherhood of the nation, declaring that "the hand of the mother determines the destiny of a nation." Mr. Shreve was accompanied by Mrs. Shreve, her mother, Mrs. Richards, and Mrs. Owen, of Summerfield. We had a number of other visitors in the congregation, including Rev. T. R. Wolfe and family, of the Kernersville Methodist church, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Angel, of Stokesdale, and others. The church auditorium was almost filled with members and visitors.

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Haw River Church, Glen Raven Charge.—Pastor Troxler seems to be improving some in the last few weeks, and we hope that he will at least be able to visit the church at the next appointment.

We will have our home-coming on the fourth Sunday of this month at the church. We are expecting Dr. Pritchard at the 11 o'clock hour, and will have an all-day service with dinner on the grounds. All former pastors and members of the church who are away are invited to be back with us. We are expecting to have some very good music on this occasion, among those contributing to the music being the Haw River quartet.

In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Dawson, of the M. E. church will deliver the memorial address. Former members are especially invited to come home and spend the day with us.

T. S. COBLE.

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Piney Grove, Siler City Charge, Rev. A. M. Smith, Pastor.—There hasn't been a report from our church for some time, but our work is going on nicely, and I will try to give a full report so that our readers may know that we are striving to do our best for the Master. Our pastor has not missed an appointment so far, neither have we missed holding Sunday school this year.

On the third Sunday in March Communion service was observed at our church. We also gave an Easter program for the afternoon service, April 17. We are very proud of our children because when they take part in a program they go into it whole-heartedly.

The good people have met and cleaned the church grounds and worked up the flower garden at the rear of the church; also washed the windows and cleaned up the church. We hope to make our church one of the prettiest places in our community this year.

We have the money raised for buying new carpets for the church, and we hope to get it and get it put down within a few days.

We plan to meet and clean the cemetery and straighten up the monuments Wednesday morning, May 18.

The annual home-coming and memorial services will be held at our church the fourth Sunday in May. We wish to extend an invitation to all old friends and former pastors to come and spend that day with us. We still have our preaching services each first and third Sunday afternoons at 3 o'clock. The first Sunday in this month our pastor brought his Japanese friend, who is a student at Duke university, with him to talk to us. He made a very interesting talk that we all enjoyed very much. We were happy to have him with us and hope that he may come and be with us again some time.

We ask the prayers of all, that our church may grow, and also that we will do the will of our Father.

WILMA DARK, Reporter.

Enfield.—Mrs. Williams and I left our work March 27 for a rest of two weeks with our daughter in Burlington, expecting a rest from my work would enable me to resume my work. Instead, I grew gradually worse, and had to enter the Alamance General Hospital for blood transfusion and treatment. After 10 days' treatment I returned to my daughter's and remained under the doctor's care. Little did I expect to be away from my work for six weeks when leaving. So glad to be back for a stay of 10 days, after which I am to return to Burlington for another check-up. I am hoping to be able to resume my work after this check-up.

Mrs. Williams and I wish to use this means of thanking our friends for the lovely flowers, cards, letters, visits, and prayers during my illness. All of these have contributed more than words can express to my recovery.

D. R. WILLIAMS.

Mt. Zion, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion Charge, Rev. J. D. Morris, Pastor.—There has been no report from our church for some time, although our church work seems to be moving along nicely. Attendance at Sabbath school is improving.

On the fourth Sunday night our pastor brought to us a forceful and inspiring message which was enjoyed by all.

The Ladies' Auxiliary holds its meetings each month, with a good number of the members present for each meeting.

Our annual home-coming day will be held Sunday, May 15, with preaching at 11 o'clock and a picnic dinner on the grounds at the noon hour. Singing and other parts of the day's program in the afternoon. We extend a cordial invitation to all to come and be with us on this day.

REPORTER.

Bethesda, North Davidson, W. H. Neese, Pastor.—Mother's Day was observed May 8 throughout Sunday school and preaching services. Each Sunday school class took a part in song or reading. The pastor also preached on "Ideal Mothers." Communion service was also held at this time.

Our Workers' Council meets each first Sunday, making plans and trying to upbuild our church both financially and spiritually. We are making special efforts to increase the number of members and interest so that we may be able to do greater work for our Master.

Our auxiliary work seems to be growing in number and interest. This is also a great work, and we pray that we may have the best year ever. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. B. Wagner. We still have right much sickness in our community.

Mr. D. D. Brinkley's horses ran away last week and while trying to catch them he was knocked down, the wagon running over his body. Although still confined to bed and awfully sore, he is improving, we are glad to say. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barnes have also been sick this week. Mr. H. H. Brinkley continues about the same.

We are starting a singing this week for the young people of our church. Mrs. Crouch, of Lexington, will teach. We hope all will attend and that great good can be accomplished.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

Zoar Church, Mecklenburg Circuit, Rev. J. R. Short, Pastor.—The first Sunday evening in April Pastor Short filled his appointment, with a very interesting and impressive message. At this service we were glad to have Mrs. Flow, from Stalling, also several visitors from Fort Mill. Glad to have these good people worship with us. We are glad to welcome in our church a former member, Mr. Lester Jones, of Fort Mill, who is now our superintendent. Hope that all will cooperate and this will be a good year at Zoar.

We ask the prayers of all Christians that we may grow in grace.

TILLIE ADKINS.

Friendship-Love's Grove, Earl A. Cook, Pastor, May 9.—It has been some time since I have written. Now I have a little to say. All of us have been working reasonably hard, and the work at both churches is going on with wonderful cooperation. I preached three times yesterday; was at Love's Grove at 11 o'clock, Mill Grove at 2:30 o'clock, and Friendship at 7:30. We had wonderful congregations at all services. A Mother's Day thought was used at all services, and a wonderful response and interest was manifest at the services.

The Christian Endeavor society at Friendship brought their program to Love's Grove Sunday at 5:00 in the afternoon. A large number of the boys and girls, also the parents, were present, and a Christian Endeavor society was organized there. Love's Grove church has a wonderful prospect for a lively Christian Endeavor society, and I am sure you will hear from them again, because these young people really do things, and unusual things for young people.

Sunday morning after service I went to my car and it was piled up in the back seat with groceries, and I found that someone had taken possession of my car. When the facts were learned, the young people's class of Love's Grove had pounded the preacher; no one else had anything to do with it so far as I know. Thank you, boys and girls, and may God bless and prosper that which you do.

We have had a wonderful revival at Friendship. The people manifested the greatest interest the pastor has seen lately. We had very rough and rainy weather, but not a service was missed. The church is greatly revived, and our attendance has greatly increased. There were 23 professions, and 11 united with the church.

Much interest is being shown by the ladies of Friendship in their work in the interest of the parsonage. The parsonage here belongs to Friendship, and the ladies take great pride in keeping it spic and span. About everything has been done to make the pastor and the family comfortable. They have a very interesting project in mind that we feel they will do soon; I hope to tell you about it a little later. The ladies are to meet at the parsonage with their husbands this Thursday to plant flowers on the church and parsonage lawns. The ladies at Love's Grove are wide awake. Mrs. W. L. Little is their very able leader there, and she can easily find much to do, and you always find her doing it. She has many faithful ones to work with her. She has taken the Fellowship Crusade into her hands, and these ladies will get it over the top. Thank you, ladies, for taking this responsibility. These ladies have already paid all the claims for the entire year for Love's Grove church.

There are many other things I would like to say, but time and space will not permit, and I will leave the rest for the reporters to say.

In the last few hours Mrs. R. H. Shoe has passed on to her reward. No definite plans for the funeral have been made. An obituary will appear later. She was indeed a Christian woman, a wonderful mother who went home on Mother's Day.

EARL A. COOK, Pastor.

Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—Just a few words again from this church. We are still moving on very nicely. It seemed that we did not have quite as many present for Sunday school Sunday morning, but I suppose this was on account of the sermon at the Eli Whitney high school in the afternoon. Everyone who was present to hear it was certainly blessed, for it was a sermon of the highest type. Dr. J. D. Messick, of Elon College, delivered this sermon.

This church witnessed a very impressive service the first Sunday at the morning hour, for the graduates from high school at this church. Miss Edith Guthrie read the scripture and made the school announcements, also introduced the seniors to the congregation. Miss Virginia Massey led the responsive reading. Audrey Guthrie sang a solo, "Follow the Gleam." The pastor preached the sermon. He used the beautiful story of Esther.

This church plans to hold memorial services here the first Sunday in June. We plan for an all-day service and dinner on the church grounds. Further plans will be made later. We give to every person who wishes to come, and can be with us, a cordial welcome.

We are very sorry to report that Mr. T. H. Moore is not expected to live at this writing; but we hope that he may recover.

REPORTER.

Alamance Circuit.—A number of improvements have been made on this circuit recently. Center church has been recovered, underpinned, the pulpit enlarged, and railing put around the chancel. There appears to be a fine spirit of cooperation at this church. Pastor and people are profoundly grateful to Mrs. J. M. Pugh for making such a generous donation to this work. While Mrs. Pugh retains her membership at Saxapahaw M. P. church, she lives near Center. For a long period of years her husband has been one of the leading members of Center. A few weeks ago Sapling Ridge members put a new coat of paint on the pews and floor, and sowed grass seeds on the lawn. These improvements add much to the appearance of the churches.

The nominees for delegate to our next annual conference are both from Rock Creek, Brothers J. W. McPherson and F. D. Hornaday, Sr.

We were gratified to receive two new members recently, Mrs. Archie Braxton, wife of Professor Archie Braxton, joined Center by letter, coming to us from Mebane M. E. church, South. Mr. Leonard Russell transferred his membership from Mt. Pleasant M. P. church to Rock Creek because of convenience.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Webster have our thanks for vegetables and Mrs. Willie Foust for a cash donation.

Brothers W .A. Pugh and Rufus Johnson are in the hospital very sick. Mrs. Paul McPherson and Brothers J. V. McVey and Gad Campbell are sick in their homes. We hope they will soon be better.

H. L. ISLEY.

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New Hope, Mecklenburg.—I really enjoy reading the Herald; so many different letters in it. I am very sorry it seems like I am so negligent and slothful in business, but all the same we are getting along fine at New Hope, and still our good pastor brings to us a real message on his regular appointments. He is always awake trying to do a great work for the upbuilding of the Kingdom. We always love to hear him preach, and also enjoy our prayer meetings on each Sunday night.

We are so proud of our superintendent, Mr. John R. Richardson, and also Mrs. Richardson, who are so faithful and are always standing at the post of duty. We have many to attend our Sunday school lately; we have the largest attendance we have had in a long time. We are having a contest now in two different groups, the Reds and the Blues. Mrs. Lee Aycoth was chosen for the side of the Reds, with Mr. Gill chosen for the Blues.

We were glad to have Mrs. Lee Aycoth to join our church several weeks ago, and also Mr. Roy Gill. They are faithful members.

FAYE AYCOTH, Reporter.

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Rehoboth, Granville Circuit, J. P. Pegg, Pastor.—The work at Rehoboth is progressing in many ways.

The Missionary Auxiliary is making an effort to work in circles for the coming year, while our beginning has been a little slow we hope as the year moves on we will acquire more speed. We are planning a Home-coming service on the third Sunday, May 15. Services to begin at 10:30 and close about 12 o'clock. We wish in this way to give all former members, pastors and families and friends an invitation to be with us at this time—come.

REPORTER.

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Baltimore Church, West Forsyth Charge.—Sunday, May 1, was a beautiful day, and the warm rays of the sun seeemd to call to us to come and hear God's Word made so plain to us by our faithful pastor, Rev. G. B. Ferree. The scripture was taken from Acts 3, and the text was part of the 6th verse, "But such as I have give I unto thee." He brought out the meaning that Peter and John had no silver and gold, but something more precious than money. The beggar got more than he asked. So with the spirit-filled Christian today. The Samaritan woman went to the well for water, and received the water of life. What have we Christians to give? Like Peter, we can only give what we have.

Our Sunday school is doing fine under the leadership of Mr. O. G. Griffin. Our church has improved very much by the planting of shrubbery on the lawn. This helps in many ways.

The Woman's Auxiliary has improved. We have started a "market basket" which we hope will be very successful. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. George Nicholson, May 21.

We were glad to have Mrs. W. C. Jennings back again. She has been paralyzed for three years, but yet unable to get about without help.

The Lord's Supper was administered at the morning service.

JOSEPHINE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

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First Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—Charlotte church has been very busy the last two weeks. The revival which began April 15 is still going on. At the time the meeting began there was no definite date set for it to close. However, Rev. Mr. Parsons has preached for two weeks, and Sunday night a vote was taken whether to continue through another week or not. It was voted to continue through Friday night. Many blessings have been received, several souls have been born into the Kingdom of God. Our slogan has been, "500 Souls for Christ." Attendance has been very good during the meeting. I just wish that it were possible for each reader of this article to be present in any one of our services and feel the sweet and warm spirit that exists. Everyone who attends always comes back again. The weather has been very favorable for the meeting.

We have had the pleasure of seeing many strange faces in our congregation during the meeting, and we hope that they will continue to come and attend our church services regularly.

We welcome into our fellowship the following members who united with our church last Sunday: Mrs. S. A. Alexander, Mrs. Mamie Allen, Mr. Howard Barbee, Mr. Glenn and Marshall Hinson, and Mr. C. P. Connell.

The church extends its sympathy to Mr. Hinson in his recent bereavement.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

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Love Joy-Seagrove, Love Joy Charge, E. G. Cowan, Pastor, May 9.—Our pastor delivered an unusually good Mother's day message Sunday morning, after which a good congregation enjoyed the fine spread of lunch in the grove. We were fortunate to have a quartet with us from Asheboro which rendered some very beautiful music, both in the morning and afternoon.

The afternoon service was just an open service giving anyone an opportunity to make a talk who wished to. Rev. Colon Reynolds, of Randleman, made an excellent talk as well as other visitors and some of our own church workers.

The Friendship circle met Friday night, May 6, in the home of Mrs. C. T. Russell with 18 members present. A program of "United Youth Movement and the Missionary Cause" was carried out. Three new members were added. We were glad to welcome these and also delighted to have some visitors with us. At the close of the program the hostess served ice cream and cake to those present.

Miss Mildred Suggs invited the circle to her home for the June meeting.

Sunday evening, May 15 we are inviting all the young people to meet at the church at 6 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Young People's meeting. We are asking for your prayers that we may make a success of the organization.

REPORTER.

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First Church, Winston-Salem, April 29.—A friend of this church asked a delegate to Branch meeting, "What has happened to First church, Winston? We have not heard anything from there in a long time." Well, nothing but good has happened, and it has happened so as to keep us too busy to talk about it. Since you are interested, I shall reply.

Returning from annual conference last fall, we were received even more royally than the first year. This was evidenced by a pounding at Christmas. There was a new overcoat for the pastor, things for the pantry, cash for the mistress of the parsonage. Christmas eve, the auxiliary gave Mrs. Trollinger an electric percolator, and at the close of the auxiliary year, Eva Sapp circle, of which she was chairman, gave her a shower of articles peculiar to the fairer sex—and most useful. About 10 days ago the auxiliary had the Duke Power Co. to install a new Kelvinator large enough for any family that might be fortunate enough to live in the parsonage. These personal and parsonage gifts are highly appreciated, and give new courage and determination to exert every effort in the fulfillment of their confidence in us.

Now for the other side. We had been told that an evening service was out of the question. We disproved the statement by having evening services from January to June last year, closing with the vacation season. Following the vacation period, we reopened the evening service with a revival, out of which came more new members, and the largest net increase in membership in 10 years. This is our only comparison of former years. Such comparisons are always unfair to former pastors, and do not give the full weight of the new man.

Comparisons that count are the things done this year as against the record of last year. Work done, things accomplished, ideals achieved by the same group under the same leader are always more inspiring. So we offer such comparisons.

Our evening services have been successful and the record shows more interest and larger results over last year. Sunday school attendance shows an average increase of 20 per cent over last year, and the Sunday school offerings a 25 per cent average increase.

The Woman's Auxiliary made it possible for the junior choir to appear in new vestments on Easter Sunday. The senior choir will wear their new robes Mother's Day, these being the gift of the Business Women's circle.

Plans are now under way by which the church is to be redecorated, the exterior and interior is to receive a new coat of paint, and other improvements along with it. Every department shows improvement over last year, and we predict a greater church and a more spiritual experience for these people in the not far distant future.

Like all the churches I have been privileged to serve, this congregation is not wealthy—they have suffered many reverses and disappointments, and I am happy to say that the spirit of cooperation is more pronounced now than last year—and the spirit of brotherly love has been exemplified, recently, in a way never witnessed by us before.

First church, Winston-Salem, is no longer "marking time"—she is moving out, and as she moves out she moves upward. Beloved, "this is only the beginning—only the beginning." Tomorrow is another day—and this church will be awake with the dawn.

J. L. TROLLINGER.

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West End, Greensboro, Dr. N. G. Bethea, Pastor.—The Junior department had charge of the morning service Easter Sunday. This program was under the direction of Mrs. W. W. Eldridge, superintendent of the junior department.

A number of our young men and women attended the Baraca-Philathea convention held at Oxford, N. C. Mrs. Lois Newman, president of the Philathea class at our church, was selected vice-president of the State Baraca-Philathea Union. Mrs. Newman has been a member of our church about a year. She is a good worker and does her best at all times.

The prayer meetings for the last three weeks have been on subjects concerning our spring revival,—cooperation, personal work, and prayer. Those taking part in these meetings brought us some very good thoughts.

Our revival is now in progress. Rev. C. E. Ridge, of Shiloh charge, Lexington, is conducting the services. There are so many for whom we are praying. Sometimes it seems that our prayers will not be answered, but we know that God does answer prayer. May the Lord give us new faith and courage and help us to go forth and win souls that are out in the dark sea of sin, and help us to so live that we may be a beacon from the lighthouse of our Savior, reaching out and guiding the lost ones to Him. Please remember our church in your prayers. We need it so much.

REPORTER.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, May 2.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday with a very large congregation in attendance. He gave us a very searching message on the subject, "Man at His Best," using as a text Dan. 3:17, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us." This searching message gave us as ndividuals and as a church a challenge to be at our best, when we completely trust God.

Plans are now in the making for our annual home-coming and memorial day which will be observed May 15. A committee composed of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilkes, Mrs. Kyle Sink, and Mrs. Raymond Fritts, is working with the pastor in preparing a program. There will be Sunday school at 9:45, preaching at 11, followed by the memorial service. There will be dinner on the grounds, after which we will have our home-coming service. The address for the afternoon will be delivered by Rev. O. C. Loy, pastor of State Street M. P. church. Special music will be a feature throughout the day, some by visiting singers and some by our local talent. We are hoping that all who can will plan to enjoy the day with us. In order that all the deceased may be remembered, we are asking those who have loved ones buried there to place flowers on the grave for the occasion.

Sunday, May 8, is Mother's Day. There will be a service at Shiloh at 11 o'clock for the mothers, and we are urging that all mothers be present. The C. E. society will be in charge, and we are sure that it will be impressive. At the close of the program we will conduct a bouquet service.

The Mother's class No. 1, had charge of our last monthly prayer service and gave us a very helpful message on the subject, "What Makes Life Worth Living?" The attendance at that service was 111. The attendance at our services seems to be increasing, and we hope that they might be more uplifting, that they might have a greater power and influence on the minds of our church people.

Continue to pray for us, because we feel our need of prayer in the success of the Kingdom's building.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, Pastor, May 9.—We have not had a report for awhile but this is no indication that we haven't been quite busy. A Sunday school has been organized and is going along nicely. The attendance is good and much interest is being shown. We have also laid a new floor in the church.

Sunday evening we observed Memorial day. Our pastor brought us a very inspirational message, using as his subject, "Life's Unseen Monument." Day by day we're building this monument in the minds of other people. Time will not mar these marks, they are indelibly written. The world will remember us by what we do. Character, purity, faithfulness and prayer are some of the things that will linger in the minds of other people as long as they live. Our lives will influence those around us. May we be remembered by good things and not bad ones, for today our monument is not finished. Let us see that we build so it will be an honor to the church, home and community in which we live.

MOZELLE JOHNSON, Reporter.

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West End, Thomasville, State Street Charge, O. C. Loy, Pastor.—Sunday night, April 24, the Woman's Auxiliary closed a very successful baby popularity contest with a total of $91.86 raised. Bobby Clinard and Monie Bell Hamm tied for first place. Second place went to Farrell Long. Prizes will be given to all of the 19 contestants.

On Friday night, April 29, the auxiliary met with Mrs. Charlie Atwood, with the president, Miss Novella Binkley, presiding. The society has just become an auxiliary. Mrs. O. C. Loy presented the budget of $8, which was assigned by the N. C. Branch to our auxiliary.

The following auxiliary secretaries were elected: Thank-offering, Mrs. L. C. Godbey; spiritual life, Mrs. O. C. Loy; young people's work, Miss Lillian Binkley; temperance, Mrs. Carlos Hill; scholarship and workers, Mrs. D. E. Fitzgerald; missionary education, Mrs. S. C. Clinard; pastor's aid, Mrs. Banner Pierce; Christian education, Mrs. Walter Moose; benevolences and stewardship, Mrs. Charlie Atwood; life, memorial, sustaining and perpetual members, Mrs. D. L. Disher; literature, Miss Beulah Templeton.

The auxiliary decided to pay $24 on the church debt and $25 on pastor's salary, also to pay $2 on the College Fund. This church is fortunate to have an auxiliary that takes such a great part in paying the financial obligations of the church. The next auxiliary meeting will be May 27 at the home of Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Loy in Lexington.

REPORTER.

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Friendship Church, Earl A. Cook, Pastor, April 26.—A revival began here on Sunday, April 3. Rev. Mr. Cook did the preaching and brought us some soul-stirring sermons. A large number were converted and nine new members were added to the church. We wish to welcome these and want them to always feel that they are a part of our church.

Dr. J. E. Pritchard was with us on Saturday, April 9. A goodly number were present. Rev. Mr. Pritchard delivered a grand sermon and made a short talk on the Fellowship Crusade. We don't feel we have done our part by the Cursade. Being one of the com-

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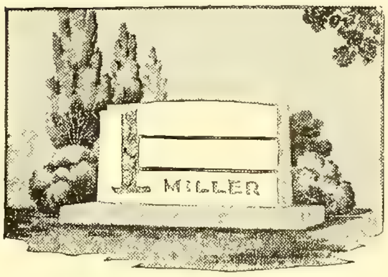

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mittee myself, I am going to do all I can to put our part over. Mr. Cook is very anxious that we get this off our hands as soon as possible.

On Saturday, April 16, death visited our community and took from us one of our oldest members, Mr. J. A. Herlocker. About 18 years ago Mr. Herlocker was stricken with creeping paralysis and has been a complete shut-in for 15 years. Funeral services were held at Friendship Easter Sunday at 4 o'clock with the pastor and Rev. O. B. Williams, of Gibsonville, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the widow and children.

Easter Sunday morning we had a sunrise service at the church. The pastor read a beautiful scripture lesson, and songs were sung appropriate for the occasion. At 9:45 our Sunday school was held, followed by our regular 11 o'clock preaching service. In the evening at 7:30 the children gave an Easter program. All services were enjoyed by every one present.

Our hearts were greatly saddened when news reached us of the almost sudden death of our former pastor's wife, Mrs. R. L. Vickery. We deeply sympathize with Mr. Vickery and the children in their loss.

REPORTER.

Denton Church, Rev. Geo. L. Curry, Pastor.—The Denton church has not been as inactive as the silence of the reporter might indicate. The work has been steadily carried on by our pastor and his wife, and results of their efforts are manifested in many ways.

Holy Week was observed by a series of sermons delivered each evening by the pastor, and the Lord's Supper was observed on Thursday night of that week. A training class for prospective church members resulted in eight persons joining the church on Easter Sunday.

Newly elected officers of the auxiliary were inducted into office on the third Sunday evening in March, when an impressive installation service was held. These are Mrs. Geo. L. Curry, president; Mrs. Geo. C. Haltom, vice-president; Mrs. John F. Mitchell, recording secretary; Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. John Griffis, treasurer. Circle chairmen are Mrs. D. M. Sexton and Mrs. Crola Snyder.

Auxiliary members attending the Branch meeting in Burlington were: Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Mrs. Geo. C. Haltom, and Miss Marjorie Cranford, who are officers of the Branch, and the following delegates: Mrs. Geo. L. Curry, Mrs. Crola Snyder, Miss Edna Morris, and Mrs. N. V. Johnson. There were in addition quite a number of visitors who attended the Wednesday session.

Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams, returned missionaries from China, are to speak at the Denton church on Monday night, May 2.

REPORTER.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Samuel F. Fine

Samuel F. Fine was born March 8, 1858, departed this life March 9, 1938, aged 80 years, and 1 day. He professed religion at an early age and joined the church at Chapel Hill, and lived a faithful life until the end came. He moved to the camp meeting held there for fifty-odd years.

He was married to Martha Loflin in 1877. To this union were born seven children, as follows: W. C. Fine, N. L. Fine, Grady Fine, Mrs. J. C. Morris, Mrs. R. H. Loflin, Mrs. H. P. Smith, and Mrs. W. I. Cole. 26 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, one brother, Thomas M. Fine, and Mrs. L. H. Ferrell, and a host of friends remain to mourn their loss.

The family has our greatest sympathy. Funeral services were conducted at Chapel Hill by the writer. The body was placed in the Chapel Hill cemetery to await that glad morning.

C. L. GRANT.

Mary Nell Armsworthy

The community around West End M. P. church, Thomasville, was recently made sad because of the passing of little Mary Nell Armsworthy. She had been suffering with pneumonia for several weeks prior to her passing, but it was on March 8, 1938, that the angel came to carry her home to her heavenly Father.

She was born January 27, 1936, making her age 2 years, 1 month and 9 days. She was a sweet child and wasloved by all who knew her. The writer has never seen more weeping on the part of non-relatives than he saw at her funeral. The entire community seemed to have been shrouded in darkness, with only that ray of hope shining which we have in Christ.

She was the child of Mr. and Mrs. Armsworthy of West End M. P. church. Both these, with three sisters, Marcolene, Frances,

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and Hilda Brown, survive to mourn their loss. Also three grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Armsworthy, and Mrs. J. M. Alford, as well as a host of relatives and friends of the family.

May the Father of all comfort and sustain the bereaved. O. C. LOY.

Jesse Edgar Blackburn

Jesse Edgar Blackburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherrill Blackburn, was born January 3, 1884, departed this life March 30, 1938, aged 54 years, 2 months and 27 days.

He was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Lee Long in 1904. To this union were born seven children, one of which is deceased. Those surviving are Mrs. Laura Lackey, Reid, Grady, Shannon, James, and Charles.

Brother Blackburn professed faith in Christ in early manhood and united with Lawndale M. P. church, here he remained a faithful member until death. He left behind him a beautiful testimony that he was ready to go.

The funeral was conducted from the Lawndale church by his pastor, assisted by Rev. Mr. Goforth. Interment was in Palm Tree cemetery. T. G. MADISON.

Mrs. Nannie C. Bowers

Mrs. Nannie C. Bowers was born in Davidson county, January 2, 1879, and was the daughter of J. C. and Loretta Hames Jones. She was married to Clark Webster Bowers, October 13, 1897. To this happy union were born four daughters, two of whom survive, and one son. The daughters are: Mrs. Lois C. Furr and Mrs. Ernest L. Johnson, of Winston-Salem. The son is Rev. Thurman F. Bowers, of Greensboro. There is only one grandchild, Doris Marie Farr, of Winston-Salem.

After an illness of 18 months, one week of which was serious, Mrs. Bowers passed from this life to her reward at an early hour the morning of April 5, 1938, at the age of 59 years, three months and three days. She bore her affliction with a patience which was always in evidence, and expressed her willingness to go and humble submission to her transfer from the church militant to the church triumphant.

A member of South Winston Methodist Protestant church since its beginning, Mrs. Bowers was one of the most active and loyal members until her health failed. It was said by neighbors that she, like the Savior, went about doing good. In her going, South Winston church has lost one of its best members. The entire church and community sympathize with the two daughters and one son, also other relatives, in the loss of the mother and grandmother.

Funeral services were held in the home the afternoon of April 7, in charge of the pastor, assisted by Rev. O. B. Williams, former pastor, and Rev. J. L. Martin, a special friend of the family. Her body was tenderly interred beside that of her husband in the High Point cemetery to await the morning of the Resurrection.

C. B. WAY.

John Cornelius Reynolds

Very suddenly on the early morning of March 22, 1938, John Cornelius Reynolds was called away. Mr. Reynolds, the son of Wendlock and Martha Pugh Reynolds, was born on December 28, 1864. He lived 73 years, 2 months and 24 days.

He was first married to Emma Garrett, October 26, 1882. She died September 16, 1905. He then married Ida Woodburn, September 17, 1914. In addition to his wife he is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Henry L. Hanner, of Asheville; Mrs. Ross Bowman, of Greensboro; and Mrs. J. Fred Coble, of Greensboro, route 4. Also four sons: T. B. and Edison V., of Greensboro; and Talton, of the home place; and Floyd, of Greensboro.

He was a member of Tabernacle Methodist Protestant church for a number of years, taking an active part until ill health prevented.

Funeral service was conducted at Tabernacle on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, March 24, the pastor being in charge, assisted by Rev. R. C. Stubbins and Rev. H. L. Isley. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

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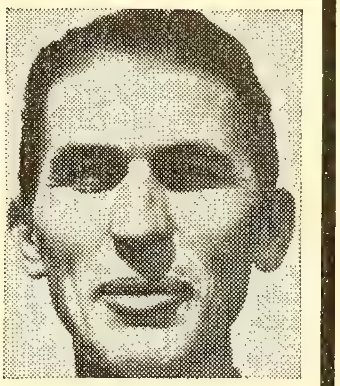

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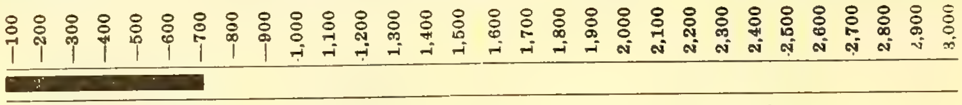

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When I was asked to take over this corner, I told the Editor that I did not know enough people in Randolph county to make it interesting. The former Editor knew so many people from that county that he could pick them out anywhere in the state and give them a boost when they sent in subscriptions from any corner,—if they happened to have originated in Randolph. Great to be able to do a thing like that. Well, I do not suppose that a single subscriber is on the list that was born in my native county, Cumberland, but here is a lady leading the way this week from my adopted county, Alamance. Wish Mrs. Burke from Graham church, would tell us how she keeps the interest in her subscription club there. I am sure it takes persistence to keep it going as anything else worthwhile. But I am sure it would give us all a suggestion to know how she does it. Anyway, Mrs. Burke we thank you for leading the way this time.

Thanks to the one who sent in a payment on subsidy from Hope, Siler City charge. Thank you Mrs. Humphries, Bethany, Flat Rock charge, for a payment also. I could hardly believe that we had let subsidy die a natural death, though it seemed to be taking a vacation or had disappeared from the earth altogether. You folks from these two charges will be good reminders to others who have forgotten this part of their obligation to come across with a payment that will help. Did wou get it, brethren, those of you who have forgotten?

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EARL A. COOK, Pastor.

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Mid-Year Meeting

The Mid-Year meeting was held in the Community Church Thomasville, last Friday. The program was good but the attendance was not what we were expecting. Some ministers were kept away on account of funerals and others perhaps, stayed away because of the threatening weather. But it was a good day any way. According to the reports as sent in by 75 pastors, 548 members have been received during the first half of the year. The amounts raised for various interests are as follows: Seminary, $248.44; Young People's Day, $413.09; Easter offering, $556.70; A. C. Expenses, $1,512.18; College, $979.19.

A Sunday Morning on Why Not Charge

Last Sunday morning was spent at Flag Springs Church on the Why Not Charge, Rev. C. H. Hill, pastor. The services took the form of a circuit rally, although the attendance was cut by a number of memorial services nearby. But those who were present gave good attention to the message and it was an inspiration to preach to them. Just before we arrived at the Church we stopped to see evidences of a new parsonage for the Charge, which parsonage will be built on the highway between Asheboro and Seagrove. The land has been cleared, the well has been dug and brick have been put on the grounds for the building. Brother Hill seems to be busy with the work of the Charge and the people seem to be cooperating with him.

A Sunday Afternoon on Davidson Charge

Getting away from Flag Springs at 12:30, Brother Hill, who was my travelling companion for the day, and I rushed across to Chapel Hill Church on the Davidson Charge, Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor. This was another circuit rally and the attendance was fine. The pastor and people had provided for the morning service and I was to speak at the afternoon service. It was a real pleasure to preach to this inspiring congregation and I trust that much was accomplished. Brother Grant has his work at heart and the people seem to be interested also.

Gleanings from the Quarterly Reports

This week I am beginning to give the substance of the quarterly reports as sent in by the pastors and read at the Mid-Year meeting. It will take several weeks to run all of them on this page but we will finally get it done. The reference to attendance is in answer to a question, "What per cent of your members attend services anything like regularly." The estimated attendance seemed to run considerably higher than when actual count was made. Here is what the reports say:

First Church Thomasville, J. T. Bowman, pastor: Attendance 80%, gain, three members received, salary paid in full, took offerings for Seminary, Young People's Day and Easter, A. C. Expenses and College assessment paid in full, 110 hymnals purchased, half of subscriptions and subsidy secured, more than half of world service paid.

Haw River, C. W. Bates, pastor: Attendance 40%, one or two churches little better, some gain, two members received, salary not paid in full, took Seminary, Young People's Day and Easter offerings, A. C. Expenses in full, paid part of college assessment, repairing and painting Midway Church, repairs on parsonage.

Kannapolis, D. T. Huss, pastor: Attendance 60%, good gain, five members received, salary not paid in full, took offering for Seminary, Young People's Day and Easter, part of A. C. Expenses, College assessment and A. C. Debt raised, church debt reduced, new furniture for parsonage.

Henderson, T. J. Whitehead, pastor: Attendance, 35-40%, considerable gain, 12 members received, salary paid in full, Seminary, Young People and Easter offering taken, A. C. Expenses in full, half of Colege assessment raised, HERALD subsidy paid.

Seagrove-Lovejoy, E. G. Cowan, pastor: Attendance, 75%, a decided gain, three members received, salary not quite paid in full, took offering for Seminary, Young People and Easter, part of A. C. Expenses and part of College assessment raised.

Concord, E. O. Peeler, pastor: Attendance, 75%, big gain, 35 members received, salary paid in full, Seminary, Young People and Easter offerings taken, Stewards working on A. C. Expenses and College assessment, $20 a month sent to Children's Home, Church building completed and paid for, organ installed, raised for Church building, $5000 this year.

First Church, Lexington, L. E. Mabry, pastor: Attendance 70-90%, good gain, seven members received, salary not paid in full, took Young People's Day and Easter offering, paid part of A. C. Expenses and part of College assessment, refinished interior of Church, new doors and windows, new altar, kneeling pad, and painted inside of auditorium.

St. Paul, A. D. Shelton, pastor: Estimated attendance 60%, a gain, 15 new members, Church's part of salary paid to date, A. C. Expenses paid in full.

Fountain Place, Burington, R. E. L. Moser, pastor: Attendance 60%, gain, one member received, salary paid in full to date, took offering at Young People's Day and Easter.

Halifax Charge, W. M. Howard, Jr., pastor: Attendance 30%, slight gain, no new members received, salary not paid in full, took Seminary, Young People's Day and Easter offering, paid part of A. C. Expenses, paid part of College assessment.

North Davidson, W. H. Neese, pastor: Attendance 75%, gain, two new members, salary not paid in full, took Seminary, Young People's Day and Easter offering, paid part of A. C. Expenses and part of College assessment; Mount Pleasant bought and paid for new pews, repainting; repainting Bethesda; set shrubbery at Spring Hill.

Randleman, C. L. Spencer, pastor: Attendance 30%, gain, eight new members, salary not paid in full, took offering for Seminary, Young People's Day and Easter, paid part of A. C. Expenses.

Gibsonville, O. B. Williams, pastor: Attendance 65%, a gain, two new members, salary paid in full, took offering for Young People's Day and Easter, paid two-thirds of College assessment, new basement under way to cost $400.

Saxapahaw, E. A. Bingham, pastor: Attendance 50%, about same as last year, one new member, salary not paid in

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Oliver Cromwell Prays for His People

It is said just a day or two before his death, the Great Commoner realized that he soon must die and his heart went out to God for his people in this prayer:

"Lord, though I am a miserable and wretched creature, I am in covenant with Thee through grace. And I may, I will, come to Thee, for Thy people. Thou hast made me, though very unworthy, a mean instrument to do them good, and Thee service; and many of them have set too high a value upon me, though others wish and would be glad of my death; Lord, however Thou dispose of me, continue and go on to do good for them. Give them consistency of judgment, one heart, and mutual love; and go on to deliver them, and with the work of reformation; and make the name of Christ glorious in the world. Teach those that look too much on Thy instruments, to depend more upon Thyself. Pardon such as desire to trample upon the dust of a poor worm, for they are Thy people too. And the folly of this short prayer;—even for Jesus Christ's sake. And give us a good night, if it be Thy pleasure. Amen.

"Of all the reasons why Christian people miss the indispensable fruit of real Christianity in service none is commoner than this; religion of itself can become one of the most selfish influences in life. Men can accept religion, love it, cleave to it, not from any unselfish motives whatsoever but solely because of the inward peace, the quieted conscience, and the radiant hope which they themselves get from it. Religion becomes not a stimulus but a sedative; it is used not as an inspiration to service but as a substitute for it."—*Harry Emerson Fosdick.*

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The Mid-Year Meet

The meeting was held at Community Church, Thomasville, Brother Auman and his congregation proved themselves to be most considerate of our every need. President Pritchard had arranged a program for both morning and afternoon consisting of two devotional services: in the morning Brother Braxton had charge and in the afternoon Dr. Paschall was in charge; Dr. E. H. Blackard, pastor of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, was the guest speaker; he brought to us a most interesting account of some of the proceedings of the recent General Conference at Birmingham. Although the attendance at the meeting was not what President Pritchard expected, it was quite a worthwhile meeting.

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Unifying Conference to Meet

Bishop Moore, chairman of the General Committee on Methodist Union, has set April 26, 1939, as the date for the three conferences to meet to complete plans for uniting the three bodies of Methodism. The place of meeting is yet to be chosen. This conference will determine how Union shall be consummated. Committees on boundaries, boards and institutions, etc., will be appointed then, possibly, and the details of working out the completed Union will be in their hands. But let us not lose sight of the fact that the Plan, as already adopted, puts the tasks of uniting local churches into the hands of the memberships of these local churches.

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Help for Today

Someone wrote:

"Build a little fence of trust
Around today;
Fill the space with loving work,
And therein stay.
Look not through the sheltering bars
Upon tomorrow;
God will help thee bear what comes
Of toil or sorrow."

He or she has made a wise discovery who has found the means of help for today. There is a past rich with the discoveries, the sacrifices, the faith and the devotion of men. There is a Golden Age before, a Utopia which lifts its towers and pinnacles above the clouds to gladden the eyes of those who can see. The past will never return, and the future may withhold its choice gifts from us. But the present is ours. Today is here for us to do with it and to do for it what we please. He who can "Build a fence of trust around today" and can consume its golden hours in loving toil, needs no other gift to make him happy beyond the fondest dreams of all who live in the past or who spend today dreaming of a future which his eyes may never behold. The writer of old was a realist, but he gave us good advice when he said, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

"So let the way wind up the hill or down,
Tho' rough or smooth, the joy will be joy;
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,
New friendships, high adventure and a crown,
I shall grow old, but never lose the zest,
Because the road's last turn will be the best."
—*Henry Van Dyke.*

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Changing People's Ideals

Once in a while you hear some one say with great emphasis, "You can't change human nature." Since we do not know just what they mean by the statement we shall not contend they are wrong. But one thing is certain you can change people's opinions about things, and you can go further than that, and change their ideals. Many is the person who has gotten new inspiration and new ideals from some experience of others as he read or heard of or saw the heroism or the beauty of their lives. There is the story of Saul of Tarsus, his ideal was the ideal of a Pharisee as to religion. His opinion was that all who dared to oppose or differ from his manner of life were not worthy to live. But out of this fanatic, this persecutor of the folowers of Jesus, came the great missionary to the gentiles. His opinion was changed, he got a new set of ideals and his entire nature, i.e. his attitudes were changed. Physically, he may not have been changed, but morally and religiously he was entirely made over.

History is so full of incidents like the above that we do not need to refer to them; and yet it is easy for one in his moments of failure; it may be days of defeat when his labors and plans all appear to fail, to listen to the Siren voice as it soothingly says, "Do not worry, you cannot change human nature anyway." We are told this about war, about drunkenness, about murder, theft, etc., and yet there walks before us today those who declare most truthfully, "By the grace of God I am what I am." Or "But for the grace of God I would be a drunkard, or a liar, or a thief." And it is the business of the Church, the task of the preacher and the religious teacher to change the ideals of people so that they will live noble, useful, unselfish lives.

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A Parable on Co-operation

And it came to pass when the Annual Conference had appointed its pastors and completed its program for the year that it adjourned. And there were some pastors and laymembers who were not pleased with what had been done by the Annual Conference. And as these went to their homes they said within themselves this Annual Conference is a hard master, reaping where it has not sown and gathering where it has not strewn. I am resolved what I shall do. I will not do this thing which it appointed me to do; and when the time of accounting shall come I will say this task which thou gavest us to do was entirely too much for us—it was quite beyond our strength. And so we have not done it; we are sorry. And as the days passed by these have been true to their resolve.

And there were others who said within their hearts the very same thing, but it may be this Annual Conference shall doubt our word when we say that it was because of great poverty that we have not done what we were asked to do, and we may bring down upon our heads the wrath of this "Old Taskmaster"; so let us go to now and say that we had need of paying off some back salary due a former pastor, and to paint our Church, it was needing it—had needed it before; and we are beautifying our Church grounds and since we have carried the debt on our Church so long we thought now was a good time to begin paying it; therefore, please excuse us if we shall fail to do the things we have been asked to do this time. We know those things you asked us to do ought to be done and we hope somebody will do them, but please excuse us for this once.

And behold there were others who felt as did these aforenamed as they went down to their homes, i.e., that they had been given a tremendous task to perform. But they said within their hearts, our Annual Conference would not have asked us to do the impossible, so however hard it may be for others and for us, we are resolved what we will do: we will call our people together and say unto them, Come on now, we have a great task, the biggest job we have yet been given; so let every one help to do it. And they began at once to lay their plans and to work their plans and when the indifferent people saw they had a mind to work every one did his part faithfully and the whole task will be completed by the time allotted. And what will the Annual Conference say to these faithful ones when again they shall meet?

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The President's Letter

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full, Seminary offering taken, some money raised for other purposes, revival in progress at Saxapahaw.

First Church, High Point, J. C. Madison, pastor: Attendance 40%, a gain during spring, 48 members received, salary not paid in full, took offering for Seminary, Young People and Easter, part of building redecorated, self-denial offering of $250 for Fellowship Crusade.

Friendship-Love's Grove, Earl A. Cook, pastor: Attendance 60% at Friendship; 40% at Love's Grove, gain, thirteen members received, 85% of salary paid, took offering for Young People's Day and Easter, A. C. Expenses and College assessment partly paid, Sunday School rooms built at Friendship, church painted at Love's Grove, parsonage screened and painted; all claims paid at Love's Grove, Friendship will pay remainder of claims this week.

Mill Grove, Earl A. Cook, pastor: Attendance 60%, some gain, one member received, 90% of salary paid, Easter offering taken, church debt reduced.

Yarborough, T. H. Vickery, pastor: Attendance, 75%, decided gain, took Easter offering, paid A. C. Expenses, plans made for painting Harmony Church, HERALD quota almost met.

Mebane, D. I. Garner, pastor: Attendance 60%, gain, seven new members, salary not paid in full, took offering for Seminary, Young People and Easter, raised A. C. Expenses and part of College assessment.

Danville, R. L. Vickery, pastor: Attendance 60-70%, gain, 14 members received, salary not paid in full, raised A. C. Expenses.

Vance, J. D. Cranford, pastor: Attendance 65%, noticeable gain, six members received, salary not paid in full, took offering for Young People and at Easter, raised part of A. C. Expenses and part of college assessment, placed gas range in parsonage at cost of $79; painting Gillburg Church at cost of $75.

Shelby-Caroleen, L. S. Helms, pastor: Attendance 75%, decided gain, 75 members received, salary not paid in full, nothing paid on assessments, improvements on Church building and grounds.

Announcements

Sunday, May 22—Glen Raven Charge, Haw River, at 11 a. m. and Glen Raven at 8 p. m.

Sunday, May 29—11 a. m., attending services in First Church, High Point, in connection with Commencement sermon, High Point College.

Sunday, May 29—3 p. m. at Pleasant Union Church on Mt. Pleasant Charge in memorial services for Rev. J. H. Bowman.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

A STATEMENT OF HERALD SUBSCRIPTIONS COMPARED WITH MID-YEAR LAST YEAR

	1937	1938	Pledged or Paid for Crusade
Alamance	12	25	$ 35.00
Albemarle	7½	6	5.00
Anderson	10	5½	8.50
Asheville	3½	6½	22.00
Burlington	20	17	. . . .
Fountain Place	12	8	62.00
Charlotte	..	6	. . . .
Cleveland	41	41½	180.45
Concord	24	6½	. . . .
Connelly Springs	..	3½	. . . .
Creswell	4½	3½	19.00
Danville	6	9½	. . . .
Davidson	3	7	6.00
Denton	36½	18	. . . .
Draper	7	2½	. . . .
Enfield	6½	7½	. . . .
Fallston	10	12	. . . .
Flat Rock	9½	8	. . . .
Friendship-Love's Grove	12	14½	86.00
Forsyth	5	10½	. . . .
Gibsonville	7½	8	16.00
Glen Raven	11½	10	50.00
Graham	18½	23½	. . . .
Granville	30	8	. . . .
Calvary	25	12	. . . .
Grace	14	38	550.00
West End	25	19½	40.00
St. Paul	3	4	. . . .
Greensville	31½	16½	. . . .
Guilford	12	10½	. . . .
Halifax	9	6	11.00
Henderson	13	10½	150.00
High Point, First	27½	26½	300.00
Rankin Memorial	7½	3½	. . . .
Lebanon	1	7	80.50
Welch Memorial	4½	4½	. . . .
Kannapolis	5	6½	50.00
Kernersville	5	12½	. . . .
Lexington, First	11	9	5.00
Lexington, State Street	11	4	. . . .
Liberty	13	7	50.00
Lincolnton-Bess Chapel	14	8½	10.00
Littleton	6½	11	. . . .
Mebane	8½	6½	13.00
Midway	5½	5½	. . . .
Mecklenburg	½	. . . .	. . . .
Mill Grove	5½	7½	10.50
Mocksville	4½	1½	. . . .
Mt. Hermon	26½	24½	. . . .
Mt. Pleasant	16½	28	251.00
North Davidson	6	17½	35.00
Orange	18½	30	375.00
Pensacola	3	2½	. . . .
Pine Bluff	1	2½	5.25
Pinnacle and Mt. Zion	4½	3½	. . . .
Pleasant Grove	13½	11	. . . .
Porter	..	2	2.00
Randleman	14	21½	20.00
Randolph	12½	13½	19.50
Reidsville	8	6	28.75
Richland	2½	4½	. . . .
Roberta	7½	1½	. . . .
Rockingham	2	1½	3.00
Seagrove-Love Joy	3½	6½	. . . .
Shelby-Caroleen	1½	1½	. . . .
Shiloh	5	13	147.00
Spencer	..	1½	. . . .
Spring Church	10	4½	. . . .
Tabernacle	19½	11½	. . . .
Community	8½	12½	106.00
Thomasville, First Church	12½	12½	29.00
Union Grove	1½	5½	32.00
Vance	12½	12½	. . . .
W. Forsyth	6	6½	12.00
Whitakers	12	9½	40.00
Why Not	18	3½	. . . .
Winston	9½	4½	65.00
Yarborough	7½	6½	5.25
Siler City	14½	13	67.00
Asheboro	17	7½	600.00
Saxapahaw	8	8	75.00
Haw River	13	10½	38.00

These Churches Have Reached Three Objectives

Kistler's Union, Cleveland Charge; Pine Grove, Siler City Charge; Grace Church; Brower's Chapel, Richland Charge; Central Church, Asheboro; Hebron Church, Orange Charge; and Union Grove, Orange Charge.

Chestnut Ridge Church, Orange Charge, has reached first and third objectives.

NOTE: The reports for the Fellowship Crusade are far from complete; there were several pastors who made no report in the above tabulation, although their charges had pledged something to the Crusade. Several pastors report that their churches will raise the total amount apportioned them before Conference. This statement is given that all may see what churches are really taking the Crusade seriously to date. Later, we shall endeavor to tabulate the response of the people to the four items in the first objective.

R. M. ANDREWS, *Director.*

Fellowship Crusade Briefs

Last Sunday we supplied the pulpit at Glen Raven for Pastor Troxler. Brother Troxler was able to attend the morning worship service, we are pleased to announce. At this service we presented the Fellowship Crusade and received a splendid endorsement from the members present, however the members present was few comparatively speaking. We are not sure just how much was pledged but think there was nearly $50.00 subscribed and paid.

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Far be it from me that I should sin against Jehovah in ceasing to pray for you.—1 Sam. 12:23.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Are We All Making Liquor?

Our Federal Government is sponsoring a vast rum-making business in the Virgin Islands. It comes under the P.W.A. program. Back in the days of prohibition the people of the island found going pretty hard since markets were legally closed to their wares. But as soon as the dry law was laid safely away in the tomb, our Uncle Samuel proceeded to rehabilitate the liquor industry in the Islands which had by this time grown poor raising bread, chickens, and ordinray sugar. And in order to do the job up right we put the United States Treasury behind it and supplied the needed capital. Now the business is thriving again and all of us who claim to be American citizens, I suppose, may take part of the credit for the expansion of the trade. Are we all making liquor?

When I first read of the great rum project financed by our public money I was almost bewildered. I could hardly believe it. Of course I knew that our government *permitted* the manufacture and sale of hard beverages, but it was more than I could take in to hear that the government itself was actually *making* the rum. So long as the authorities merely allowed it, I could count myself out. But when our own Federal Government takes the money from taxes from all the people and turns it into rum for the market, that takes me in too; and I never wanted to be called a liquor-maker! Now there seems to be no choice left I am a part of the country and my country makes liquor. I may vote for and speak for the dry cause all I please, yet I know my government, to which I try to be loyal, is making the very product I am preaching against.

Yes, we are in the business now. Before attempting to discuss this strange question I wrote our Washington office of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions for information. Material was sent me immediately. I have before me the official report by Mr. Brown who is in charge of the Virgin Islands Company. According to this report we have already actually sold over 121,000 gallons of rum, and we have 430,000 gallons more placed in charred oak ballers to be aged. The business is doing well.

Several problems grow out of this complicated situation. For one thing, some will say that we little fellows are not paying Federal taxes and therefore need not let our consciences be disturbed. But as every economist knows, the average run of humanity always pays the taxes. We may not be the ones who write the checks, but we are the ones who pay them. You buy a Ford car, for example, you may think nothing about paying a tax. But Mr. Ford who does pay an income tax adds it to the cost of all of his cars and we pay it for him. A good business man—and Ford is one—will pass the tax on to the consumer. It becomes a part of the cost of production, then the purchaser, you see, really pays that tax. So the big man may write the check and get the receipt but we pay the tax. And it is this tax with which Washington is making the rum in the Virgin Islands.

For another thing, it puts a strain on one's patriotism. A person hardly knows whether he is innocent or guilty. He hardly knows whether to rail at the government and save his conscience or praise the "powers that be" and put his conscience to sleep.

Still again, it weakens the argument for temperance. If the government itself makes rum why should not anyone else do so? Where is the logic for condemning a thing that the central authority itself actually does? The puny voice of a local pleader is faint indeed against the all-powerful spokesmen who represent the entire nation! Let a local person speak against the evils of rum-making and he has his own government on the opposite side. His argument is neutralized, for as I said, the money he gets for preaching the sermon goes on its way to support the state, in part, and helps make more rum.

To be sure the Virgin Islands project claims to be a rehabilitation scheme. No doubt many native families have been benefitted from the new employment. I can appreciate that side of the affair, and I think real human good has come from the enterprise. At the same time we are making rum with public money, and that is what I don't like. We are told to render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and unto God what is God's, but I want to know where Caesar's rights stop and Christ's begin. Can anyone inform me?

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SERVING THROUGH CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

International Sunday School Lesson for May 22, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 12:13-17, 28-34.

Golden Text—"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Mark 12:31.

In our lesson today the first thing that catches my attention is the unity of the forces of evil. The Pharisees and the Herodians represented two opposing factions, one opposed to the Roman government, the other in favor of it. But when the Kingdom of Evil found itself threatened by the Kingdom of God these two opposing factions could and did come together to defeat the Christ. This remarkable unity in the forces of unrighteousness suggests the power of evil in our world and the tremendous difficulty that lies before the Church and Christianity in their effort to overcome the same. Beware, O Church, lest ye think your task too easy and waste your time with little things—"mint and anise and cummin."

The question asked by these Pharisees and Herodians concerning the giving of tribute or taxes to Caesar was designed to entrap the Master regardless of which way He answered. To have endorsed the giving of tribute would have brought on the ill will of the Pharisees and the people. To have renounced the giving of tribute would have invited the displeasure of the Roman authorities. Christ suspecting their intentions gives a very clever answer, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." Later on in the course of the same conversation He was asked by one of the scribes who evidently was more sincere which was the first commandment. Jesus answered as a true son of the Synagogue in the words of an ancient prophet, the words that every pious Jew well knew, "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord." Then he added that the second commandment was similar, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

This lesson naturally suggests a discussion of the relationship between Church and State and the possibility of a conflict between conscience and law. Today, such a topic is a very timely one.

It is very easy to interpret Christ's answer to this first question to mean that God and the State are two separate and equal powers with no relationship one to the other. That is somewhat of the theory underlying our supposed separation of State and Church. This interpretation of course is false in two ways: First, if God be God then there can be no other power equal to Him. Second, to speak of the complete separation of State and Church sounds all right in theory but in actual practice there can be no two dynamic forces in human society that do not have a mutual influence one upon the other. There is a realm in which the individual is a free moral agent, a realm of authority which belongs to him. But at the same time God has a will for him, and he is a righteous individual in so far as his will is brought to coincide with the will of God. In so far as he disobeys God he becomes the victim of his own sin and stupidity. In other words the individual is never supreme but is an instrument of either good or of evil. In like manner there is a realm of authority which belongs to the state as it seeks to inforce the will of the people in preserving law and order. But at the same time God, too, has a will, and the State, too, is either an instrument of righteousness or an instrument of unrighteousness. It, too, may become the victim of its own sin and stupidity. Likewise the Church has its realm of authority. However, it is not supreme but an instrument and tragically enough it may become the instrument of the devil. I do not believe that Christ in His first answer was simply being clever. In a very true sense the individual, the State, the Church, yes, we must give Caesar his due. But at the same time our first responsibility, individually and collectively, is to ascertain the will of God, to proclaim it, to live by it and to become the instruments thereof. The Church is not an instrument of the State nor the State of the Church nor the individual of either but each is an instrument of God. and each in its own right may have inspiration from Him. The essence of moral freedom is freedom to live and act according to that Light regardless of the consequences.

I believe that the above proposition is included in the first commandment as quoted by Jesus. The commandment to love one's neighbor as oneself is a fulfillment of the first. Jesus always derived His ethic from the will of God. In the Christian sense love is a way of behavior rather than a simple emotion. To love is to act for the best interest of another. But God loves men and seeks their welfare. If we are to do His will we, too, must love men and seek their well being. The Sabbath for man and not man for the Sabbath; the State for man and not man for the State; the Church for man and not man for the Church, but all for God as an expression of His will and love for a world of people. To me this gives a sound basis upon which patriotism is to be judged. I must be loyal to the State so long as the State remains the instrument of God in working for the welfare of the masses of men. When the State obviously becomes the instrument of evil it becomes my duty to resist its policy even to the extent of giving my life in opposition thereto.

Those who have pledged themseves never to fight in international warfare are open to much criticism. It is difficult to know just how sincere and mature these declarations are, but at least we cannot accuse them of being unpatriotic. When the State becomes the instrument of evil it soon becomes the victim of evil. It may be far more patriotic to refuse to fight than to become party to corporate iniquity. In fact, sufficient light has been revealed to make it difficult to believe that any war today can be the expression of the will of God in His love for men. To love one's enemy is not urged on by a rage of hatred to seek his life; and to love one's neighbor is not to remain loyal to the State or Church or the economic system that is exploiting that neighbor. The scribe admitted that to love God with all one's heart and to love one's neighbor as oneself was true, the right thing, in fact about the same thing, and Jesus said, "Thou art not far from the Kingdom of God." His kingdom is a kingdom of humanity cemented in brotherhood by the Divine Love of God, wherein individuals and institutions are the instruments of His will.

HOW ONE "LORD'S ACRE" PROJECT CAME TO BE

The Fellowship club, an organization of young people in Fairview Church, Anderson Charge, were planting an oak on the Church grounds, to be known as the "Fellowship Club Oak." They evidenced so much real pleasure in the process, combining the social element with the industrial or labor and religious elements (for they dedicated the tree by prayer) that it seemed opportune to suggest a Lord's Acre project. Full endorsement was given by the members present.

The following Sunday the men of the Church were asked to provide an acre of land to be planted to cotton for Kingdom service. The response was: "Make it FOUR acres instead of one." "Good, four times as good," said the club. At 3:30 in the afternoon of the day agree upon a group of forty people, men, women, and children ranging in age from two years to seventy years, assembled to dedicate the project to the purpose for which it was intended.

Following a brief statement as to the purpose of the project and of the gathering, a prayer of dedication and for blessing was offered in the spirit of true worship. Then followed a responsive reading of Scripture verses relating to agricuture. Then a hymn written for such occasions, set to the tune: "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," a closing prayer, and a brief statement of the manifest spirit of co-operation.

The group dispersed, happy in the new experience and hopeful for a reasonable yield. The plowing and the planting, halted for the dedicatory service, went merrily on, almost finishing by nightfall.

T. M. Johnson.

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We regret to chronicle the passing of Dr. Hugh L. Elderdice. This generation knew him as President Elderdice, for it was as President of Westminster Theological Seminary that he endeared himself to thousands of our people. Dr. Elderdice retired from the office of president only a few years ago and was succeeded by Dr. E. C. Forlines.

DR. HUGH LATIMER ELDERDICE

Dr. Elderdice first saw the light of day in a Methodist Protestant parsonage, July 24, 1860, in Carlisle, Pa., and fell on sleep May 12, 1938, in Westminister, Md. Perhaps, a hundred ministers, representing most all races and denominations, attended the colorful funeral held in his home church. The cross section of Westminster's population in attendance was beautiful to behold. All felt they would never see his like again.

If a cross section of the life of Westminster attended Dr. Elderdice's funeral, one might say, it was conducted by a cross section of his denomination. Among the notables taking part were the President of the General Conference, the President of the Maryland Annual Conference, the President of Western Maryland College, the President of Westminster Theological Seminary and one of the Seminary professors, the Editor of the *Methodist Protestant-Recorder,* and the pastor of the local Methodist Protestant Church.

To me, Dr. Elderdice was a unique man and his funeral service was highly unique. No hymns were sung. No sermon preached. No eulogies pronounced. And one felt that such would be utterly inadequate for the occasion. A couple of his favorite poems by J. G. Whittier were read, together with a hymn that he quoted from before his translation. Many of his favorite, marked verses taken from his well-worn Bible were read. A scripture lesson, a brief resume of his ministerial work was read and a prayer that touched all our hearts. The casket was banked in flowers, and all arrangements highly fitting.

Dr. J. H. Straughn called attention to Dr. Elderdice's systematic custom of daily Bible reading that I feel is worthy of passing on. When a freshman at Western Maryland College, January 1, 1879, he began an average of reading three chapters each week day and five on Sundays, thereby reading the Bible through each year. Along about October he finished the Old Testament. This helpful custom he kept up till God said it was enough. If he had been allowed to have finished out this year, he woud have read his Bible through in that systematic way sixty times.

Those solemn words, "They rest from their labors," took on new and deeper meaning, for me, after looking on his serene, benign, restful countenance. All knew that his monument was not the modest stone in the Westminster Cemetery marked "Elderdice," but the magnificant Westminster Theological Seminary, and the host of ministers he had trained and the greater host of laity, whom he had influenced to live better lives. Thousands rise up to call him blessed.

During the funeral hour the clouds were lowering in darkness, and it was raining amost in torrents. There lay that familiar face almost smiling. So firm was his faith in God, and so brave was his soul, that he was able to go on smiling, joking and shedding sunshine in the darkest hours of his life and in death he had not lost that heavenly gift. Goodbye till we meet again!

Rev. W. A. Ledford.

Laytonsville, Md.

The height of human wisdom is to bring our tempers down to our circumstances and to make a calm within, under the weight of the greatest storm without.—*Defoe.*

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR ANNUAL LEADERSHIP EDUCATION SCHOOL

Our seventeenth annual summer school of Leadership Education will be held the week of June 20-25, inclusive, at High Point College with all the best features of former schools. The details of the school will be announced from week to week through the pages of The Herald.

The third Monday afternoon in June will find about two hundred of our people, mostly young folks, gathering at High Point College for our annual Leadership Education school which will offer a week of actual living under Christian guidance. The program is an exceedingly rich one in spiritual and fellowship opportunities. Both First and Second Series courses will be offered under competent leaders; lectures and discussions on live issues will be heard and participated in; as well as a varied social and recreational program provided.

The total cost of the school, including book rental, room, and meals, will be the same as last year, namely: $6.75. Day students will pay $1.75. As heretofore, students provide their own towels, bed linen, and pillow. Remember to bring sport clothes and equipment.

The five evening programs promise to be the very best with a musical festival on Monday night, a play on Tuesday evening, and addresses by different outstanding leaders the remaining three nights.

Students interested in working all or part of their way through the school should make application immediately to Rev. J. Clyde Auman, 411 West Main Street, Thomasville, N. C. Inclose your pastor's reference with your application for more rapid results.

This week a news letter and printed bulletin is going out to all our pastors. If interested in the school ask your pastor to let you see this material, or write

Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, *Dean,*
222 North Edgeworth Street,
Greensboro, N. C.

GOOD FOR ALL BOYS

When James A. Garfield was a young man a printed slip was given him by an aged friend, which he carefully cherished to the end of his life. It read: "Make few promises. Always speak the truth. Never speak ill of any. Good character is above everything else. Keep your own secrets, if you have any. Do not marry until you are able to support a wife. Keep yourself honest if you would be happy. When you speak to a person look into his eyes. Make no haste to be rich if you would prosper. Spend less than you earn. Save or invest the balance. Live within your income. Save when you are young to spend when you are old. Never run into debt unless you see a way out again. Good company and good conversation are the sinews of virtue. Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts. If any one speaks evil of you, let your life be so that no one will believe him. When you retire at night think over what you have been doing during the day. Never be idle; if your hands cannot be employed usefully attend to the cultivation of your mind."

Our Children's Home

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

We are away from home with a group of children for five days visiting several of the charges in the First District. Will go down as far as Creswell. So cannot make the regular report this week.

To the Mothers in Our Churches

Children's Home Day is set for Thursday, June 30. A program will be given beginning at 10 o'clock a.m.

We are asking you please to sponsor the offering for us. Hold a mothers' meeting, talk it over, and plan for the very best possible offering. Unless we get a good offering for that day we will not be able to keep out of debt this year. Will you undertake this for us? We believe you will. But it will be so good to know. It will relieve us of a terrific suspense if you will tell us you will. So please use a postal card and write to us soon and tell us what church you represent, and that you will help organize. Please let us hear from you at once. Thank you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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SIX MONTHS' WORK

Six months ago we went to press with our Children's Home History with only our faith in Methodist Protestants and their love for the Home backing us. Today we make the following report:

Expenses	$272.01
Collected	308.32
Copies sent out on orders	486
Copies on hand, about	450

We have booklets in 23 states. From 1 to 25 copies went out to each branch meeting—62 copies went out from our own meeting at Burlington.

People write: "We are so glad to learn more about the Home and children we study about in our missionary societies." "I hope my order is not too late to get a copy." "I have read the booklet but want one of my own to keep."

You have helped make this project a success. Its aim was to create more interest in the Home and to raise a sum for the same. We appreciate this help, now won't you please give us your best until we have sold the last copy? Thank you.

Everyone loves the orphan child. Put across some big project, either individually or through some organization in your church, get behind it and push it to a finish, it will give you one of the greatest thrills of your life.

Now that our expenses are paid, only the mailing cost will have to come out of the rest. This will leave a nice sum for the Home. We are looking for the money you have collected and orders for more booklets.

MABEL RUSSELL.
High Point, N. C., Box 1323.

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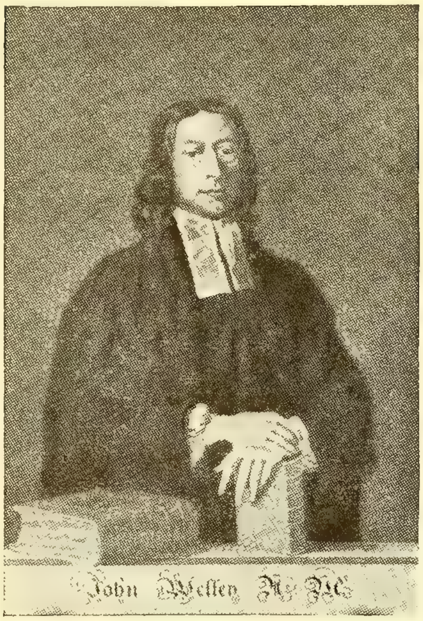
NOTICE

The second quarterly conference of Orange charge will be held at Hebron church, Sunday afternoon, May 29, at 3 o'clock, immediately following the district rally. All members are urged to be present with their reports. C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.


John Weſley M. A.

From an engraving appearing in the First Edition of the John Wesley Testament, printed in 1755, now owned by the Harvard Divinity School. This engraving was made from a painting by John Williams, and shows the leader of the Revival at the threshold of his maturity. Reproduced as the frontispiece of the new Aldersgate Commemoration Edition of "The New Testament translated by John Wesley," just released by a prominent publisher.

"By the Rev. J. WESLEY, M. A."

So reads the title page of

"The
NEW TESTAMENT
with
An ANALYSIS
of
The several BOOKS and CHAPTERS"

—publised in London in 1790 and better known today as the **translation** edition of the Wesleyan New Testament.

The Wesleyan New Testament had passed through several editions and revisions since 1755. In none of them nor in this 1790 edition do the title pages direct attention to the major factor of the work—that their texts were not the King James Version, or Authorized Version, but John Wesley's independent translation, made because he felt that the King James Version could be improved in three ways: better text, better sense, better English.

In this book, printed a year before Wesley's death, lay the soul of his ministry, for it was the product of 50 years of painstaking labor, study and revision. In it lay the master key to his message. It was designed to be the golden harvest of his life work, and of it he had written to his brother, "I do not think (to tell you a secret) that the work will ever be destroyed, church or no church."

It is most likely, in the habit of authors, that John Wesley's remarks "To the Reader" were written after the main body of the book. The last paragraph of these introductory pages reflects the sincerity of his project's conception and execution:

"4. I advise every one, before he reads the Scripture, to use this or the like prayer:

"'Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.'"

JOHN WESLEY.

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IT'S TIME TO GET READY

One month from the day after the date of the publication of this edition, June 20, the Summer Leadership Education School will start at High Point College. And as usual, the opening session will be a program of music, or Music Appreciation Night. We say, "as usual"; by that we trust it will not be construed to mean that there will be the usual routine. To the contrary, we hope to make this a real program of splendid music. If pastors, young people's workers, choir directors, and the like, will cooperate with us, and act promptly, this can be accomplished. Here's how:

Directors of young people's choirs, inform the writer of this article immediately by postal card that you will have a participating choir on this program, and give him the titles of two numbers to be rendered (at least one of which should be sacred). Whether your choir has recently been organized or if it has had considerable experience, enter it as a participant. And please don't wait; send that postal card right away.

If any church can furnish a young people's mixed or male quartet, that will be very acceptable, PROVIDED they arrive at the college sufficiently early to give us an audition, to ascertain if the type of music used will be suitable. It does not necessarily have to be difficult or classical, but it must be of a high type. The names of the members of the quartet and titles of the musical numbers must be sent to the writer promptly.

Should there be any promising and capable instrumentalists in your church, whatever their instruments may be, we can use them, if we do not have too many applications. The names of the musicians, titles of their numbers, and the instruments they play must also be forwarded to him whose name appears below. Act at once, and let us make this a memorable occasion.

E. LESTER BALLARD.
165 Hillside St., Asheville, N. C.

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FOURTEENTH DISTRICT RALLY

Knob Creek Church, Fallston Charge
May 29, 1938

Beginning at 11 A.M., Rev. T. G. Madison, presiding.

Hymn: Congregation.
Special music: Hebron.
Sermon: Rev. W. L. Harkey.
Lunch.

Afternoon Session, 1 P.M., Mrs. B. L. Heavner, presiding.

Hymn: Congregation.
Devotional: Mrs. Luther Houser.
Solo: Miss Kate Hendrick.
Echoes from Branch Meeting.
Business Session.
Remarks.
Benediction.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

First M. P. Church, Danville, Va., Rev. R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—We wish to extend the hand of Christian fellowship and a glad welcome to Mr. Cecil Cole, Mr. B. A. Forbes, and Mr. Lowell Vickery, who were baptized two weeks ago, and Mrs. B. A. Forbes, coming to us by letter. We also welcome our two youngest members, little Doris Elma Parker and B. A. Forbes, Jr., the first and only babies to be christened in our church. The parents of these children, though very young, have filled a space in the work here and in our hearts, that would be hard for any other to fill. It makes our hearts rejoice that they are dedicating their lives and their children's to the Master's service.

Although our Sunday school attendance decreased considerably last Sunday, we are going to work all the harder for a big school next Sunday. We do have a good weather excuse for last week, as we almost got frozen inside the house, and it was hard to get out after being used to so much pretty spring weather. Nevertheless, if Mr. Sterling Ladd doesn't let the cold disturb his Sunday morning nap, the rest of us should be able to shiver down to Sunday school; and as long as he's there to fill the back seat, let's do our best to keep up with him and fill the front seats.

The young people's class was entertained at an ice cream supper by the Red side, May 5. We not only had a big time eating ice cream, but also learned something about farm life. Miss Virginia Fowler gave an impersonation of the pig at feeding time and left us a little puzzled about which could grunt the best, she or the pig.

Since our last revival meeting was closed so abruptly, we have decided to start over again and have another one in the near future. Let us all pray it up, talk it up, and work it up, and really give of our best to our Master.

Mr. Thurman Vickery, of High Point College, brought us a splendid message last Sunday morning. We all enjoyed hearing him and having him visit us, and shall be looking forward to another such sermon soon.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mr. Cecil Cole, whose father died recently from a stroke, and also Mr. Fred James, whose uncle was taken last week. However, we are glad that the deceased have gone to a better place where we may join them again later.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

Moriah, Rev. J. Leo Pittard, Pastor.—The interest in our Sunday school is very good, but we could have a better attendance. We have been having some wonderful messages brought to us by our pastor.

We were very glad to have Mr. Macon Jordan, of Mt. Airy, a student at Duke University, with us Sunday. He was the guest teacher of the young people's Bible class. We hope he will come and visit with us again. He has often visited us, being the grandson of the late John C. Sharpe.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held its monthly meeting at the church last Thursday night. The devotional service was under the leadership of Mrs. Floyd Lewis. Mrs. George Glenn gave an interesting report of the Branch meeting which was held at Burlington.

The young people's Bible class will give a lawn party at the church next Saturday evening. The benefits will go into the Special Fund.

Plans are being made to have a Children's Day program on the second Sunday in June at 11 o'clock.

ASSISTANT REPORTER.

Matthews Chapel, Greensville Charge, Rev. J. M. Morgan, Pastor, May 15.—Our Sunday school attendance is good and much interest is being shown. We have better arrangements since adding our class rooms.

Our pastor filled his appointment Sunday morning, bringing us a good message, as usual. We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Stone and son worship with us Sunday. They have recently moved into our community from Rawlings, Va. We hope they will come again.

Plans are under way to lay our new carpet this week.

Our pastor's salary has been paid up to the half year mark, and we hope to be able to meet the remaining obligations by conference.

We wish to announce that we will observe home-coming day here on the fifth Sunday. All members and friends are really requested to be present for the entire day; also all former pastors are invited to come and worship with us.

LOTTIE EDWARDS, Reporter.

Chapel Hill, Davidson Charge, C. L. Grant, Pastor.—Sunday was a good day at Chapel Hill. The circuit rally was observed with an all-day program. The program in the morning consisted of short speeches by the laymen. The theme of the morning program was the conference program. The separate parts were discussed with much profit. After the morning program a splendid feast was spread, which everyone enjoyed.

In the afternoon just after lunch the pastor organized an auxiliary. Miss Bruce Smith, president of the Lineberry auxiliary, was present to assist. Miss Smith made a splendid address in the morning hour. Her subject was "The Auxiliary at Work."

Chapel Hill church has had the interior redecorated, and new carpet on the floor. New pews are a future object.

Memorial services were observed at Lineberry first Sunday, with a good crowd present. A splendid address by Hon. L. A. Martin of Lexington. This address was enjoyed by all present. Hope Mr. Martin can come our way again. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Badget and daughter, and the Alleghany choir.

At the 11 o'clock hour first Sunday morning at Pleasant Grove. Flowers were placed on the graves in memory of the dead; a good crowd was present.

The second Sunday in May memorial services were conducted at Alleghany; an address by the pastor. After the service flowers were placed on the graves. A good crowd was present, with several visitors in the audience.

In the afternoon on the second Sunday, memorial services were conducted at Pine Hill. Professor Clodfelter of Salisbury made a good talk on Mother's Day and paid tribute to the dead, after which the pastor made the memorial address. A memorial association was organized to put the graveyard in better condition. A good audience was present.

I have not said anything about Liberty, but Liberty is moving along nicely.

The Lineberry auxiliary has given the pastor's wife a miscellaneous shower which was appreciated very much.

PASTOR.

Oak Grove, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, Pastor.—The annual memorial service of Oak Grove church will be held next Sunday, May 22. Sunday school at 10 and preaching by the pastor at 11 o'clock. At noon the graves will be decorated in memory of our loved ones who have passed on. Lunch will be served picnic style at 12 o'clock. The afternoon service will consist of singing. A number of good quartets have been invited. The public is cordially invited to attend, and we especially hope to see a nice number present from the other churches on Cleveland charge.

Mrs. R. J. Pendleton has been suffering for some time with high blood pressure, and was confined to her bed Sunday. Her many friends of this community are hoping for her a speedy recovery.

Our Christian Endeavor society will meet at 7 o'clock during the summer months. Miss Katie Lee Palmer had charge of the program Sunday night. Our pastor was with us and he gave a very interesting explanation of the lesson, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Our Suday school is progressing nicely; however, we have greatly missed some of our active members who have been absent for a few Sundays.

Our third Sunday preaching service will be held at 8 p.m. instead of 10 a.m. Hope to see a large crowd present for this service.

Rev. Mr. Madison preached to us a wonderful sermon Sunday night. He announced his subject which was "The Price of Land in Sodom," before reading the scripture lesson. He read the 13th chapter of Genesis, which explained his subject fully. Lot pitched his tent in Sodom, even though he was warned of the danger, or the great misfortune which might befall him. He only laughed, because the land looked promising. Our pastor told us that in making a choice we should consider something more than just the mighty dollar, or making a living; we should consider most of all making a life.

REPORTER.

West End, Greensboro, Dr. N. G. Bethea, Pastor.—We have had a glorious revival here at West End. Many have rededicated themselves, and a great number have accepted Christ for the first time. Sunday morning we received 30 members into the church—one by letter and 29 on profession of faith. The new members are as follows: Pattie Gillie, Betty Andrews, Katherine Manley, Patricia Trogdon, Ruth Timmons, Myrtle Manley, Evelyn Swink, Louise Swink, James Edmondson, Charles Swaringen, Dewey Andrews, Billie Mimms, Jack Belton, Harold Lambert, Earl Clinegar, Marceline Hall, Bobby Yow, Walter Collie, Raymond Belton, Paul Williams, J. L. Mateer, Walter Slack, Mildred Brown, Robert Trogdon, J. C. Edwards, Jr., Noble Fletcher, Mr. T. W. Fain, Mr. L. E.

Cook, Mrs. J. C. Moore, and Mr. A. S. McIntyre. We extend the right hand of fellowship to these men and boys and girls. May they remain faithful and true to Christ and the church.

The Foust Bible class has had the letters for the bulletin board repainted. We are grateful to them for doing this ,as it has been needed for some time.

The auxiliary and the Philathea class have agreed to take over the expense of the church bulletins for this month and June.

The May meeting of the auxiliary was held Monday night in the Sunday school assembly room of the church. One of the highlights of the program was the moving pictures Dr. Bethea took of the Branch meeting in Burlington.

REPORTER.

Bellemont Church, Mt. Hermon Charge, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor.—It has been several weeks since our last report, but we are not sleeping. Volunteer helpers are digging a basement at the church so the heating plant can be installed. Most of the brick work has been completed.

The Ladies' Auxiliary recently elected officers for the year, as follows: Mrs. Sidney Russell, president; Mrs. Clyde Sharpe, vice-president; Mrs. Clay W. Holt, secretary, and Mrs. Roy L. Sharpe, treasurer. The last meeting was not very well attended, but we hope all members will take more interest and attend regularly.

Mrs. Paul Lowder will have charge of the program at the next meeting. The finance committee is making plans to give a program some time soon.

On Saturday evening, May 7, the Young Matrons' class of Bellemont Sunday school gave a banquet in honor of their mothers. Mrs. J. R. Anderson offered a prayer of thanks, after which Mrs. J. G. Holt, Jr., toastmistress for the occasion, welcomed the guests. Then a three-course dinner was served by Misses Caroline Rich, Rebecca Caviness, La Rue Holt, and Madeline Moser.

The program rendered was good. Mrs. E. G. Gladden gave a toast to the mothers, and the response was given by Mrs. Clay Holt. "Mother Machree" was sung as a solo by Mrs. J. G. Holt, Jr. Miss Lula Riddle and the L. I. Girls' quartet of Burlington furnished music throughout the evening, which added much to the enjoyment of all present. The address was given by Mrs. Lonnie Holt, of Mt. Hermon church. This was a splendid address, the main thougth being "Mother." The programs were made in the shape of a big red rose. Red and white rosebuds and ferns were given as favors. The oldest mother present was Mrs. R. O. Hargis, 88 years old.

In behalf of all the mothers present, I want to congratulate the class on the success of the occasion, and want to express our appreciation for the love and thoughtfulness shown us throughout the entire evening and in preparing this banquet.

On May 9, at E. M. Holt high school, Rebecca Caviness, Robert Watkins, and Hadsell Rich received their diplomas with honors. They are fine young folks, and we are proud of them. We wish for them much success and usefulness in life.

On next Sunday, May 22, we will have our 13th annual memorial services at 11 o'clock. Rev. L. E. Mabry, of Lexington, will deliver the memorial sermon. Special music will be rendered by the Central quartet of Burlington.

In the afternoon a short business meeting will be held, after which a musical program will be given by several different quartets.

You, your families, and friends, are invited. Picnic lunch will be served in the hut. Bring your basket and enjoy the noon hour with us.

Fairview Church, Glen Raven Charge.—Mother's Day was observed in a very impressive way in our church. At the 11 o'clock service the young people of the church presented a play entitled, "Mother, the Queen of Our Heart." This play was under the direction of Miss Mary Jordan and was very nicely carried out. Just after this the message of the morning was brought to us by Mr. Hoyt Woods, who is a student at Duke University. He used as his theme, "Mother at the Foot of the Cross." This message was very much enjoyed. We were very sorry our pastor could not be with us on that day, as we were all looking forward to him being there; but we are glad that he is improving, at least. We feel sure that he can be back before very long.

The work here is going along very well now. Our attendance has been very much improved in the last few months, also our offerings are good. The financial condition of our church is very good for this time of year.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. J. L. Stanley, the wife of our superintendent, is right sick at this writing, also Mrs. Tom Rich is critically ill at the home of her son, W. M. Rich. We hope for these people a speedy recovery.

The Woman's Auxiliary met with Mrs. John Hughes for its meeting on May 11. A report from the Branch meeting at Burlington was heard. The members of the Woman's Auxiliary presented our pastor a nice basket of fruit recently.

REPORTER.

Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, May 16.—Sunday, May 15, was an exceptional day at Shiloh. Our annual home-coming and memorial day was observed, and proved to be one of the very best ever witnessed. The Sunday school attendance was 348. At the 11 o'clock hour Mr. Ridge preached a memorial sermon from the text, I John 3:2, "Behold, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." A most beautiful and impressive memorial service followed, with the memorial tributes given for the deceased; namely, Floyd Berrier, by Arlene Berrier; Levi Evans, by Elizabeth Evans; and John Koonts, by Mrs. Paul Swicegood. Mr. Koonts was not a member of our church, but he had received his church letter with the intention of joining Shiloh, and at the request of the family a memorial was given for him. The music for the cemetery service was furnished by some of the band boys from Erlanger, playing the trumpets while the congregation marched to the cemetery. They gave the taps just before the benediction.

The afternoon service was devoted to the home-coming program. After an address of welcome by Mrs. Protus Koonts, and a response by Mrs. Lester Koonts, Rev. O. C. Loy delivered the address of the afternoon. Special music was a leading feature throughout the day, by the Leonard chorus from Lexington, some good singers from Welch Memorial M. P. church, High Point, the Shiloh male chorus, and the Berrier quartet, also of Shiloh church. A very large crowd was in attendance throughout the day, and at the conclusion of the afternoon service the American Legion from Lexington visited the cemetery for the purpose of putting up markers to the graves of the four World war veterans who are buried there and decorating their graves.

On the fifth Sunday night, May 29, an old-time community singing will be conducted at Shiloh church. We are expecting several visiting singers who we are sure will render some good singing. Plan now to be with us, we are sure you will enjoy it if you like good singing.

Sunday morning will be our monthly prayer service and will be conducted by the Brotherhood class.

Continue to pray for us in our work.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

Fairfield, Guilford, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor.—Since our last writing we have had excellent Sunday school attendance, an increasing enrollment, and naturally larger collections.

A very interesting program was presented by the children on Easter Sunday morning under the direction of Mrs. Marvin Cashatt and Mrs. Worth Lewallen. Mother's Day was observed with recitations by small children, a talk, "Origin of Mother's Day," by Miss Mae Ingram, a song by Mr. and Mrs. Worth Lewallen and daughter, Ruth; also a talk by Prof. T. Bennison, and a song by the girls' chorus of Allen Jay school. Parts for Children's Day have been distributed and the time will be announced later.

Th subject of Mr. Trogdon's sermon last Sunday was "Prayer Answered,' reading from Acts 12. We were sorry to know that he was in ill health, and do hope that he soon may be fully restored to his usual self.

The young women's class met with Mrs. Kemp McCuiston for the May meeting. Beginning with a buffet supper, then the business session, the revealing of heart friends, and games under the direction of Martha Ingram. The new name for the class is "Loyal Service Class," better known as L. S. Class. At this time plans got underway for a Bible study class during the summer. The meeting adjourned to meet in June with Fadine Farlow.

REPORTER.

First Church, High Point.—Easter has come and gone, but we feel the church received a real blessing from the prayer services, both at the homes and the church, and also from the special services conducted by Dr. Link, of Newark, N. J. Another special part of the season was the pageant presented by 60 members of the Junior church, Friday night before Easter. Miss Myrtle Davis directed. It was considered by many attending as one of the best programs ever presented in the church.

The church is very proud of the pastor's study and office. They have recently been redecorated with coats of new paint and new furniture. Mr. John Caulty, connected with Stelle-Young Corporation, donated the paint for the two rooms. The desks were given by Myrtle Desk company, a new typewriter was given by Mr. A. Coke Cecil, and Mr. D. A. Dowdy. Mrs. T. R. Ballad furnished glass tops for the desk, so the pastor and church secretary are really well fixed for working quarters and we are mighty glad for them.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church Monday afternoon for its regular meeting, with Circle No. 2 hostess. The devotionals were led by Miss Myrtle Davis, church secretary, who used as her theme "The Kingdom of Love." Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, wife of the president of our conference and secretary of missionary education of the N. C. Branch, spoke on the theme, "Missionary Tools." Her talk was most effectively given and proved most interesting. Mrs. John Walker, president of the auxiliary, presided at the business session. Refreshments were served following the session.

Our church feels exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of Miss Janet Hall, head of the vocal department at High Point College, for its choir director. Miss Hall came to the college not long ago and has already proved a real asset, not only to the college and church, but to High Point itself. She has a beautiful voice and has had wonderful training. We are delighted to welcome her into our fellowship.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS.

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Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor, May 16.—Our pastor gave us two beautiful sermons on Mother's Day. He also gave us a beautiful message yesterday; then Sunday night we were very happy to have the Phifer College Glee Club sing for us. They really are good singers and we are sure everyone enjoyed the program. We are proud to have one of our own boys in this college and in the glee club, Mr. P. H. Scarboro.

We are happy to see a number of our folks back at Sunday school and church that have been absent for some time, and we were happy to have Mrs. Margaret Little worship with us Sunday. We enjoyed a beautiful song on Mother's Day by Miss Mildred Burris and Mrs. Louise Holland Ketner, and yesterday we enjoyed a beautiful song by Miss Margie Pittman.

The officials of the church met Sunday morning with the pastor to make plans for our dedication service.

The ladies of the church are planning to buy a vacuum cleaner to be used for the church and parsonage. Mr. Peeler said last night that the folks had been cooperating 100 per cent, so we know if we women continue to cooperate we can buy the cleaner as easily as we did the carpet. We must remember our theme for the year is "Pray and Work."

Several of our folks went to the Missionary Branch meeting, Rev. E. O. and Mrs. Peeler, Mrs. E. F. Litaker, and Miss Melda Scarboro. Miss Melda gave us her report on Sunday morning, and it almost made us feel like we were all there at the meeting. We enjoyed her report so much. Mrs. Peeler told us about some of the things that our mission club girls and boys are doing. Mrs. Peeler, Mrs. E. F. Litaker, and Mr. R. H. Haupt teach these boys and girls in the Sunday school, and they are real proud of their work. They are a bunch of willing workers, and Miss Melda was real proud to bring the loving cup back home. It looks very pretty in our new church, and we hope we get to keep it a long time. We just wish our Precious Jewels could bring it home some time.

Each Sunday school class worked very hard helping with the new church. We have lots of members of the Sunday school that are not members of the church, but they all seemed anxious to get the church finished, and now they are real proud of it. Some have joined the church and we hope many more will join.

We are so glad to know that Mrs. Grover Honeycutt has returned home from the Charlotte Sanatorium, and is getting along nicely after a serious operation. We are glad that Mrs. Lextie Furr is able to come back to church. Mrs. Whitnant is visiting her other children and we miss her very much.

We are expecting to have our president, Dr. Pritchard, with us the 24th, and we hope to have a good crowd for this service. We enjoyed so much having Rev. Horace Williams and wife with us on Tuesday night before the Branch meeting of Women's work.

Some of our folks went to Mr. Parks Blackwelder's home in the country to celebrate his 80th birthday. They reported a very happy day and a real good dinner. Mr. Blackwelder is, I think, our oldest brother in our church, and a dear good man that we all love. We wish he lived near so he could be in every service. Mrs. Atwell is our oldest sister in the church; she is 85 years old. She is a dear sweet woman that we all love. She was at church on Mother's Day.

With Mr. Peeler as our leader in the church and Mrs. Peeler our leader in the mission work, and Mrs. Maggie Sides our leader in the Ladies' Aid, we know if we just work and pray, we can do great things.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Pastor, May 13.—On Sunday morning, May 8, our pastor filled his regular appointment. His subject was on "Mother." This was a very impressive service, since our minds were centered on our mothers, and we know this day will be long kept sacred in our memory.

Our hearts are very sad to report of the continued illness of B. A. McClimon. We pray for him a quick recovery.

The Ladies' Aid took charge of prayer meeting Wednesday night, May 11, sponsored by Miss Romaine Poole. They had as their guest Rev. T. M. Johnson in the meeting, and all reports show they had a fine meeting.

Mrs. Henry Nalley, of Fairview church community, visited here recently.

Several members of the Willing Workers class will receive diplomas from high school in the next few weeks. Miss Lillian Compton and Miss Thalia Foster, of Reidsville, Miss Frances Burnette and Miss Marie McElrath of Duncan high school, are some of those who will receive diplomas.

I found a clipping in a paper some time ago of a message written by President Brooks of Waco, Texas, to the seniors of the university there, which I thought was a great lesson to a senior. He wrote this as he lay on his dying bed a few weeks before commencement several years ago. He was president of this university, and he wrote as follows:

"I stand on the border of mortal life, but I face eternal life. I look backward to the years of the past to see all pettiness, all triviality, shrink into nothing and disappear. Adverse criticism has no meaning now. Only the worth-while things, the constructive things, the things that have been built for the good of mankind and the glory of God count now.

"There is beauty, there is joy, and there is laughter in life—as there ought to be. But remember, my students, not to regard lightly or to ridicule the sacred things, those worth-while things. Hold them dear, cherish them, for they alone will sustain you in the end; and remember, too, that only through work and ofttimes through hardships may that be obtained. But the compensation of blessing and sweetness at the last will glorify every hour of work and every heartache from hardships.

"Do not face the future with timidity or with fear. Face it boldly, courageously, joyously. Have faith in what it holds.

"My own faith, as I approach eternity, grows stronger day by day. The faith I have had in life is projected into this vast future toward which I travel now. I know that I go to an all-powerful God, wherever He may be. I know He is a Personality who created man in His image. Beyond that I have no knowledge—no fear—only faith!"

Some of the members of this charge attended the Branch meeting held in Burlington with our pastor, Rev. T. M. Johnson, recently.

The Christian Endeavor society rendered a very impressive program Sunday night for Mother's Day exercise. Songs were sung, poems recited, readings and special singing were rendered, after which Rev. T. M. Johnson brought a grand message.

In closing, may I write this poem in honor of all of our dear mothers who has passed away:

MOTHER O' MINE

It's been such a long time, Mother o' mine,
Since you held me upon your knee,—
Since you told me of old tales of fairyland,
Told me tales of the stormy sea;
Since you held me close to your throbbing heart
As you taught me of God's great love,—
Since you pointed out to my wandering gaze
Bright stars in the heavens above.
Such a long, long time, yet still I can feel
The strength of your gentle embrace,
I still can see your Motherly love
Beaming down on my childish face;
And though you have long since crossed the bar,
Have long since passed over the sea,
Yet the love that you bore me, dear Mother o' mine,
Is still fresh and sweet to me.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

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Central Church, Asheboro.—The pastor, Dr. Taylor, assisted last week in a series of services at the Coleridge M. E. church, Randolph county, and Rev. M. C. Henderson, pastor of the Richland charge, conducted the church services on Sunday evening, May 8. In the absence of the pastor, Sunday, May 15, the director of young people's activities, Billy Lewis, of Maryland, delivered an inspiring message on "A Living Sacrifice."

Mr. Lewis is a junior at Westmintser Seminary, and the Asheboro church is grateful for being able to secure the young minister to direct the young men and women of Central church.

Mother's Day was observed during the morning worship hour, and Mrs. W. Scott Crowson, one of Asheboro's esteemed citizens, received a potted plant for being the oldest mother present, with Mrs. Carmen Parks recognized as the youngest mother in attendance at the services.

A full house heard with interest the messages which Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams delivered at the evening hour, Sunday, May 1. On Monday evening these splendid missionaries entertained a large group of the auxiliary at an afternoon meeting in the home of Mrs. W. C. Hammer on South Fayetteville street.

Rev. Homer Casto, of Bethel Home, at Weaverville, was the overnight guest of friends in Asheboro, en route home from the Branch meeting in Burlington.

Tentative dates for the annual Daily Vacation Bible school at Central church are May 23 to June 10. Mrs. Gilbert Councilman and Miss Leona Wood will conduct the school, with the assistance of Billy Lewis and other members of the congregation.

The quarterly dinner meeting of the board of stewards is slated for Friday evening, May 20, in the social rooms of the church, with the auxiliary as hosts.

The following boys and girls of the local church received diplomas from Asheboro high school Tuesday evening: Edna Mae Winningham (who delivered the salutatory address), Mary Louise Rich, Maxine Cole, Clara Louise Cox, Helen Phillips, Mary Lee Honeycutt, Helen Bulla, Jack Pugh, Harris Lamb, Thomas McDowell, and Lacy Lewis, Jr.

Mrs. W. F. Redding, Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., Mrs. W. C. Hammer, and Dr. S. W. Taylor are in Tiffin, Ohio, attending the annual meeting of the Women's Work of the Methodist Protestant church in the United States.

Mrs. Forrest Deaton is ill at her home on Worth street; Mrs. M. L. Gray is slowly improving from an extended illness at her home on Hill street, and Miss Esther Ross returned Wednesday from the McPherson hospital in Durham, where she submitted to an operation on her nose one week ago.

The M. P. young people who will graduate from college in June are: Miss Elizabeth Phillips, Woman's college; Miss Anne Ross, High Point college; Frank Burkhead and Thomas Bulla, University of N. C., and Johnny Redding, N. C. State.

CLETA RICH.

YOU'LL BE INTERESTED IN THIS

The program of our pastors' summer conference and seminary extension school is now ready. The evening program for the first week follows:

Monday night, the women of the North Carolina Branch will have the stage.

Tuesday night Dr. J. M. Rowland, editor of the Richmond Christian Advocate, will address the meeting on "The Authority of the Church."

On Wednesday night Rev. Howard P. Powell, pastor of First M. E. church, South, Asheboro, will speak on "United Methodism and World Service."

Thursday night we are to have Bishop Clare Purcell with us. He will choose his own subject. We shall probably be able to announce it later.

We expect to climax the week with a great program Friday night when Governor Clyde R. Hoey makes his address on the Bible.

Our Directors feel that we have been fortunate in securing these speakers. Each one is sure to have for us a highly rewarding message. We are also fortunate in having the women of the North Carolina Branch take over one night in this lecture course. We do not know just how they will use their period, but we are confident that something good is in store.

The class work of the Seminary Extension School will begin Tuesday morning. Dr. M. J. Shroyer, of the Seminary faculty, will teach a course on "The Religion of Jesus." This course will consist of a brief introduction to gospel source materials, a study of the social and religious background of the times of Jesus, the relation of Jesus to religious groups and institutions, his own religious experience, and his teachings concerning the relations of men to God.

Dr. Forlines' course will be "Re-thinking the Church." This will involve the re-consideration of its nature, its various functions, and its numerous relations. The study will include assigned readings, lectures, and discussions.

This year there will be this important change in schedule of classes: Dr. Shroyer will do all of his work during the first week, and Dr. Forlines will do all of his work during the second week. This will necessitate two periods in the morning and one in the afternoon, or night, for each week and each instructor. Dr. Forlines' forced absence during the first week is occasioned by the necessity of his being at the Maryland Conference which meets during that time.

The Directors thought best to leave the afternoons open for such diversions as the brethren may choose for themselves. Those who desire to play games of various sorts will have a chance to do so. The college library will be open for those who desire to spend leisure time there. This open period will also provide opportunity for fellowship, which was such a vital factor in our original summer conference. Only the class work has been provided for the second week. There will, though, we trust, be other features which will be announced in due time.

Let's set our faces now toward High Point, and keep June 6-17 open for that purpose. We all need this school and we can make it a time of much refreshing if we only have a mind to do it. And I think we do have. The 43 already signed for the school indicates that. We can well afford to spend this time at the feet of these teachers and in fellowship with each other. The important feature this year is that our wives are to be there. Of course we are going to High Point. Mark the date: June 6-17. The rate is $8.50, provided 40 pastors and their wives attend. This is for board and room. Wives are entertained by the college without charge. The usual registration fee of $1 will be charged all ministers, except superannuates, who are not taking work for credit. Those who take work for credit will pay the usual fee of $1.50.

The full program of the school, and all particulars will be mailed pastors at an early date.

S. W. TAYLOR.

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THIRD DISTRICT RALLY

A Third District Rally will be held at Hebron church on Orange charge the fifth Sunday in May beginning at 11 o'clock. Dr. C. W. Bates will speak at the 11 o'clock hour on "John Wesley's Aldersgate Experience." In the afternoon Mrs. C. W. Bates will speak on the women's work. Rev. C. P. Morris will conduct the morning worship service. We want the treasurer of each church in the district to give a written financial report of what their churches have raised during this conference year. Please include what has been done for the Fellowship Crusade. Especially report anything encouraging your church is doing. We are asking as nearly every church in the district as possible to render some special music during the day. Several have already promised to have a solo, duet, quartet, or choir selections. We invite all to come and bring a basket of dinner with you.

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Balance April 1, 1937 .....$	107.71	
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Received from Mrs. Pugh, Sec. of Literature	30.50	
Received from Mrs. S. W. Taylor, Treas., credits on last year's apportionment.	16.03	
Dividend 2, 3 and 4 from Security Nat. Bank	9.72	
Received from Mrs. Speas, Sec. of Literature	16.75	
Received from Mrs. Speas, Sec. of Literature	39.68	
Carolina Bank & Trust Co., to reimburse intangible tax deducted in error	.20	
General Treasurer — Interest on Perpetual Memberships	42.00	
Funds received for:		
College	940.00	
World Service	4,825.53	
N. C. Budget	2,981.13	
Minnis Fund	750.00	
Total Receipts		$9,760.38

DISBURSEMENTS

Mrs. Binford, speaker at Branch Meeting ....$	5.00	
Mrs. Eugene Lamb, programs for Branch Meeting	2.00	
Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, expenses	3.00	
Mimeographing Treas. and Finance Com. reports ...	3.00	
H. C. Staley, Treasurer, on Thank-offering last year .	5.00	
Day letter to Miss Brittingham	.95	
Additional bank charges to Security Nat. Bank, G'boro	1.29	
Board of Publication, literature to Mrs. Pugh, Sec. of Literature	84.56	
Expenses of Delegates to National Convention in Atlantic City	71.90	
Expenses of Cor. Sec., Mrs. Geo. Brown	7.70	
Gift to Miss Hazel Greenwald, Dillonvale	7.50	
McCulloch & Swain, printing Temperance reports ..	1.00	
R. H. Gunn, 115 copies Minutes N. C. Branch Meeting	1.90	
McCulloch & Swain, reprints on Citizenship and Temperance	1.50	
M. P. Herald, space for year	100.00	
Carolina Bank & Trust Co. Intangible tax, reimbursed later	.20	
Board of Publication, literature to Mrs. Speas (literature from 4-15-37 to 10-1-37)	58.87	
Board of Publication, literature to Mrs. Speas (literature from 10-1-37 to 3-31-38)	79.72	
Expenses of Mrs. Andrews for year (postage, tel. calls, reprints on Evangelism) ..	13.44	
Expenses of Mrs. Bowman, Cor. Sec., for year (postage, etc.)	14.30	
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Postmaster at Denton, 120 envelopes for Pres. and Finance Committee's letter to Auxiliaries	3.90	
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Memorial Memberships ..	35.00	
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Interest on Perpetual Memberships distrib'ted to Aux.	13.99	
Total Disbursements .		9,690.28
Bank Balance		70.10

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treas.

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FIRST CHURCH, THOMASVILLE, TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

On the fourth Sunday morning, May 22, the First Methodist Protestant church of Thomasville will celebrate its 31st anniversary with a special service at 9:45. All former pastors and friends are cordially invited to be present for this service.

JAMES T. BOWMAN, Pastor.

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NOTICE, FIRST DISTRICT

The Fifth Sunday Rally for the district will be held at Union church on Halifax charge, Sunday, May 29. The meeting will begin at 11 o'clock and continue into the afternoon. Everybody bring lunch as usual.

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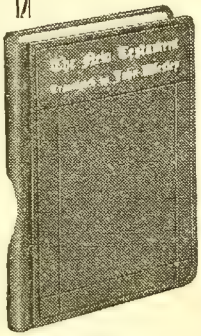

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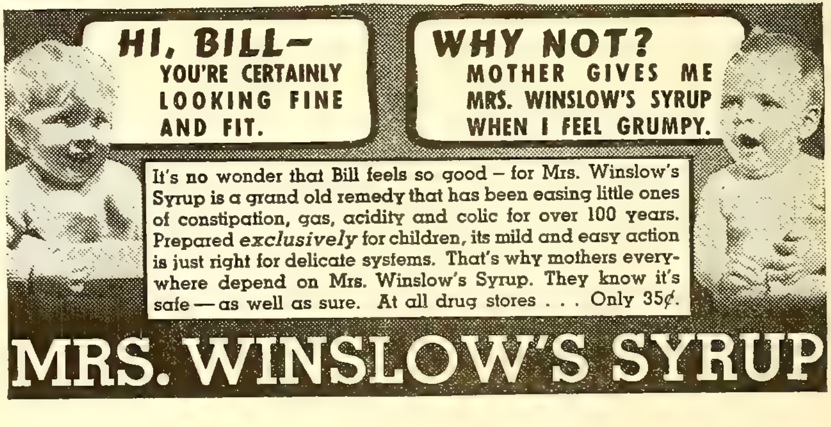
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Amos J. Richardson

Amos J. Richardson was born September 6, 1854, in the southern part of Alamance county. He was converted in early life at Mount Olive Baptist church, and later joined Center Methodist Protestant church, during the pastorate of Rev. W. W. Amick. He remained a faithful and consistent member of this church until he was called home on March 30, 1938.

On May 7, 1876, he was united in marriage with Miss Della Mann, who departed this life eight years ago. To this union were born nine children, two of whom preceded him in death several years. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Elwood Henderson, Julian, N. C., seven children, 21 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

For a long period of time Brother Amos Richardson was one of the most consecrated members of Center church, always willing to give of his time, talents, and liberally of his means for the support of his local church and benevolent enterprises. It was his custom to attend church every Sunday. Even after his body became so frail that he could hardly walk, he was often present for Sunday school and preaching. The public prayers of this good man were always inspiring. When he prayed it seemed that "Heaven came down our souls to greet and glory crowned the mercy seat." God was as real to him as the birds of the air and the flowers of the fields.

We are celebrating this year the heart-warming experience of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. Brother Amos Richardson had this experience. He was saved by the grace of God and he knew that he was saved. Physical death to him was just a portal. Sometimes we have an almost "devouring curiosity" to know what such men realize when they stand in the immediate presence of the Lord Whom they loved and delighted to serve. Their wonder and praise must be overwhelming. His life of 83 years was spent in sending up material for the mansion he now occupies. And he sent up this material by doing his best for the community, the church, and the kingdom.

May the Lord bless and keep for His own service those who were near and dear to him.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Mrs. Eugenia McIver Hunter

Grace church lost one of its oldest and most faithful members in the passing of Mrs. Eugenia McIver Hunter, wife of the late T. A. Hunter, who died Tuesday night at her home, after an illness of nearly three years.

Shortly after her marriage to Mr. Hunter she united with Grace church in 1893 and was one of its most loyal and generous members, the Hunter Memorial organ being one of her largest gifts to the church.

She is survived by three children: Mrs. Marion Lindsay, of Long Island, N. Y.; T. A., Jr., of Burlington; and Eugenia, of Greensboro. Also two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Reich Funeral home, which is the former Hunter home and from which services were conducted for Mr. Hunter and a daughter, Anne Gordon, on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, by Dr. S. K. Spahr and Rev. J. Elwood Carroll. Appropriate music was furnished by the same quartet which sang for the above two mentioned funeral rites, namely: Mrs. Gwendolyn Farrell, Mrs. E. C. Caldwell, Fielding Fry, and Fred Phipps. Interment was in Green Hill cemetery.

The beautiful life of Mrs. Hunter was one filled with love and service. Every place one goes these days he hears high tribute paid to her noble character, her generous aid to needy persons, and her genial hospitality. Truly Grace church has lost one of its great Christian souls.

J. ELWOOD CARROLL.

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W. M. Boles

William Mathew Boles was born January 8, 1905, died April 15, 1938. He was the son of H. L. and Mrs. Eliza Boles. He is survived by his mother, three brothers, and one sister: Walter, of Farmington; Churchill, of Stokes county; Lonie Boles, whereabouts unknown; and Mrs. Dewey Sain, of Cana.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. K. G. Holt from Union Chapel church on Monday, April 18. The body was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

K. G. HOLT.

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Hannah A. Deviney

Hannah A. Deviney, the daughter of Elwood and Sylvania Patterson Stout, was born on March 5, 1885, and passed to her eternal reward on March 25, 1938, having lived 83 years and 20 days. On August 11, 1872, she was married to Samuel Deviney, who preceded her in death a few years.

She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Betty Reeves, of Greensboro, and Miss Ezda Deviney, of Tallahassee, Fla.; also one son, John S. Deviney, of the home place.

Early in life Mrs. Deviney joined the Methodist Protestant church in which she remained a faithful member. She was one of the charter members of the Julian church. Due to ill health she had not been able for some years to attend services but she was interested in the activities of the church.

Final rites were conducted at Shiloh Methodist Protestant church on Saturday, March 26, 1938, with the writer in charge, assisted by Rev. J. A. Burgess. The body was laid to rest in the Shiloh cemetery.

EUGENE A. LAMB, Pastor.

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Elva Lodoskia Holt

Elva Lodoskia Holt, the daughter of Madison and Margaret Ingold Smith, was born May 3, 1861, and departed this life March 31, 1938, having lived 76 years 10 months, 28 days. She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. E. W. Stubblefield and Mrs. O. M. May. Also one

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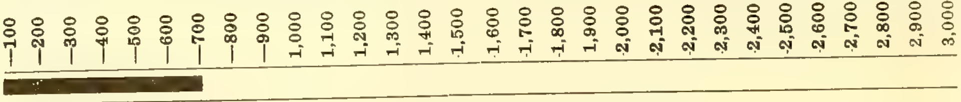

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son, Marvin Holt. All reside on Greensboro, route 4. She was preceded in death by one son, Charles G. Holt.

In girlhood she joined Mt. Pleasant Methodist Protestant church and later when she moved to this community she moved her membership to Tabernacle where she remained a member until her death. Ill health had not permitted regular attendance for some years.

Funeral service was conducted at Tabernacle on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, April 2, by the pastor, assisted by Rev. J. W. Braxton. The body was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

EUGENE A. LAMB, Pastor.

Mrs. Laura Bobbitt Michael

Mrs. Laura Bobbitt Michael, aged 42 years, was called to her eternal reward March 9, 1938. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bobbitt. The writer received her into Crestnut Ridge church when she was a young girl. She has always been a faithful Christian woman and was held in high esteem at Calvary Methodist Protestant church where she had been a member for several years.

The deceased leaves behind, a husband, L. A. Michael, and three children, Margaret, Katherine, and Robert. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. L. W. Hobbs, of Durham, and Miss Martha Bobbitt, of High Point; three brothers, L. E. Bobbitt, of Greensboro, C. A. Bobbitt, of Huntington, W. Va., and James Bobbitt, of Asheville.

The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Dr. J. E. Pritchard and Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of College Place M. E. church, South, Greensboro.

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Some Sayings of John Wesley

We here present a few sayings of John Wesley, but we realize that the power which made Methodism march forth with streaming banners was not the sayings of Wesley, but the life of Wesley. For the life he lived was so much more vital than anything he ever said, that we would be taking a chance to say that this or that particular statement carried the secret which began and continues this great movement in the world. We are speaking of the human agency, of course. For he had a way by which he projected his beliefs, an intensiveness, a consecration so pervasive in his later years, that more men caught the spirit of Methodism than were taught its theology.

''The denying ourselves, and the taking up our cross, in the full extent of the expression, is not a thing of small concern; it is not expedient only, as are some of the circumstantials of religion; but it is absolutely, indispensably necessary, either to our becoming or continuing His disciple.''

''Here is a short plan and an infallible rule, before you enter into particulars; in whatever profession you engage you must be singular or be damned. The way to hell has nothing singular in it; but the way to heaven is singularity all over. If you move but one step towards God you are not as other men are. If the doctrines of Christianity were practiced, they would make a man as different from other people as to all worldly tempers, sensual pleasures, and the pride of life, as a wise man is different from a fool.''

''Settle it then, in your heart, that from the moment that God has saved you from all sin, you are to aim at nothing more, but more of that love described in the thirteenth of First Corinthians. You can go no higher than this, till you are carried into Abraham's bosom.''

''Gain all you can by common sense, by using in your business all the understanding which God has given you . . . you should be continually learning from the experience of others, or from your own experience, or from reading and reflection, to do everything you have to do better today than you did yesterday. Having gained all you can by honest wisdom and unwearied diligence . . . save all you can . . . Expend no part of it merely to gratify the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eye, or the pride of life . . . Give all you can. As you have opportunity to do good unto all men.''

''The holiest men still need Christ as their prophet, as the Light of the world. For he does not give them light but from moment to moment.''

''I believe perfection is always wrought in the soul by a simple act of faith; consequently, in an instant. But I believe in a gradual work both preceding and following that instant. As to time, I believe this instant generally is the instant of death, the moment before the soul leaves the body. But I believe it may be ten, twenty or forty years before. I believe it is many years after justification; but it may be within five years or five months after it, I know no conclusive argument to the contrary.

''The religion of the world (what the world believes is religion) three things: 1. Doing no harm, abstaining from outward sin; at least such as is scandalous, as robbery, theft, common swearing, drunkenness. 2. Doing good, the relieving the poor; being charitable, as it is called. 3. Using the means of grace, at least going to Church and to the Lord's Supper. He in whom these three marks are found is termed by the world a religious man. But will this satisfy him who hungers after God? No. It is not food for the soul. He wants a religion of a nobler kind, a religion higher and deeper than this. He can no more feed on this poor shallow, formal thing, than he can feed his belly with the east wind.''

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Calendar

Pastors' School, High Point College	June 6-17
Leadership School, High Point College	June 20-25
Children's Home Anniversary	June 30
Third Quarterly Assembly	
Annual Conference, Calvary, Greensboro	November 9-14

Payments to be made on: A. C. Expenses, January and February; High Point College, March, April; Church Extension, May, June; A. C. Debt, July, August; Superannuates, September, October.

An Important Announcement

At the annual meeting of the Board of Administration, held in Tiffin, Ohio, last week, a program of activities for next year, which seems to be the last year of our separate existence, was adopted. In this program it was decided that all Annual Conferences will major on raising the World Service Budget in full as an expression of appreciation for what the Methodist Protestant Church has meant to us and to the world. But the important thing to us right now is that whatever we raise in the Fellowship Crusade this year which goes to World Service may be counted as a credit to the local church in its effort to raise the entire budget next Conference year. Here in North Carolina 4-15 or 26 and 2-3 per cent of our askings are for World Service. Pastors and churches should be stimulated to put forth every effort in the Crusade, knowing they can get credit for this percentage of what they raise.

A Sunday on Glen Raven Charge,
Rev. R. S. Troxler, Pastor

Last Sunday was spent with the Glen Raven Charge, the morning appointment being at Haw River and the evening appointment being at Glen Raven. The Haw River service was the annual Home-coming and Memorial service. It was my privilege to preach at 11 o'clock to a fine congregation. The Baptists and M. E., South, congregations had called off their services and a goodly number of them were present. In as much as the pastor was ill and not able to be present, Brother T. S. Coble presided over the services. After the service in the church the entire group marched to the cemetery where flowers were placed on the graves of members who had died during the year. During the noon hour dinner was served on the ground to a large group of people. At the afternoon service the Rev. Mr. Dawson, the pastor of the M. E. Church, South, presided and the address was delivered by Rev. D. I. Garner, pastor of our church in Mebane. Brother Garner delivered a fine address on the subject, "God's Family." The building which houses the congregation in Haw River is of brick construction and has a rather large auditorium with opera chairs for seats. There are several Sunday School rooms to the side of the building so arranged as to become a part of the auditorium when needed. It is far enough removed from the highway to be rather quiet. Really it is a delightful place for worship and our people are to be commended for selecting such a place.

While the pastor, Rev. R. S. Troxler, who is seriously ill could not be present, he was ably represented by members of his family. His daughter, Miss Vesta, presided with ease at the piano and R. S., Jr., led the singing and sang a beautiful solo.

The congregation at Glen Raven at the evening hour was rather small, due in part to threatening weather. But those who came seemed interested and were very appreciative. Due to the long and continued illness of the pastor it is but natural that not much has been done on the charge except to pay pastor's salary. But I urged the people to keep that paid up whether they could do anything else or not as this is the time of need with the pastor. Brother Troxler returned to the hospital last week for another transfusion and remained a few days for treatment. Surely our people will remember him at a throne of grace.

Pastors' Reports *(Continued)*

Graham, H. F. Surratt, pastor: Attendance 30%, about same, nine members received, salary not paid in full, took Seminary, Young People and Easter offerings, A. C. Expenses raised in full, part of College assessment raised.

Welch Memorial, J. D. Williams, pastor: Attendance 50%, gain, thirteen members received, salary not paid in full, took Seminary, Young People and Easter offering, raised A. C. Expenses and part of College assessment.

West Forsyth, G. B. Ferree, pastor: Attendance 75%, a gain, two members received, salary not paid in full, took Seminary offering, raised part of A. C. Expenses and part of College assessment.

Rockingham, H. W. Bell, pastor: Attendance 40%, a gain, 1 member received, salary not paid in full, took offering at Young People's Day and Easter. Rockingham Church is being recovered.

Shiloh, C. E. Ridge, pastor: Attendance 70%, small gain, six members received, salary not paid in full, took Seminary and Easter offerings, raised part of A. C. Expenses and College assessment; Shiloh and Friendship churches are up with all finances except Fellowship Crusade.

West End, Greensboro, N. G. Bethea, pastor: Attendance, 50%, 25% gain, three members received, salary not paid in full, took offering at Young People's day and Easter, $16.00 paid on Superannuate assessment, church debt cut in half during present pastorate.

Asheboro, S. W. Taylor, pastor: Attendance, S. S. 75%, worship services 30%, about normal, plan to go after non-church goers, salary paid in full, Seminary, Young People's day and Easter offering taken, raised A. C. Expenses and College assessment in full, S. S. contributes $40 per month to Home, Father and Son banquet, burned mortgage on parsonage, payment of church note of $500, church and parsonage out of debt, Young People's worker for summer has arrived, Fellowship Crusade fund of $600 raised in full.

Appointments

Sunday, May 29—11 a. m., in Commencement services, High Point College; 3 p. m. at Pleasant Union, Mt. Pleasant Charge in Memorial services for Rev. J. H. Bowman.

Sunday, June 5—Connelly Springs Charge, apportionments to be announced by pastor.

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When Bishop Ridley was in prison awaiting the burning at the stake which he not so much later suffered, he made this prayer:

O Heavenly Father, the Father of all wisdom, understanding, and true strength, I beseech Thee, for thy Son our Saviour Christ's sake, look mercifully upon me, wretched creature, and send thine Holy Spirit into my breast; that not only I may understand according to Thy wisdom, how this temptation is to be borne off, and with what answer it is to be beaten back; but also, when I must join to fight in the field for glory of Thy name, that then I, being strengthened with the defense of Thy right hand, may manfully stand in the confession of Thy faith, and of Thy truth, and may continue in the same unto the end of my life, through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Doctors Taylor, Bates, Brown, Pritchard; Mesdames Hammer, Coletrane, and Brothers J. N. Wills and J. C. Auman attended the meeting of the Board of Administration at Tiffin, last week. Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr.; Mesdames Lamb, Pritchard and Andrews were in attendance upon the Woman's Contion at the same place.

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Dr. A. W. Plyler, Greensboro, succeeds Dr. W. W. Peele, now bishop, as presiding elder of the Greensboro District.

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John Wesley's Advice to One of His Preachers

"Whether you like it or not, read and pray daily. It is for your life, there is no other way, else you wlil be a trifler all your days, and a pretty superficial preacher. Do justice to your own soul; give it time and means to grow. Do not starve yourself any longer."

No better advice could be given to preachers these days, in fact, it would be mighty good advice to every one who is trying to live a Christian life. It would be marvelous if some people really got on well with their religious problems since they give no little time to those habits which build up the spiritual life in them. The unwillingness of people to endorse the first objective of the Fellowship Crusade, which means they are pledging to pray daily, to read their Bibles daily, and to attend the regular services of their Church, has astounded many of our preachers. We are beginning to wonder how the Church has gotten on so well as it has with a clear majority of its members failing to daily search the Scriptures, daily failing to pray, and failing to attend the regular services of the sanctuary. For it is by these practices that the soul grows. Leave off any one of them and weakness takes the place of strength, indifference, the place of concern. At the beginning of this year the writer was not so sure that we needed to say much about the importance of all of our Church members solemnly pledging themselves to this objective—somehow, the thought they were already doing these things; but after pleading with people to sign their name thus avowing their intention to do these things daily and to receive such little response; we now agree with John Wesley, prayer and Bible study are absolutely indispensable in the life of any Christian, and those who fail in these things become triflers in religion all their days.

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At First Church, Charlotte

Last Sunday morning at the request of Pastor Strickland, the Director of the Fellowship Crusade, preached and presented the Crusade to our faithful group of workers there. They accepted at once the first and second objectives. Forty-seven per cent of the membership adopting the first objective, and completed the Herald quota for that church. Then the congregation pledged itself to raise by October the financial objective. This was a splendid response to our appeals. The pastor is highly pleased, as he well might be, over the way his people supported him in his efforts to place this Church on the Crusade Honor Roll. Having served that Church and knowing the trials they have undergone in the past two years to keep their Church property and to maintain a pastor, my appreciation of their loyalty and of their labors is greatly enlarged. Brother Strickland's enthusiasm and candor, coupled with faithfulness makes him greatly esteemed by his people. We were guest at lunch of Brother E. W. Cole; sorry we could not accept all other invitations so kindly given.

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John Wesley on Good Works

"God everywhere declared that without doing good as well as avoiding doing evil shall no flesh living be justified. That as good prayers without good works attending them are not better than a solemn mockery of God, so are good works themselves without those tempers of heart from those subserviency to which they derive their whole value."

How valuable a study of good works as these are related to prayers is to every one; but especially would it be to those who have divorced the two. That is, some are too busy doing things, often good things, to pray; others too busy praying and attending worship service to do good to those needing it. Most of my readers will recall both kinds among their personal acquaintances. People who never miss a revival meeting, but who throughout their whole career as members of the Church never seem to have the time to be helpful as they could be when it was needed that they should be helpful. And you also know people who are generous with their means but stingy with their grace. They give money for missions, but never think long enough about missions to know whether the money is well spent. They may give money for pastor's salary but never hear a sermon by the preacher; help pay the cost of beautifying the Church building but never go inside.

What is needed is to combine these two graces; the grace of work and the grace of worship. As faith without works is dead, being alone, so works from those who have no faith is a most ineffectual manner for one to fall into. All admit, the need of prayer, the need of worship, of attending the revival and be revived, but when revived we then need to render those services, speak those messages, go on those errands of mercy which a revived soul can do.

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SCHOOL IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

The program and schedule of the Leadership Education conference to be held at High Point College the week of June 20-25, are so arranged as to make the gathering a school in Christian living. Such an experience is doubly helpful in that it better prepares those attending the school for actual Christian living back in their local environment, but also teaches them how to assist other persons so to live.

The program will consist of worship, both group and private, study classes, recreation, discussion, and lectures. During the coming weeks the entire program will be announced through these columns.

The schedule opens with registration on Monday afternoon, June 20, and closes with luncheon on Saturday, June 25. The daily activities, with the exception of Monday and Saturday, will include breakfast which will be followed by a general worship service for all delegates, meeting of classes in their first session, a lecture by an outstanding youth leader on some vital current problem, group discussion on topics which our youth today are facing, and lunch. In the afternoon there will be a class period for all classes, followed by a directed recreation program, supper, and an evening program in the auditorium.

In every phase of the schedule young people will have full participation as an experience in Christian living. Through actual doing they will develop themselves personally and also improve themselves as leaders.

We welcome students over twelve years of age. The total cost is $6.75, and self-help can be arranged for a limited numby writing Rev. J. Clyde Auman, 411 West Main Street, Thomasville. For other items about the school address the dean—

Rev. J. Elwood Carroll,
222 North Edgeworth St.,
Greensboro, N. C.

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The Methodist Protestant Recorder

Came out in a new dress last week honoring the Aldersgate movement. This edition of the *Recorder* had fifty pages with many splendid likenesses of such leaders as Drs. Lewis, Elderdice, Bishops Hughes, Mouzon, and Moore, and President Jas. H. Straughn with a large likeness of John Wesley gracing the front cover page. We congratulate Editor Shipley and Publisher Reiner.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Church and State

Last week I wrote about our rum-making business which is being carried on by our Federal Government in the Virgin Islands. As I said then, we all seem to be in the liquor trade whether we like it or not, for every time we buy a gallon of gasoline we are giving one cent into the Federal tax funds from which the rum is financed. Let a man go off to make a temperance speech: He has to buy gas, and so while he is arguing for a dry country the money he gave in tax on the gas goes on its way to make more rum.

But this is not the only absurd feature of it. Take the law enforcement side. Local officers are paid to arrest individuals who are doing nothing more than the Government itself is doing on a vast and scientific scale. We catch a poor fellow for making a few quarts in the backwoods, but actually pay our taxes so that our Government can make thousands of barrels and sell it under the law.

It is another area of State and Church relationship I wish to mention in this article, however. It concerns what the state is offering to do *for* the Church. In a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches some time ago a man representing some WPA enterprise appeared and offered his services to the churches. It seems that he was being paid to teach people how to sing, and while his work did not especially relate itself to religious music, he said his services were available. And so what it amounts to is this: The political set-up is now teaching the churches how to sing hymns! No one doubts the need of instruction, but the ridiculous point is that we have to have the Government send somebody around to lead us in singing the great hymns of the Church. We were brought up on the idea that the Church could teach the politicians the songs of salvation and redeeming love, but it now turns out that the politicians must tell the believers how to sing.

Two points of danger I see in this situation. First, it may mean that the Church has lost its distinctive, redeeming power that naturally bursts forth in spontaneous songs of joy. Maybe the Church—or the people in it—has nothing to sing about. Perhaps the fires are burning too low to warm the hearts of the worshippers. There is some sign that this is the case, however, I do not believe the Government is likely to inject much more spirituality into the ranks of the believers. If the Church is dying, the State is not apt to revive it. Spiritual power may flow from the sanctuary to legislative halls, but you need not expect to see it flowing from the Capitol back to the "Little Brown Church in the Vale."

Then, the second danger is the ever-expanding grasp of the collectivist tendency in our political system. Something has been said about that government governs best that governs least. If such is really true we have a yard-stick with which to measure the present regime as regards Church and State.

MAINTAINING PERSONAL EFFICIENCY

International Sunday School Lesson for May 29, 1938

By J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—Daniel 1:8-16, 19, 20; I Corinthians 9:24-27.

Golden Text—"Every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things." 1 Cor. 9:25.

Today we approach the study of another lesson on temperance in which every Sunday School pupil is given the following exhortation: Be ye temperate in all things except in the use of liquor and don't touch that at all. I point to that not with irony but with genuine sympathy for its value as a practical way of dealing with the problem of the use of alcoholic beverages. However, I realize that such a rule is subject to many misunderstandings to those who want to misunderstand.

In the beginning of this discussion I would admit frankly that for an individual to take a drink of liquor does not mean that that individual is necessarily going to hell. It does not mean that he will necessarily be a drunkard. One may gorge oneself with food sometimes and not feel any serious consequences. Sometimes one may drive eighty miles per hour and not have a wreck. Sometimes a nickel in a slot machine will pay back five or ten, but that isn't the average. The slot machine is made to cheat the man who plays with it. Speeding cars take their toll of life every year. Overeating hastens the day when disease will be master of the body. And liquor, well that is another of those things made for the specific purpose of cheating the individual. He who plays with it may not be so mean, but the least we can say for him is that he is certainly stupid. This is not a matter for argument, for every thinking man knows that to be true. That alcohol is detrimental to health, that it causes one to lose self-control, that it destroys efficiency in business everyone knows. The question is, how shall the masses be taught to live by the best they know?

Also I would admit that from the individual point of view it is everyone's privilege to drink if he wants to. It was never the purpose of prohibition to force morality on people. When the Prodigal Son decided to go into a far country and spend his wealth the father did not try to restrain him by force. The end of the story represents what usually happens, down and out feeding with the swine. From an individual point of view if a man wants to make a fool of himself it is still his privilege, but the tragedy is that the fool most always becomes the victim of his own foolishness. If I want to put my hand in the fire it is my privilege but I don't want to be burned.

When we approach this problem from a social point of view we must consider it differently. Though individually it may be a person's right to sin if he wants to it is not that person's right to sin in such a way as to endanger the life and welfare of others. Furthermore, though it may be the right of a father's son to drink it is not the right of brewing concerns through advertising to teach that son to drink. It is this social implication of drinking with which law seeks to deal. Everyone knows that law must be used to protect society against stupidity; but the question is, how can that best be done? Many say that prohibition was not the ideal way of dealing with drinking, and it was not. We all know that conditions under our present system are not ideal. In fact it is becoming doubtful that repeal is going to bring back prosperity as many gullible people seemed to believe it would. In the last analysis when we view the situation coldly we conclude that liquor is like sin, there is no ideal way of dealing with it except to let it alone. But since so many people refuse to live by that principle there must be some type of legislation to deal with the social problem created, and in my mind prohibition with all its faults is the best thing we have yet tried. We must remember, however, that law could not and cannot be a substitute for character. Legislative control cannot replace self-control. Being a Christian is not merely a matter of abiding by the law.

So in our lesson today we find two Biblical characters setting for themselves definite goals in life to attain, certain races to run. For Daniel it was a matter of physical and intellectual efficiency. For him it was not so much a matter of what he could not do but a matter of wanting to do certain things so much that he would not allow custom or law to hinder him. For Paul it was a matter of preaching and living the gospel of Christ. "This one thing I do" and everything that hinders shall be left aside. Like the runner he wanted no weight that would hinder him in winning the crown. For him it was not a matter of seeing how much he could do and get by with it, but a matter of how best he could live the Christian life. For people who approach life from that point of view liquor has no place and no appeal. That it is difficult to withstand pressure and refuse the social drink today is a fact beyond question. The Christian life has never been an easy way, but he who has not the courage to stand alone for righteousness is not worthy to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

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Liquor's part in automobile accidents, so widely overlooked and camouflaged in police reports, is brought startingly into the limelight in a careful study of traffic fatalities in the first eight months of 1937, details of which have just been made public by Dr. S. R. Gerber, coroner of Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

CHILDREN'S HOME DAY

June 30 is Children's Home Day. We are planning a program which will begin at 10 o'clock a. m., and last for about two hours, with picnic dinner served about 12:30 o'clock.

Following up a Mother's Day suggestion, the mothers in all our local churches are asked to plan for, work for, and bring or send us a good offering that day.

We are depending upon you. One hundred and ten children are looking to you. Will you help get a good offering? Several have promised to do their best. Please drop us a card and tell us that we may depend upon you. Our work here for the summer and fall depends so much upon this offering.

Your prayers and your cooperation are solicited. Thank you.

In His name,

A. G. DIXON, *Supt.*

CARE FOR EVERY INTEREST

A brother minister who passed on years ago was noted for his success in every field of labor to which he was assigned. He was not brilliant in the pulpit and was never sought after for special occasions. Some one inquired of a friend of his to know the elements that entered into his success. "He looks after every interest of the Church and gives attention to everybody," was the reply.

Some ministers have a way of making a record on one line. They harp on one string and tell to all the world the marvelous things that have come to pass in this one field of endeavor, though every other interest may languish and the Church and the community may go neglected. But the wise man, consecrated to his Lord and the task before him, will not be caught in any such snare of the devil. He will follow the Christ in all things rather than use any such device to exalt self by spectacular methods that gain the applause of men.

To forward every interest in Church work requires no little drudge work in the quiet and obscure ways among the lowly and plain people away from the plaudits of the multitudes. Like unto his Lord he must go about doing good where the crowds toil and suffer and sin. Even in Church work one man will cry evangelism and another will stress Christian education as though both were not the same in the end. Ringing door bells in the city and talking with the farmers in the fields and the cottage homes go along with the pulpit and the school rooms. Printing press and flaming souls are agencies to the same end. Aldersgate and the warm heart moves from within, through many agencies, to the ends of the earth.

The measure of our success following the efforts of this present year of so many unusual events in our Methodist life will be determined by the care we are able to give to every cause that gathers about home, school and Church in dealing with the present and future generations.—*N. C. Christian Advocate.*

LLOYD GEORGE AT GIPSY SMITH'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION IN LONDON

"He is," continued Mr. Lloyd George, "one of the most remarkable men of his generation. I come from a country where in my young days the great preacher was the hero in every household. It was to them we owed most. Since those times the hero-worship has been shifted from the pulpit to the screen. I belong to those less enlightened and more primitive days (Applause). I am here as a relic of that generation (Laughter). Other speakers are more competent than I to speak of the work the evangelist has done, but I know he conducted one of the most successful missions in my constituency. A man who can carry to the hearts of millions in his time the noblest and most hopeful message ever delivered to mankind on earth must have made a deep impression and had a great influence on the life and character of his generation. He has attracted greater attention than any speaker of his day. If I were lost in the wilds of western America or in the bush of Australia where they have never heard of British politicians (Laughter), and I did not know what to do, I would go to the first squatter's or miner's hut and I would knock at the door and say 'I am an old friend of Gipsy Smith' (Laughter). He would say, 'What—do you know him?' and I would say, 'Why, he used to visit me in a place called Downing Street where I served a long term of very hard labor (Much laughter). He was kind to me then and was one of the few men who believed at that moment I was not past praying for, (Laughter). Then the squatter would say, 'Come in my friend, and do and have whatever you like!' (Applause). Now what is the secret of Gipsy Smith's power? I have been reading an extraordinarily interesting book, "Press, Pulpit and Pew," by "H. M." of the Methodist Recorder, and that truly says the Gipsy has the rare and divine gift of simplicity. The greatest preacher this world has ever seen was understood by the common people. They therefore heard Him gladly, and, thank God, they are hearing Him gladly today. I am glad you look so fit, Gipsy, and that you are carrying your message to a world which stands more in need of it than ever—a world nearer the brink and the abyss than I care to think; a world where wrong is bold, daring, reckless, and, unfortunately, triumphs; where righteousness is timorous, faint-hearted, fearful, inept! (Applause). This is the world that needs to be saved. The great struggle of twenty years ago seems to have left mankind with a tired heart (Hear, hear). The devil is tireless! We need Gipsy Smith to go on grappling with him. We need Gipsy Smiths in religion, in politics, in economics and in international affairs (Applause). You say the Gipsy is a man of extraordinary personality. That is true. You say he is a man of genius. That is true. I would rather acclaim him tonight in the old and fine Scriptural phrase: 'There was a man sent by God' ("Hallelujajh!") and his name was Gipsy Smith." (Applause). –*The Methodist Recorder.*

WAYS OF SUPPORTING THE CHURCH

There are three certain ways of supporting the Church:

The first way is probably the oldest way. This is the way of Gratitude. It has been followed by all those who are conscious of having received at God's hands blessings and benefits, and they have gladly placed an offering on God's altar.

The second way of supporting the Church has guaranteed the continuance and progress of the Church. This is the way of Obligation. Those who have realized their dependence upon the Church for spiritual support have also recognized the Church's dependence upon them for material support.

The third way of supporing the Church brings the Church close to personal experience. This is the way of Affection. With it any other way may accompish much more than its intended purpose. For the gift is part of the giver. The offering is an expression of love—love of God and of God's children.—*The Expositor.*

Fellowship Crusade Briefs

Pastor Cook reports forty cards returned from Friendship-Love's Grove endorsing the Crusade with $104.50 pledged or paid.

Pastor J. D. Williams reports for Welch Memorial twenty-seven cards returned endorsing the Crusade with $65.00 pledged or paid.

OUR STORY PAGE

THEY ALL BELONGED

Once upon a time there was a king in a far country who ruled his people justly and wisely because he loved God truly. He gave his jewels to build hospitals for children. He wore the simplest clothing and the money he saved he used to build schools. His people were happy, and they loved him dearly.

"There is one thing our kingdom needs," he told his chief counselor. "We have fine homes, splendid schools, rich libraries, but we have no beautiful churches. Tell the best architects and builders to get to work. Tell them to bring me their plans, and I shall choose the five best to be built, one in each of the four corners of the kingdom, and one here in the park close by the palace."

So all the artists and the architects, the stone cutters, and the brick layers, set to work. They were glad and proud to be building houses for God. Even the men who dug deep into the ground to make a place for the great stone foundations whistled and sang as they worked.

Soon in all four corners of the kingdom and in the royal park, tall buildings were being made beautiful with all the skill of loving hands.

"Here will be the finest house for God," thought some as they watched the stone church in the northeast corner lift its tall spire toward heaven. Well might they say so, for within was an organ so beautiful, that when it was played, you thought of angels singing to the shepherds that first Christmas night.

"No, here is the finest," thought others as they looked at the brick church in the northwest corner. Here the wood carvers had done their finest work, and every pew, every railing, every column was so delicately carved, that you thought of lace your mother made turned somehow into shining wood.

"Here is the best," others believed, and truly the marble church in the southwest corner was like a jewel box. The handles of the doors were pure gold. The lights were golden set with purple amethyst, and deep green emerald, and yellow topaz. "Surely this is the light of heaven," thought those who watched.

"No, here is the loveliest," said the artists who watched the stone church in the southeast corner. The sun shining through the windows sent blue and crimson lights across the church, and in their glory you thought you saw an angel standing by your side.

In the palace park, the fifth church grew swiftly, but no one watched it. An old friend of the king's had begged to build it, a good old man whom the king loved. His church was plain. He had used wood from the tallest trees for his walls and painted them white. In the tall white steeple a golden-voiced bell chimed a welcome to all who loved God. Its steps were broad, and its door stood wide open.

At last the great day came when the king bade his people worship God, each in the church of his choice.

"I myself will visit with you," he told them.

First he went to the church with the organ like angels' singing. To his surprise people were coming out.

"What, is this church not finished?" he asked.

"Yes, Sire, it is finished. It is crowded. There is no room for us," said a man.

The king looked and saw his face was brown. There were others, too; some were yelloow; some were red; some were black.

"No room? There are other churches. Come my friends."

So they went to the brick church with the beautiful carvings. The builder waited on the steps.

"Welcome, Sire," he greeted the king. "Stay back," he warned the others. "They will not be careful. They might hurt the carvings," he whispered to the king.

Sadly the king turned away. "I go with my people," he said.

At the jewel box church they found a crowd of children crying. "They would not let us in," sobbed one little girl. "They said children might break something."

Again the king turned away, but he took with him the children, and his other friends, yellow and black, red and brown.

In the church of the stained glass windows they found the builder had forgotten about seats. The weary people had no place to rest. "Come home with me," said the tired king.

But as they drew near the palace they saw the friendly white church. "Let us try again," said the king.

"Welcome, Sire. Welcome to all who love God," the builder greeted them.

"Is there a place for us," asked the children.

"Yes, come right in."

"Is there a place for us?" asked the yellow men.

"Yes, come in."

"Is there a place for us?" asked the brown men.

"Yes, come in."

"Is there a place for us?" asked the red men.

"Yes, come in."

"Is there a place for us?" asked the black men.

"Yes, come in."

"Then there is a place for me," said the king, and he went inside with his friends.—Bethann F. Van Ness, in The Cradle Roll Home.

Be diligent in your desire for the best in life. Daily commit to memory some great thought that it may quicken and ennoble you. Be ready and willing to part with your faults. Be simple and sincere in all your thoughts and acts. It is in the common incidents of your daily life that you reveal your true character. God is always available to you. This inexhaustible power is at your command at any moment and in every emergency. Claim your great heritage today. The best is now yours, and God cooperates with you if you but diligently seek Him. Keep close to God and constantly seek His guidance.—*Grenville Kleiser.*

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

This report covers the last two weeks.

Matthews' Chapel S. S., Greensville	$ 1.73
First Church S. S., Lexington	3.00
Graham S. S.	6.65
Mebane S. S.	5.00
Pleasant Union S. S., Mt. Pleasant	2.50
Liberty S. S.	5.00
Chapel Hill S. S., Davidson	2.00
Baltimore S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	5.92
Pleasant Grove S. S.	15.00
Harris Chapel S. S., Vance	6.00
C. E. Soc., Glen Raven, clothing child	5.00
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	2.50
Friendship S. S., Shiloh	4.00
Giles Chapel S. S., Richland	4.00
Center S. S., Alamance	5.05
Woman's Aux., Chicago, Ill., for shoes.	3.00
Macedonia, Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
Love Joy S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	2.00
Shiloh S. S., Randolph	3.50
Lebanon S. S,. High Point	9.00
Salem, Saxapahaw	6.13
First Church S. S., High Point	15.00
Concord S. S.	20.00
New Hope, Vance, April and May	4.00
Flag Springs S. S., Why Not	2.00
New Hope S. S., Why Not	4.25
The Mother's class, Liberty Hill, Anderson, Mother's day offering	2.31
Miss Ruth Clugle, Friendship, Mt. Hermon	1.00
Mrs. Robert Overman, Friendship, Mt. Hermon	.25
The Baraca class, Mebane	8.28
Pine Grove S. S., Kernersville	2.00
Bethel, Alamance	5.50
Pine Hill, Davidson	1.49
Circuit Rally, Davidson	5.46
Henderson S. S.	8.00
Brown Summit S. S.	1.98
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
Fountain Place S. S., Burlington	5.34
Orange Chapel S. S., Saxapahaw	1.00
Siler City S. S.	5.00
Rock Creek S. S., Alamance	6.13
Charlotte S. S., Richland, Jan. to April	12.38
Love's Grove S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	3.30
Community Church, Thomasville	6.75
Maple Springs S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Stony Knoll S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Kernersville S. S., quarterly offering	3.00
Intermediate class, Sandy Ridge, Kernersville	1.00
Union Ridge S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Enfield S. S.	5.00
Harmony Grove S. S., W. Forsyth	2.40
Shiloh S. S., Shiloh	8.50
Shady Grove S. S., Connelly Springs	1.00
Concord, Saxapahaw, special	8.38
Bethesda S. S., N. Davidson	3.43
Bethany S. S., Randolph	4.25
Bethesda S. S., Halifax, three quarters	10.00
Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	8.00
Whitakers, program	21.38
Eden, Halifax, program	11.62
Enfield, program	22.34
Creswell, program	22.07
Pleasant Hill, Spring Church, program and a friend	21.19
Littleton, program	13.67
Mt. Pleasant S. S., N. Davidson	2.91
Mitchell's Grove S. S., Guilford	3.52
Porter S. S.	2.00
Efland S. S., Orange	1.47

Clothing and Other Gifts

Mr. A. W. Staley, Grace, Greensboro, 10 sections of honey.

The Mission club, Concord, 1 tie and 2 pair socks.

Shiloh Auxiliary, Shiloh, 12 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables.

Mrs. O. D. Hatfield, Creswell, a bundle of clothing.

Mrs. Bettie Davenport, Creswell, a bag of pecans.

Dr. J. H. Cutchin, Whitakers, a large bag of peanuts and a bag of pecans.

Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Williams, Pleasant Hill, a croquignole and checker board.

Woman's Auxiliary, West End, Greensboro, 2 dresses.

Mr. C. H. Kirkman, Tabernacle, a fine pig for stock hog, and a bag of seed corn.

We are thankful for all these gifts of money and substance, and for the continued interest thus manifested.

Our Trip East

We had a most delightful and profitable visit to several of our charges in the eastern part of the state, as reported above. The people were exceedingly kind, churches filled at each place, and the offerings were good. They took the children into their homes two and two, and the children are still debating about who had the best homes. All of them claim the best. We were delighted to see Rev. D. R. Williams in the congregation at Enfield. He was looking much better, and gives promise of being back in the work soon. As we were leaving Pleasant Hill a good lady handed Mother Dixon a $5 bill, and that is added to the program offering. We are so thankful for the kindness shown us on that trip.

Children's Home Day

Please bear in mind June 30, which has been designated as Children's Home day. Come to see us that day and bring dinner and an offering. Thank you and God bless each of you.

Yours in His blessed service,

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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HENDERSON-SASSER

The marriage of Miss Marguerite Sasser and Mr. Eugene Henderson was solemnized at the parsonage on Orange charge, Efland, N. C., Saturday, April 16, at 6 o'clock. Rev. C. P. Morris officiated using the ring ceremony.

Mr. Henderson is the son of Mr. M. W. Henderson, superintendent of the Sunday school of our church in Kannapolis. The young couple will make their home in Kannapolis.

C. P. MORRIS.

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15th DISTRICT RALLY

The 15th District Rally will be held at Albemarle church on the fifth Sunday, May 29. The meeting will begin at 1:20 o'clock and continue in the afternoon. This includes the following charges: Kannapolis, Concord, Roberta, Mills Grove, Friendship-Love's Grove, Pine Bluff, Albemarle and Porter.

Everybody bring baskets and spread dinner together in the dining room of the church.

C. G. ISLEY, Chairman.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. B. W. Little, Charlotte	$2.00
Roy S. Garmon, Charlotte	2.00
Mrs. M. W. Hinson, Charlotte	1.00
Mrs. C. A. Stikeleather, Charlotte	1.00
Mrs. W. E. Helms, Charlotte	1.00
Mrs. J. H. McCall, Charlotte	1.00
Sent by Pastor Strickland.	
Mrs. W. C. Biggerstaff, Cleveland Charge.	1.00
Frank Hasting, Cleveland Charge	1.00
C. W. Self, Cleveland Charge	1.00
M. S. Earwood, Cleveland Charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Madison.	
H. C. Hauser, Pinnacle Charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Morris.	
Mrs. J. W. Hopkins, Haw River Charge	1.00
Mrs. W. O. Ellis, Vance Charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Cranford.	
E. M. Hipp, Yarborough Charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Vickery.	
T. S. Coble, Club subscriptions, Haw River Church	4.38
Leroy Cochran, Roberta Church	1.00
Mrs. C. F. Little, Roberta Church	2.00
Mrs. Joe Starnes, Roberta Church	1.00
Z. D. Cochran, Roberta Church	1.00
Arthur Lambert, Roberta Church	1.00
Jerry Pennington, Roberta Church	1.00
J. Ivy Cline, Roberta Church	2.00
Mrs. John Pennington, Roberta Church	1.00
Mrs. Essie Cochran, Roberta Church	1.00
Mrs. F. L. Garmon, Roberta Church	1.00
Mrs. Bertie Blackwelder, Roberta Church	2.00
Miss Clara Linker, Roberta Church	1.00
G. E. Verble, Roberta Church	1.00
Gertrude Furr, Roberta Church	1.00
Sent by Pastor Joyner.	
J. H. Snotherly, Friendship-Love's Grove	1.00
Sent by Pastor Cook.	
J. C. Causey, Mt. Pleasant Charge	2.00
Sent by Mrs. Ned Suits.	
W. F. Parker, Calvary Church	1.00
W. F. Lindley, Saxapahaw Charge	2.00
Mrs. Exie Ellington, Saxapahaw	1.00
Sent by Pastor Bingham.	
Mrs. W. H. Barton, Pleasant Grove	1.00
Sent by Miss Alice Kennedy.	
W. T. Kiser, Kannapolis, extra Heralds	1.92
J. E. Little, Mill Grove	1.00
Sent by Mrs. L. W. McCoy.	
Rev. G. B. Ferree, W. Forsyth Charge	2.00
G. W. Dodson, Mebane	1.00
Sent by Mrs. D. A. Pender.	
S. E. Crew, Spring Church	2.00
Sent by Mrs. R. M. Robinson.	
Subsidy, Palestine, Flat Rock	2.00
Bethel, Flat Rock	3.50

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EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Isley, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Isley, wish to express their gratitude to the neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness and expression of sympathy in the sicknes and death of their sister and aunt, Miss Sarah Isley.

May our Good Father in Heaven bless you all.

MR. and MRS. GRAHAM ISLEY.
MR. and MRS. HERMAN ISLEY.

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Father: "Daughter, I hope you'll go to chuch this evening. The pastor's subject, 'An Hour With Favorite Hymns,' should be very interesting."

Daughter: "I should like very much to go, Father, but I have an engagement with my own favorite him tonight."—Selected.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Friendship, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—Home-coming will be observed at Friendship church Sunday, June 12. We are looking forward for this event, and hope to make it the best. Come and greet your old friends and meet new ones.

Sunday school is growing in number, also in spirit; not the quantity but the quality we need most. We have 200 now on roll.

Rev. C. E. Ridge brought to us a very inspiring message Sunday morning, May 22.

Mother's day was observed on the second Sunday in May. At the beginning of the service, Rev. Mr. Ridge baptized the babies of the following parents: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartley, Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Freedle, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hartley.

There will be an Aldersgate service at Friendship church Tuesday evening, May 24.

ADELE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

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Mt. Moriah, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor.—It has been quite a while since we had a report but we are still making some progress on our church. Part of the ceiling was put up last week. We are using memorial windows for the auditorium. They are being put in, in honor of the following: Mr. Johns S. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Grace Devinney, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hunt, Mr. George and Shuman Towery and Rosa Towery, Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Waters, Mr. Frank Deviney, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Richard and Mr. and Mrs. Billie Hicks. The doors were put in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Self and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brackett.

Memorial services were held the second Sunday in May with the largest crowd attending in several years. The cemetery was very pretty, all the graves were cleaned off and most of them had a bunch of flowers placed on them.

We have postponed our Christian Endeavor society meeting until the church is completed.

GILLIE DEVINEY, Reporter.

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Gibsonville, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—On May 14, our Young Ladies' class sponsored a baby contest which was held in the school auditorium. The proceeds are to be used to help with the basement which is now being finished and will be a much-needed addition to the church. $205.63 was realized from the contest.

A series of services was begun May 22 and will continue through May 29. We feel that we are very fortunate in having Rev. T. G. Madison, of Lawndale, N. C., with us, who will do the preaching.

The Woman's Auxiliary had an unusually well-attended meeting May 18, when they met with Mrs. Norma Jones. Mrs. Frank Owens, president, was in the chair. The regular program was dispensed with due to the lengthy business session and reports of the convention held recently in Burlington. Plans were made at this meeting for a banquet to be held June 4 for the Men's Bible class.

Ruth Ellen Randolph entertained the Sunshine circle May 2, in monthly session with the new officers in charge. Hazel Ruth May presided and read the scripture lesson. Ann Stough, assisted by several members, presented a Mother's day program.

On May 3, the Mission club met with Ruth Boyles, with Agnes Adkins, the president, in the chair for the business session. Helen Blaylock directed a Mother's day and missionary program. Doris Henry and Mary Louise Curtis gave a childhood life sketch of Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams, missionaries returned from China.

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Alamance Circuit. — Since my last report beautiful pulpit chairs have been put in at Center by the Woman's Auxiliary. This church is keeping all the conference claims paid up to date. Because of the improvement program this church voted recently to defer action on the financial phase of the Fellowship Crusade until September. It is my belief that Center will make a good showing on this by conference.

A few weeks ago the members of Rock Creek church met and did some yard cleaning, adding much to the appearance. This church is "beautiful for situation,' being located in a grove of large oak trees.

This pastor was agreeably surprised on the third Sunday to receive a pounding from Bethel church, consisting of sugar, cocoanut, raisins, coffee, rinso and soap, canned cherries, honey, rice, and soda. Since all names were not given and to save space, we will not give names. We are profoundly grateful to these good people. It is our desire to serve them the very best we can.

Miss Margie Cook, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self, received a signal honor at Silk Hope high school last year and this, by winning the declaimers' medal each time.

Among our young people who graduated from high school this spring are the following: Misses Rachel Thompson and Bernice White and Messrs. Allie White and Robert Braxton.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Corinth, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointments here on the first Sunday morning and third Sunday night. At the service on first Sunday Earl Harper, Robert Morris and Claude Inscoe were added to our steward list.

The annual Memorial services will be held at this church on the first Sunday morning in June at the 11 o'clock service. Everybody is invited to come and bring flowers and help decorate the graves of our loved ones.

Since our last report we heard of the death of our ex-pastor's wife, Mrs. R. L. Vickery. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Vickery and the children.

On April 23 one of our members, Mrs. Zootie Lou Harper, wife of Earl Harper, passed away. Funeral services were held at this church on April 25 and she was laid to rest in the church cemetery, underneath a beautiful mound of flowers. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the husband and little daughter.

We were very glad to have Dr. and Mrs. Dixon and several of the children from the M. P. Children's Home at High Point, visit on this charge last Wednesday and we hope they will come again soon.

Sorry to report Miss Daisie Porter is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morris attended the wedding of their brother, Bonney Morris and Miss Mary Douglas Chinn in Warsaw, Va., on May 7. Mr. Morris was formerly from our church and we wish for this young couple much happiness as they go through life.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

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St. Paul's Church.—The Lord was with us Sunday, May 22. We had two wonderful services, both conducted by our pastor. The morning worship was centered around the study of the translation of Elijah. It was truly a great service we had together—the whole church was spiritually stirred. The evening service, with better than usual attendance, was on the question, "What shall I do with Jesus?"

Mr. Shelton lead the discussion from an entirely different view. This service too was filled with the presence of the spirit.

Since we made a report last we have taken two strides toward a better physical church. We have bought a new set of song books, for which we are very grateful. Our greatest achievement, however, is a new carpet for the church. The greater part of the money for it has either been pledged or paid in already and we have a report that the rug should be here before very long. We are quite proud to be able to undertake so great a task with quite a few of our people working only part time. With the help of our Lord we expect to have it paid for soon. We bought a very good grade and the work will not have to be done again soon.

We are a friendly church at St. Paul's and we believe the Lord is with us. Come visit us and experience the friendly spirit we have for each other and for our fellowman.

REPORTER.

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Community Church, Thomasville, May 24.—Our hearts were made sad a short time ago by the death of one of our charter members, Dr. R. V. Yokley. We shall miss him greatly as a church and town. Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

On May 13 the Mid-Year Conference met with us but we were disappointed that more people were not able to attend. However, a good meeting was reported.

Recently our Young Men's class under the direction of their teacher, Mr. C. L. Berrier, divided into halves in a contest in attendance. This brought quite a bit of interest and came to a climax with the losing side entertaining with a banquet. Now the men have challenged the Young Ladies' Class, taught by Mrs. H. C. Nicholson in a similar contest. A set number of points are counted for presence, at class, staying for church, prepared lesson, visitors, new members, conversion, etc. There has been an increase in membership in classes and interest already and we hope to profit greatly by this contest.

On Monday night, May 23, our Auxiliary met with Mrs. H. C. Nicholson with about 30 members and one visitor present. Mrs. Douglas Crutchfield had charge of the devotionals, using as her subject "Youth in Missions." In keeping with the Aldersgate Movement she read one of the few songs written by John Wesley.

After the devotionals Mrs. Auman rendered an effective program on "Highlights and Customs of the Japanese.' She wore native Japanese costume and came into the room greeting the Auxiliary with the Japanese salutation and had the members bow with her as she did so. She had quite a few articles from

Japan that she showed to impress the customs of the different nationality. Her talks are always enjoyed, especially the ones concerning her experiences as a missionary in Japan.

Rev. Mr. Auman has returned from Tiffin, Ohio, where he attended the meeting of the Board of Missions of which he is a member. He reported a very interesting and promising meeting.

MRS. HOWARD GREEN, Reporter.

Clark's Chapel, Weaverville Charge—We are glad to report an increase in our Sunday School attendance, also at church services. On last Sunday morning our pastor, Rev. W. C. Clark, filled his appointment at Clark's Chapel and preached an inspiring sermon on the Aldergate experience of John Wesley. On last Thursday evening we began our weekly prayer services with a good attendance and much interest.

The 2nd quarterly conference was held at Clark's Chapel on Wednesday evening, May 11.

On next Sunday, May 29, Memorial Day will be observed at our church with an all day program, beginning at 1 o'clock. Dr. Dumont Clark, director of religious department of Farmers Federation will be the speaker at the morning service. In the afternoon there will be special music by two quartets. Every one is invited.

KATHLEEN BLANKENSHIP, Reporter.

West End, Greensboro.—The work here has been moving along in such a way as to give the assurance that progress is in evidence.

Beginning with January there have been unusually well-attended prayer services each Wednesday night. Sometimes the attendance ran into the fifties. These meetings were conducted by the different organizations of the church, all the way from the Juniors, to First Bible class, and the Woman's Auxiliary. The object in making out such a program as this was to get every department to realize that they had a part in praying for a revival that we all felt was so much needed. This was kept up until Wednesday evening before the first Sunday in May. That was the time to which we all had been looking forward.

Brother C. E. Ridge came to us on Sunday night, May 1. The attendance was good from the beginning. The interest was fine from the first. Very few services in which there was not some demonstration of interest. We closed on the second Wednesday evening of the meeting. All teachers were urged to make their lessons evangelistic for the following Sunday. At 10:30 the whole Sunday school from the Primary department up was assembled. At the call for decisions the altar was filled. There were over 40 decisions that morning and 30 were received into the church. Twenty-nine on profession of faith in Christ, one from the Baptist church. We all regretted that Brother Ridge could not be with us for this closing service. His preaching was of a high order. It had the old time ring and was sound throughout. We appreciate his work so much and he made many friends while here.

There was a time when it seemed that revivals just happened. But that was not true then, it is not true now. There must be preparation and an expectation of results. Our people were ready and anxious that this should be so. Anxious to that degree that they gave themselves to the work. I feel sure that many of our folks are stronger as a result of the plain practical gospel sermons delivered by Brother Ridge, and also their willingness to cooperate, and back of that the heart preparation made in advance.

There were some, even of our own members that did not get anything out of the meeting, for two reasons: First they made no preparation. Then they proved that there was no preparation by not attending. Surely all who put something into it were well repaid. It is always so, and we appreciate the fine spirit that was manifest throughout.

We realize that there is much to do in the remaining half year that is before us. Especially is this true in a financial way. But when we consider that in the last three years we have lifted, or will have lifted, over half of this heavy indebtedness, if the present indications do not fail us, by the end of this year,—we think that great things have been done. There were many improvements needed in addition to this debt raising. A new roof has been placed on the church, 100 Methodist Hymnals, much repair work that was very much needed on the inside of the church, a new porch floor for the Assembly room entrance, an advance to a living salary for the pastor, all this looks as if we are making progress, though we have not been able to meet all the requests that have come for an enlarged program.

Since our last report we have received substantial gifts from Mrs. W. W. Eldridge, Mrs. F. S. Stockard, Mrs. T. W. Fain, Mrs. J. K. Osborne, Mrs. M. K. Hall, Mrs. Jack Kimrey. Mrs. Douglas Fuquay, and a nice basket of fruit from the Junior Christian Endeavorers, through their superintendent, Miss Jane Gillie; fresh vegetables from S. E. Ratledge. All these gifts were timely. There are always some folks who have in a standing order to do things for their pastor.

Our work is encouraging in every department. Pray for us.

N. G. BETHEA.

First M. P. Church, Burlington, F. W. Paschall, Pastor.—Regular services as usual were held in our church Sunday. Sunday School began at 9:45 with Mrs. F. W. Paschall's Class in charge of the opening exercises. At this time a very interesting talk on the early life of John Wesley was given by Mrs. Blanche Kirkman. Our Sunday School as a whole seems to be increasing and progressing all the time under the leadership of Mr. Walter Wiles. Some classes have enlarged so that it has been necessary for them to move into larger rooms. Next Sunday is Baraca Day and they are planning a big day.

At the eleven o'clock service, Dr. Paschall brought us a heart stirring message on "What is a Methodist." Many new members have recently been added to our Church Roll and we just welcome everyone of them. We appreciate so much the Church Bulletin that Dr. Paschall has been getting our for us each Sunday.

On Tuesday night of this week a special prayer meeting is being held in the Church in memory of John Wesley. I trust that it will be a great service.

On Wednesday night a fellowship social is being held in the hut for everybody. This is always an enjoyable occasion. A special invitation has been extended to those who have joined the Church this year.

Our nominees for the delegate to next Annual Conference are W. E. Smith and W. W. Wiles. Every church member should be thinking about which one you want for delegate. Both are very capable.

The High Point Leadership Education School will be held June 20-25. The cost is only $6.75 for the week. I trust that we will have at least five from this church to go. Quite a number of our young people were converted during the City-Wide Revival and it seems to me that this Leadership Education School would be a wonderful preparatory for them in their new Christian experience.

In closing I want to leave this little paragraph with you which I found on the back of our Church Bulletin for this week.

Ideals and Success.

"Ideals are as different as viewpoints, but real success is not wealth or fame; but helpfulness. Do the biggest thing you are capable of. To be a tinker when you might be a thinker is to be unsuccessful. He who moulds iron when he might shape destinies, or guides a ship when he might direct an empire, fails. Success consists in never being discouraged, but in ever moving forward, cheering, helping, being your best, and leaving the world the better for your life."

REPORTER.

Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, T. H. Vickery, Pastor, May 22. — This being the fourth Sunday we had preaching service and Rev. Mr. Vickery brought us a fine sermon which we all enjoyed very much.

Our revival meeting starts on the fourth Sunday in July with our pastor's father, Rev. R. L. Vickery, from Danville, Va., as helper in the meeting. Let us all start preparing now with much prayer for a great revival and not wait until the last minute and think that the pastor can do it all by himself. He needs help and cooperation of all to make it a success.

We are trying to plan to repaint our church before the meeting. Hope our plans work out and we get it done.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. James Nalley and Miss Lila Nalley, of Easley, S. C., friends of the pastor, worship with us, also had the pleasure of having them in our home for dinner.

SARA SIMPSON, Reporter.

North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, May 24.—On Wednesday, May 4, at 1:30 p. m. the Cowan Ladies Aid Society met in the home of Mrs. Cleve Mendenhall with 18 members present. The meeting was opened by singing "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." Mrs. Verti Hines read the Scripture. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Elsie Berrier; readings were given by Mrs. Essie Craver, Mrs. Vallie Berrier, Mrs. Ethel Miller; prayer, Mrs. Minnie Berrier; closing song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Reports showed that flowers had been sent to 15 sick ones and 52 calls had been made to the sick. At this time new officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Rose Smith; vice-president, Mrs. Clarence Hines; secretary, Mrs. Paul Hines; assistant secretary, Mrs. Leroy Miller; treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Berrier; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Emma Clodfelter; reporter, Mrs. W. H. Neese; program committee, Mrs. G. A. Berrier, Mrs. Gurney Tuttle, Mrs. Holland Craver; flower committee, Mrs. A. F. Berrier, Mrs. Carl Clodfelter, Mrs. H. P. Berrier; parsonage committee, Mrs. R. S. Smith, Mrs. John Robbins, Mrs. Richard Primm; sick committee, Mrs. Victor Motsinger, Mrs. Grant Reece, Mrs. Robah Mendenhall.

The Society voted to have a lawn supper at Canaan church Saturday evening, May 28, to which everyone has a cordial invitation. At this meeting the Society voted to place a Gold Seal Congoleum rug in the parsonage dining room. The rug was placed in the parsonage last Thursday night, and it is a beauty and the Society has the sincere thanks of the parsonage family.

Sometime ago the Bethesda ladies placed a Gold Seal Congoleum rug in the kitchen and breakfast room at the parsonage. This, too, is appreciated more than words can express. We say thanks to each one that had a part in these good deeds. It is a little late to report this bit of news but this is my first report since Branch Meeting and I do want to tell how proud this writer was to have such a good delegation from North Davidson Charge. Besides the nineteen ladies attending there were five men who acted as drivers for the ladies.

The following ladies attended either part or all the time: Mrs. C. M. Yokely, Miss Elizabeth Yokely, Mrs. J. O. Everhart, Mrs. D. D. Brankley, Mrs. J. L. Fouts, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Mrs. G. A. Berrier, Mrs. Gurney Tuttle, Mrs. Robah Mendenhall, Mrs. H. P. Berrier, Mrs. Virgil Morris, Mrs. J. C. Hayworth, Mrs. Paul Green, Mrs. H. S. Payne, Mrs. W. D. Payne, Miss Treva Reid, Mrs. Alfred Craven, Miss Sara Marie Neese, the writer and the following men, Mr. Virgil Morris, Mr. G. A. Berrier, Jr., Mr. Garvie Everhart, Mr. Paul Brankley, and Rev. W. H. Neese. I think each one thoroughly enjoyed the meeting.

The following people have remembered us recently: Mr. and Mrs. Philip Berrier, Mrs. Van Mabe, Mrs. Clyde Saintsing, Miss Bessie Swaim, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Reece, Mr. A. L. Berrier. Then last Friday night Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Reid and their family came to see us, bringing a freezer of fine strawberry ice cream. We say thanks to each one.

The parsonage family enjoyed as overnight guests recently Mrs. T. R. Everette and Miss Aubrey Long, of Seaboard, N. C.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, May 23.—Our entire community and church has been suddenly and very deeply saddened in the sudden passing of one of our beloved young men, Frank Waitman. He was a member of the young men's class and was serving as secretary at the time of his death. He met his death at near the same spot where his older brother Raeford was killed in an automobile accident just four years ago.

Although he lived to be only twenty years of age, all who knew him had quickly learned to love him because of his friendly disposition and cheerfulness. This was true not only to friends and associates but especially in his immediate family. He will be greatly missed not only in the home, but by his associates, his Sunday school class and his C. E. Society, because he was ever a faithful attendant. Our greatest heartfelt sympathy goes to the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Waitman; the only brother and sister, Joe and Julia, who are twins; the aged grandmother, Mrs. Julia Waitman with whom he had stayed for the past four years; and to the large host of near relatives and dear friends whom we know shall miss him but still cherish his memory. We say then "We leave him in Thy care, not our will but thine be done."

Funeral services were conducted from Shiloh church Saturday afternoon at 3:30, conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Ridge, assisted by Rev. L. E. Mabry and Rev. E. C. Roach. Pallbearers and flower bearers were taken from his Sunday school class. The very high esteem in which he was held was manifested by the unusual floral offerings which required some 65 or 70 flower-bearers.

Next Sunday at 11 o'clock the Woman's auxiliary will hold a meeting. Every member is urged to be present because this is to be a meeting of great importance.

We will remind you again of the community singing which will be conducted at Shiloh church next Sunday night at 7:45. Everybody is invited to attend and enjoy the singing.

Continue to pray for us in our work.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Charge, J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Still the interest in our Sunday School grows. Our attendance for May 22 was 223. The Junior Baraca Class had charge of the opening service.

On Sunday, May 15, after the Sunday School hour an impressive installation service was held by Rev. J. W. Braxton for the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary for this year.

An executive meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Curtis Shoffner Wednesday night May 18. After a devotional period and business session at which each secretary studied her duties for the year, the hostess served delicious refreshments.

The paint job on our church is finished. This job included painting inside and outside, refinishing benches, chairs and floors and repairing and frosting all windows. I am sure any one would be proud to call it their church.

Plans are under way for Memorial services to be held the first Sunday of June. This program is in charge of Miss Callene Phillips, R. C. Causey and H. F. Amick. The speaker will be the President of Louisburg College.

It will be an all day service with picnic dinner on the grounds. We invite all to come worship and visit with us.

The Business Girls' Circle held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Howard Roberson on Saturday night, May 21. An interesting program was presented with each member taking part, telling the way they should live to make our community have more of the Christian Spirit. After a business session the hostess served refreshments which were enjoyed by all.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary met after the Sunday School hour Sunday, May 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson and Miss Fern Amick have moved back home again after living at Elon during the school year.

Miss Olla Stafford has returned home from teaching. Miss Katherine Causey is home from college.

We were glad to see Mrs. Virgie Amick back at church again after several weeks absence due to illness. Little Minnie Alice Braxton is on the sick list. Mr. T. G. Smith is now able to walk a short distance and enjoy riding in the car. Mrs. Theodore Neese, of Pleasant Union Church is not so well at this writing. Mrs. J. E. Stafford had the misfortune to be hit by a car, receiving severe and painful injuries to her knee. Mrs. Stafford was taken to a Burlington hospital for treatment but is at home now. We wish for all these sick a speedy recovery.

Since our last report two more bodies have been laid to rest in Mt. Pleasant cemetery. On Sunday, May 15, one of our oldest members, Mrs. Emaline Smith, widow of G. A. Smith, age 83 years, was laid to rest. Mrs. Smith had lived a long and useful life. She is survived by two sons and five daughters, Lon and Shell Smith, of Liberty; Mrs. Estelle Isley, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Bertha Graves, Mrs. Florence Roberson, Mrs. Green Isley, all of Burlington route 1; Mrs. Ola Hudson, of Kimesville. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Linley, of Liberty, Rev. J. D. Williams, and Rev. Carl Fisher, of Liberty.

On Sunday, May 22, last tribute of respect was paid to Miss Effie Jane Spoon, age 51 years, 6 months and 3 days. Miss Spoon had been in failing health for some time, but was critically ill only a few days. She is survived by four brothers and two sisters, Lee Spoon, of Kimesville; Fred Spoon, of Burlington; Dr. Eugene Spoon, of Winston-Salem, and Carl Spoon, of Durham. Mrs. A. D. Beal and Mrs. M. M. Cornwell, both of Fort Myers, Fla. Services were conducted by the pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian Church near Burlington and Rev. J. W. Braxton.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

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Mt. Lebanon, Randleman Charge, Randleman, May 23.—On May 10th the Missionary Auxiliary of Mt. Lebanon Church met with our president, Mrs. C. L. Spencer, with nine members present. We added one new member to our roll, Mrs. C. R. Wood. Our subject for the evening was "Youth Movement and Missionary Cause." Miss Rozelle Smith was devotional leader, using the Guide Book. At a previous meeting Mrs. C. L. Spencer and Mrs. J. L. Hall were elected delegates to the Branch Meeting in Burlington. Mrs. Spencer gave an interesting report. We decided to send our apportionment to N. C. Budget and High Point College. We decided to have our meetings at the Church during the summer months. After the meeting the hostess assisted by Miss Rozelle Smith served delicious ice cream and cake.

MRS. O. R. TROGDON, Cor. Sec.

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Pleasant Grove, F. R. Love, Pastor.—The annual Memorial service of Pleasant Grove was observed Sunday during the morning worship hour. Mr. R. L. Pope, president of the First National Bank in Thomasville, made a splendid address. Special music rendered by the Junior Choir and a quartet. The Memorial association elected the following officers for the coming year: Clyde Payne, president; Z. B. Morris, vice-president; J. R. Beasley, secretary and treasurer; cemetery committee, Fred Kennedy, J. E. Veach, and Clyde Payne; program committee, Mrs. Quentian Veach, Hazel Hedrick and Mrs. D. M. Kennedy. A large crowd was in attendance and the Memorial service was concluded in the cemetery.

Our Christian Endeavor society visited the Rankin Memorial Society Sunday evening and a very impressive play was rendered.

The Brotherhood will meet Saturday night for its regular monthly meeting, with Rev.

F. R. Love. All members are urged to be present.

The May meeting of the Sunshine Auxiliary was held with Mrs. Henry Newby. Mrs. Rab Kennedy, the president, presided over the business session, and Miss Habel Hedrick was in charge of the program. At the conclusion of the meeting Sunshine Pals were revealed.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Clyde Payne, the wife of our superintendent, is able to be back with us after several weeks' illness.

ALICE KENNEDY, Reporter.

Efland, Orange, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—Since the other churches on Orange Charge have been getting on the honor roll Efland had been climbing and we hope to be over the top soon in the Crusade Campaign.

It isn't necessary for us to say we have been having splendid sermons to those who have heard our pastor, but we have quite a number of members that we would like to have come out and see for themselves. Remarks such as, "The best ever," "He was at his best," etc., were heard after the message he brought to the graduating class of the Efland High School and their friends on the evening of Mother's Day. Both sermons on the 3rd Sunday were equally as good and were well attended.

We have a full schedule ahead of us. The District Rally and Quarterly Conference at Hebron the fifth Sunday in this month.

On the first Sunday evening Rev. J. D. Morris, father of our pastor, will preach for us. He and Mrs. Morris will be guests at the parsonage for the week-end and will attend the commencement at Duke University where our pastor will receive his M. A. degree. We are exceedingly happy to have Rev. Morris come and be with us. It is so far as I know the first time we have had such an experience in our church. Father and son both in the work.

We want all Eflanders to come home the third Sunday in June. Yes, Home-Coming Day. Come and spend the day. Dinner will be served picnic style and I am sure our pastor will have a program planned that will mean even more than the Fellowship Dinner. Rev. H. Freo Surratt, a former pastor and present pastor of Graham M. P. Church, will deliver the morning message.

Our revival meeting will be held beginning the third Sunday in August and not as formerly announced since our pastor will be an instructor in the Leadership Training School at that time. Rev. R. A. Hunter, of Winston-Salem, will assist our pastor.

The anxiety of our community and especially our Sunday School has been somewhat relieved during the past few days since we have learned that Mrs. J. M. Dunn, wife of our Superintendent and one of our most faithful workers is improving. Mrs. Dunn has been very ill in Watts Hospital in Durham for several weeks. We continue to pray if it be God's will that she shall be restored to health and permitted to be back with us.

PATTY J. CRUTCHFIELD, Reporter.

Doctor: "How's your insomnia?"

Patient: "Fine. That new medicine works wonders."

Doctor: "Does it make you sleep?"

Patient: "No! but it makes me want to stay awake."—Ex.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Ann Dora Foster

The community of Elbaville was made sad on April 8 by the death of one of its loyal members, Ann Dora Foster. She was born January 30, 1881. She was united in marriage to C. M. Baily, April 4, 1912. Two children were born to this union, Elizabeth Baily and Major Baily, whom survive; one foster child, Graham Baily; also three step-children survive: H. B. Baily, Sallie Carter, all of Advance; and T. H. Baily, of Friedens, Pa. She also leaves behind one sister, Mrs. J. R. Baily and two brothers, Giles Foster and Samuel Foster to morn their loss. Her husband preceded her in death by one year, April 9, 1937.

Mrs. Bailey was loved by all who knew her. She lived a true Christian life and was loyal to her church. She joined Fork Baptist church in early life; about eight years ago she moved her membership to Elbaville M. P. church where she remained a member until God called her to fill a place in Heavn.

Funeral services were held at the home and at Elbaville church on Sunday, April 17. Her pastor, Rev. K. G. Holt, was in charge and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Lirley, of the local M. E. church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

K. G. HOLT.

Thomas Edgar Wagner.

Funeral service for Thomas Edgar Wagner was held from Bethesda Church May the 18th. Mr. Wagner was 57 years old, and for many years was a member of Bethesda Church. His wife preceded him in death in 1934. Mr. Wagner was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. A great throng of people attended the last rites. The flowers were many and beautiful. The writer had charge of the service, assisted by Dr. J. C. Leonard, of Lexington.

WM. H. NEESE.

Rt. 5, Winston-Salem, N. C., May 25, 1938.

Jonah Alexander Herlocker

Jonah Alexander Herlocker was born June 21, 1871, died April 16, 1938, aged 66 years, 9 months and 26 days. He was converted early in young manhood and united with Friendship Methodist Protestant church. He remained a faithful member of that church until he was called home.

Mr. Herlocker was an invalid for the last 15 years, and required much attention and care. During this time he never faltered in his faith, but grew stronger. Never was there a greater demonstration of patience shown than in his life as a shut-in. He very often expressed his hope in God and his future home. He was faithful to his church as long as he was able to attend the services; since he has been unable to attend the services, his interest has been keen in the advance of the activities of the church. When Sunday school rooms were added to the church he rejoiced and expressed a desire to see them.

Mr. Herlocker was married three times. His first marriage was to Miss Minnie B. Sides, and of this union two children survive, Mrs. C. T. Norton and Mrs. Arthur Eudy. The second marriage was to Miss Clementine Efird. One child survives from this marriage, Baxter T. Herlocker. The third wife was Miss Ada A. Hatley. Seven children of this union survive, Mrs. Fred Kaylor, Mrs. Paul Ussery, Mrs. Brona Morton, John, Sarah, Mary, and J. A. Herlocker.

The funeral wos conducted at Friendship M. P. church on Sunday, April 17, by the pastor, Earl A. Cook, assisted by Rev. O. B. Williams, a former pastor. Burial was in the church cemetery. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his widow, ten children, ten grandchildren, one great-grandchild, six brothers, and two sisters.

EARL A. COOK, Pastor.

Miss Sarah Catherine Isley

Miss Sarah Catherine Isley was born in Alamance county, January 17, 1879 and passed away at her home near the Friendship M. P. church, May 12, 1938; age 59 years, 3 months and 25 days. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Sarah Catherine Isley. She is survived by one brother, Graham Isley, and a number of nieces and nephews, among them being the Rev. C. G. Isley, pastor of our church at Albemarle.

Miss Sarah joined the Friendship M. P. church when but a young girl, and remained a faithful and useful member until death.

Her health failed some months ago, and she was not permitted to attend church and Sunday school as she desired; she often talked of how she wished to get well and go back to the old church, but when she realized that she could not get well, she exercised a beautiful faith in Christ for her future well being. She often expressed her willingness to go if it was the Lord's will, saying with shining countenance, there is nothing between me and my Lord.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. R. Anderson, assisted by Revs. L. E. Mabry and H. L. Isley. The interment was in the church cemetery.

J. R. ANDERSON.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sad hearts that the members of the Young Men's Wide Awake Class of Shiloh M. P. church record the passing of Frank Waitman who was not only a faithful attendant, but was secretary and treasurer of his Sunday School class. He died May 19, 1938, of injuries sustained when the motorcycle which he was riding, came in contact with a mule, that was crossing the highway.

A tragic coincidence is that the accident occurred only about 300 yards from the spot where Raeford, Frank's older brother, was accidentally killed in a motor accident on the night before he was to have graduated from High School, in the spring of 1934.

Frank's life was one of cheerfulness, and was lived in graet simplicity, always manifesting his willingness to lend a helping hand to any and all of his associates, but more especially in his own home. He will be missed at his post of duty, but we must not sorrow as those who have no hope, for we believe that our loss is his eternal gain.

Whereas, Frank and Raeford were brothers, who met death in practically the same manner and near the same spot at near the same age and,

Whereas, they were both members of the same Sunday School class, and the only two members having died since the organization of the class over twelve years ago,

Therefore, be it resolved, that we shall ever cherish their memory and that we extend to their family our deepest heartfelt sympathy.

Be it therefore, further resolved, that these resolutions be given to the family, and a copy be sent to the Methodist Protestant Herald, and a copy be placed in the care of the Young Men's class.

HARRY BERRIER,
HENRY SINK,
HUGH LANNING, Committee.

In Memory of Mrs. Vickery

Where as it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from our midst Sister Vickery, wife of our pastor, Rev. R. L. Vickery. We as a class extend to the family our deepest sympathy. We have lost a consecrated member of the Adult class. She was our assistant teacher, a member of Circle No. 1. We shall miss her bright, shining face. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her faith in Christ was unfailing. Our loss is her gain. One month has passed since God called her to be with Him, where there is no pain, no sorrow, no death. We will miss her encouraging words, press on, have faith, pray without ceasing. May we all endeavor to live a life as she lived and meet her in the great beyond where we will never say goodbye. May God's richest blessings rest upon her children and husband, and all her loved ones, whom she loved so dearly.

Written by a member of the Adult class, M. P. church, Danville, Va.

L. M. F.

Mr. L. M. Joyner

In as much as it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call home our beloved sister and friend, Mrs. L. M. Joyner—lovingly known as Ma Joyner—whom we all loved and admired because of her beautiful Christ-like life, her loyalty to her Church, and her patience and gentleness even in her hours of pain, we give tribute to her memory.

We, the members of the Auxiliary of the Methodist Protestant Church, Asheville, N. C., will ever thank God for her friendship, her gentleness, kindness, and sympathy, and the inspiration her life has been to us.

So be it resolved, that we bow in humble submission to His will and reverently say, "His will be done."

Resolved: That we send a copy of this tribute to the Family, record it on our minutes and send a copy to the Herald.

MRS. G. P. YOUNGINER,
MISS FRANCES CUNNINGHAM,
MRS. C. BOLICK.

Mrs. R. L. Vickery

I have turned the pages of my church paper from time to time, but none has saddened my heart as I turned and saw that Mrs. R. L. Vickery had been claimed by death on April 11, a former pastor's wife of ours, three years ago. But our Heavenly Father knew best and doeth all things well.

We have not words to express our appreciation of Mrs. Vickery, and what she did to make our auxiliary grow, when she was with us. She was a wonderful peacemaker, a great home lover. Yes, her big, kind, compassionate heart won friends as she went. She said she had been asked if she was not a Holiness. She said she told them no, but I always say something for my Lord; every where I go, I feel that I have not done my duty not to. She often said her aim in life was to be ready to exchange this weak body for a body like unto a glorious body, where there is no more sickness nor sorrow nor death.

In my Bible, on a clean white page, I have her handwriting, and this is what it is: "Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." (Isaiah 26:4.)

We think of her as just asleep. I pray that we may be able to join her again some day where we can live together for aye. God keep and comfort her dear family in their sad grief.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, A Friend.

Martha Ellen Nance Burkhead

Martha Ellen Nance Burkhead was born December 23, 1857, departed this life April 25, 1938, age 80 years, four months and two days.

At an early age she professed faith in Christ and joined Chapel Hill M. P. church about 50 years ago. Later she moved her membership to Pine Hill where she remained a faithful member until God called her home.

In youth Ellen Nance was united in marriage to Clark Burkhead and to this union were born two sons: Grady, who lives at home and Kiver, of this community, and one granddaughter, Vada. Her husband preceded her in death 28 years ago, leaving her and the two small boys to travel life's road alone. But she bore it bravely, looking to Christ for courage. She has been a loving mother, a good neighbor, and a friend to every one. Aunt Ellen is certainly going to be missed. We can see her as she feebly approached the church with a glad smile for everyone. Funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by C. E. Ridge.

The children want to thank the friends and neighbors for every kind deed shown during the short illness and death of their mother.

C. L. GRANT.

Roy C. Wagoner

Friendship church, on Haw River circuit, is set some distance back from the highway. Last Wednesday we had a burial at the cemetery in the church yard. As Brother Trollinger stood there following the commital service, he said to the group, "Never saw anything like that line of cars before at a funeral here." It stretched all the way back to the highway, and along the highway for a considerable distance.

That line of cars was a tribute to Roy C. Wagoner, a member of Friendship church since young manhood; and through all the years such a consistent Christian that he won the admiration and respect and love of a great host of folks, old and young, and from every walk of life.

Brother Wagoner was born December 13, 1890, the son of Milton C. and Elizabeth Jane Gordon Wagoner. He died—rather, he was translated—May 10, 1938. He is survived by his mother; his wife, formerly Miss Nettie Stanfield; seven children, Leon, Paul, Adolphus, Charles, Lillian, Betty Ann, and Shirley Dean; and the following brothers and sisters: Lacy T., Mont C., Walter G., Grover C., M. Lonnie, Bonnie R., Mrs. Claudia V. Stanfield, and Mrs. Esther L. Crumbie.

The funeral was conducted at the home where the pastor was assisted by Rev. J. L. Trollinger, pastor of the deceased for eight years. His body rests in the Friendship cemetery; his soul has gone home to God; his life remains a perpetual benediction to those who knew and loved him.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

Mrs. Arthur Newelle

Mrs. Arthur W. Newelle, wife of Arthur Newelle died in Charlotte hospital Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Funeral services was conducted in her home church, Roberta. She leaves her husband, three children, Edith, Coy and Billie Ann Newelle, of the home; her father, Luther Lambert, of Cabarrus county; three brothers, Bill, of Kannapolis; Bob, of Cabarrus county and sister, Miss Bertha Lambert, of Cabarrus county.

In Memoriam

It is with deep sorrow that we record the death of our pastor's wife, Mrs. R. L. Vickery. She was an earnest Christian worker, being vice-president of our Ladies' Auxiliary, also assistant teacher of our Adult Bible class, and will be greatly missed both in our church and Auxiliary. Her death has brought genuine sorrow to the members of our society and to the entire church.

Therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the First M. P. church, Danville, Va.;

First, That our pastor has lost a loving companion, a faithful wife, and a Christian comrade;

Second, That we humbly bow in submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, knowing "that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

Third That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in our minutes, one sent to our bereaved pastor, and a copy be sent to the Methodist Protestant Herald for publication.

ORA WHISENANT,
MRS. L. W. TANNER,
Committee.

Miss Sarah Isley.

It is with deep regret that we the members of Friendship Auxiliary record the passing of one of our members, Miss Sarah Isley. Her quiet, unassuming life should be an inspiration to us all. Therefore we resolve: That a copy of this be sent to the family, a copy to the Methodist Protestant Herald for publication, and a copy to be filed in the minutes of our Auxiliary.

MRS. L. M. ISLEY,
MRS. D. I. OFFMAN, Committee.

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THE TEST OF GREATNESS

(Address by Mrs. R. M. Andrews, President, to N. C. Branch of Women's Work, at Burlington.)

Using the general theme of Fellowship Through Service, I have chosen as a topic for my address, The Test of Greatness. Almost at the end of Christ's ministry on earth, when his disciples were bickering over who was to be greatest in the kingdom, he asked a question for the sake of emphasizing a great truth. His question was, "For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? Is not he that sitteth at meat? But I am among you as he that serveth." The question and answer are recorded by Luke (22:27)

This question of which is the greatest has been asked all down the ages, and even now in nations, races, commerce, industry, schools, colleges, and various sports, there is a constant struggle, not simply to be great, but to be the greatest. Scientists have even suggested that the weak and feeble of humanity be put out of existence and only the fit be allowed to survive, so that a stronger type of man might develop.

But that is not Christ's way. He came to seek and to save the weakest and the poorest. The world's great men had been saying that the world was for the strong. But here was something new. The Son of Man came to save that which was lost, to help those whom nobody yet had cared for or tried to help.

We are living in a country which has great resources, but if we think that because we have great corporations and enormous enterprises we are a greater people in God's sight, we are blind to the teachings to the Bible. Kipling has well said:

> "Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
> An humble and a contrite heart."

Jesus tells us that the great man is not the one who receives the most service, but the one who serves most.

It is nothing new to say that an unselfish life is beautiful, we are always hearing that; but how are we going to live such lives in our day or generation? Service without intelligence is worthless, service benefits the world just in the proportion that it is mixed with thought. One man takes a small lump of clay and makes it into a brick worth very little, because very little thinking has gone into its making; but another man takes the same amount of clay and molds it into a beautiful vase, costly and precious, because into it has gone much skill, hope, memory, and we may even say love. He has mingled spirit with clay, and with that spirit has given value to his product. An ancient poet said, "There are men who, walking along the common highway, will pick up a stone, split it, and take a gem out of it: this is because they know gems. There are men who enter the very mountains of wealth and come out empty-handed; this is because they do not know gems."

Does the service we are rendering to our Master indicate that we know precious gems? or does it indicate that we do not know them? Is Jesus a living reality to us, and are we making the world richer by spreading the consciousness of His presence, so that souls will be better? It is one thing to build lighthouses to save men's bodies from death, as did Thomas Stevenson. It is quite another thing and far better to show men how to live bravely, courageously, serenely in the face of death, as did his son, Robert Louis Stevenson. Great buildings are worth nothing for eternal life, but to make Jesus Christ a living reality to one's fellow men, to make duty beautiful, righteousness fascinating, souls better, this is to make the world here and hereafter infinitely richer. When the artist Millet took a brush and painted two peasants standing in a field with bowed heads at the hour of evening prayer, listening to the bells in the convent tower, he did more for labor and the laboring man than if he had worked with a spade for 50 years in those fields. Any woman who can inspire others to look upon the peoples of the world and find jewels to be fitted into the Master's service will do far more for the world than one who looks upon the world and sees no jewels in the peoples of other races.

Kagawa is a jewel found by someone because money was sent to Japan to establish a mission.

When Solomon was asked to choose a gift for himself, he chose that the Lord would give him an understanding heart, and the Lord was so pleased that He not only granted his request, but also gave him great riches. I have been struck very forcibly during the past year with the great need for an understanding heart towards the needs of our work among our womanhood, and at the same time I have been amazed at the splendid response to financial appeals in the face of our meager information about our mission fields. Oh, if we would only see the gems in the stone!

Dr. Leber of the Presbyterian board in the U. S. made a statement that was to the point when he said, "The Christian missionful service. No amount of piety will take the place of thinking. There never was an ary movement does not depend on what was in last night's newspaper," and I cannot help feeling that if we were as intent on keeping up with what goes on in our mission fields as on what was in last night's paper, the world would be an entirely different place. The woman who has persuaded herself that the human needs and sufferings of people on the other side of the world are unimportant to her, or that she can do nothing about it, has missed the very spirit of Jesus' teachings. We must interpret human need in the spirit of help-

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age when constructive thinking was needed more than at the present. Do you ever hear people read, and wonder if they themselves understand what they are reading? One of the most interesting book reviews I have heard was given by a woman who read a very concise review, after explaining that she had read the book through three times before she decided how to deal with it. I wonder if we are as careful as that about our part on auxiliary programs.

No doubt many of us if asked for our favorite passage of scripture would say the 23rd Psalm, and yet we seem not to grasp the meaning of that Psalm. If the Lord is my Shepherd, then I am His sheep. If I am the Lord's sheep, I am dependent on Him for strength. The sheep doesn't know how to find food and water and shelter, but if it has a good shepherd it can turn grass into meat and wool for the shepherd. A sheep never looks up, and is perfectly satisfied as long as it is fed. Does that describe us? Have we thought how absolutely helpless we are in our relation to God our Shepherd, and what a constant care on His strength we are? "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want," not because I am strong but because my Shepherd is strong. We want to claim the Lord as our Shepherd, to lead, and guide, and restore, and prepare tables for us, and follow us up with goodness and mercy all the days of our lives; but when the shearing time comes every year after all these tender ministrations of the Good Shepherd, do we say like good sheep, "Here, Lord, Thou hast been a good Shepherd, I have not wanted for anything, take my fleece, it rightfully belongs to you?" or do far too many of us say without thinking how ungrateful we are, "I'm going to keep my fleece for my own use. I want my fleece to make myself an extra covering"? If the sheep belong to Christ, then surely the fleece is Christ's. What is a sheep for if not to furnish its Master its fleece? Authorities on animal husbandry tell us there is nothing that brings sheep-rot so quickly as to leave the sheep unshorn.

The peril of Christianity today is the type of religious life that robs God of the fleece. Last year the combined missionary agencies of North America, through prayer, sacrifice, and much effort, succeeded in raising $44,000,000 for the spread of the gospel and proclaiming Christ as the Prince of Peace, while one country of North America, and that our own United States, received ten times that much money in taxes on one article of luxury, that in no way serves any Christlike purpose. Yes, we give ourselves to Jesus Christ, but we absorb the income from ourselves on our pleasures and in our savings. No wonder that all across the Oriental world we hear them saying, "We like your Christ but we do not care for your Christianity!" What a tribute to our Lord and a rebuke to us! Oh, that we may learn that true fellowship with Christ means service to our fellowmen.

Through all the ages of the world only one Man has lived on the earth solely to serve; that Man was crucified on a cross, and placed in a new tomb, with soldiers to keep the door, but He arose triumphant over death and earthly power. Before He ascended into heaven He gave one last great commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." If you will study the history of the church in the world I believe you will find that obedience to that commission has been a test of a standing or falling church. The churches that have been most successful are those that have done most to send the gospel to others. The evangelization of the world must be done now, if we are to have anything to do with it, we shall soon pass off the scene, and other players will come to take our places; NOW, is OUR opportunity.

Let us think in these terms:

"I stand at the end of the past, where the future begins I stand;
Emperors lie in the dust, men may live to command;
Over my head the stars, distant and pale and cold,
Under my feet, the world, wrinkled and scarred and old;
Back of me all that was, all the limitless past
The future awaiting beyond, silent, untenanted, vast;
I at the center of all that has been or that is to be—
The task still unfinished, and now God and man are depending on me!"

"This is a very small bit of chicken you have given me, waiter," complained the diner.

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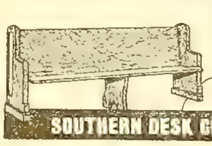

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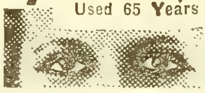

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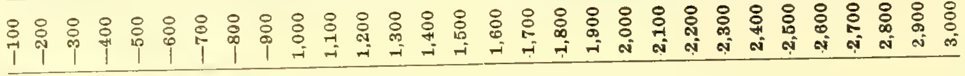

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This thing of running neck and neck is getting to be interesting. Here are two charges on the list this week for another tie: Saxapahaw and Davidson. Well, they both have working pastors. They are eternally at it. Now the thing that concerns me is, which one will get his quota first? Let's see you in for a race boys. Grant and Bingham are pretty well matched, so far as size is concerned. I am not sure which has it on the other, but one thing I am sure of, that is, whoever gets his quota first will have it on the other, then we will know that part of it. Wish somebody would get enough enthusiasm to get the thing going that way. But if you will all do your best and not let one get so far ahead but what the other is in sight or running equal, that will make it equal.

A BIG MISTAKE Who must I apologize to, Loy or Bowman? Got to get something done because both of them are bigger than I am. So let's get this thing straightened out right now. Had thought of Brother Loy as being pastor at First church, Thomasville, so long that his name was on the brain when Brother Bowman brought his church up on subsidy last week. Well, you know if mistakes made haystacks possibly there would not be so many underfed children. There would be more milk, you know. So if you fellows will get together on this thing of the apology, I will do anything you say, provided Brother Loy brings his church up on subscriptions and subsidy. Suppose you ask for that as an apology Brother Bowman, and if he does it I will excuse both of you.

But I must not forget those who paid on subsidy in this imaginary squabble. Brother Hill always comes out, we are looking for him to do it this time. L. A. King, of Seagrove, Davidson charge, and that fine class of young people from Tabernacle. A great big THANK YOU, from all of you. We are coming!

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Isley-Spoon

Miss Lucile Isley and Mr. John Spoon was married Saturday afternoon before Easter Sunday, at the parsonage of the Mt. Hermon charge, by the bride's pastor. Mrs. Spoon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Isley, of the Friendship community. Mr. Spoon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Spoon, of the Mt. Pleasant community.

Mrs. Spoon is a member of the Friendship M. P. church, Mr. Spoon is a member of the Mt. Pleasant M. P. church.

We wish for these fine young people a long and happy married life.

J. R. ANDERSON.

Pittard-Dunlap

On Friday, April 15, 1938, at 8 o'clock p. m., Jesse Dunlap, of Siler City, and Elizabeth Pittard, of Burlington, were united in marriage in the Fountain Place Methodist Protestant church, the writer officiating.

A few of the closest friends of the couple were present to wish them joy and prosperity throughout life. Our prayers and best wishes go with them.

R. E. L. MOSER.

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The Methodist Merger

Now that we are soon to enter realistically, actually, into the task of uniting three denominations into one, the question naturally arises in what way will we be affected? We all want to know that. Briefly let us note:

1. Our Articles of Religion will not be changed in the least. This fact is disclosed in the Plan of Union. Nothing is to occur that will change our belief. If we are now Methodists in our belief, we may remain Methodist in that belief to the end of our days in so far as Methodist Union is concerned.

2. How will Methodist Union affect our local churches in their operations? These will continue to have the same sort of officials they now have. Standards, Class Leaders, Trustees, Superintendents of Sunday School, etc. No change in these. And these officials of the local Church will constitute the members of the quarterly conference of the charge as now. There will be no change in the constitution of the official family of the pastoral charge, except as new members may be elected from time to time to take the place of those retiring.

Saxapahaw Church, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. E. A. Bingham, has reached all three objectives in the Fellowship Crusade.

3. How will the pastoral charges be constituted? As now; there will be a Boundary Committee in the Annual Conference which will change the bounds of the pastoral charge as necessities may arise for said change. Stations will doubtless remain stations, missions encouraged to become self-supporting, circuits will have their bounds changed in the same manner as now. When the work is too great for a pastor and the people are able to do it, the number of appointments will doubtless be reduced, and when the circuits are not able to support a whole-time pastor, the number of appointments may be increased.

4. How will the charge be represented in the Annual Conference? As it now is. Every pastoral charge will elect a lay delegate to the Annual Conference, as is now done in our denomination.

5. What will happen in those places where there are two Methodist churches struggling to exist but are not able to support a whole-time pastor? They may continue to do this so long as they enjoy it. There will be no one to compel them to unite. But it is believed that the better judgment of the people will eventually prevail and the two weak churches shall find it desirable to unite and to worship in one church.

6. What will happen to the money coming from the sale of a Church or a parsonage in those communities where the local societies decided to unite? The money will belong to the united group and will be spent as a majority of that group decide is best.

7. What will become of our institutions, college and orphanage? These will continue to be controlled as at present, by their boards of trustees.

8. When can this merger really begin to be effective? After the Uniting Conference meets in April, 1939. At present the Plan of Unification has been adopted by the three denominations, but the details for carrying out that Plan are yet to be determined. It will be the function of that Conference to decide how we may proceed for the consummation of the Plan already adopted.

9. What will happen to the METHODIST PROTESTANT HERALD? There will be a committee composed of representatives of our denomination and of the other two denominations who will work out a plan for merging the publication. In case the M. P. HERALD should be discontinued what will become of the unexpired subscriptions of subscribers? These will be taken care of in an equitable and satisfactory manner—they will surely sustain no loss.

10. What will become of our N. C. Annual Conference? The Boundary Committee constituted by the Unifying Conference will have that detail to work out. Whether there will be two or three conferences in this state will be determined by said committee, most likely.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Aldersgate Meeting at Concord

On Tuesday, May 22, it was my privilege to be in two Aldersgate services at Concord, the first being a union meeting of all the Methodist churches, held in the Forrest Hill M. E. Church, South, and the other at the evening hour, held in the beautiful new Methodist Protestant Church auditorium. Both of these meetings were well attended and it was a pleasure to be present and to have a part in the services.

High Point College Commencement

In accordance with a custom which has been established since the founding of High Point College, Sunday, May 29, was spent in Commencement. As others, doubtless, will write more completely of the services I will only say that the services throughout were very inspiring and helpful. The College has had a remarkable year and the prospects are good for next year.

Memorial Services for Rev. J. H. Bowman

Last Sunday afternoon quite a number of the friends and relatives of the late Rev. J. H. Bowman met at the cemetery of Pleasant Union Church to hold a brief memorial service for Brother Bowman and to place flowers on his grave. The Jarrett quartette, of Thomasville, rendered three selections. Rev. H. L. Powell led in prayer and it was my privilege to speak briefly of this very useful man. Rev. J. W. Braxton, the pastor of Mt. Pleasant Charge gave the benediction. This is a splendid way not only to honor the memory of the deceased but to pass on to the younger generation the fine qualities and good deeds of those who have gone on before.

May and June Church Extension Months

Attention is again called to the schedule of the Annual Conference which calls for raising assessments for Church Extension during the months of May and June. Churches which follow this schedule will find it much easier to finish up at the end of the year.

Now for the Pastors' Summer School

Attention is again called to the fact of the importance of attending the pastors' summer school which begins at High Point College next Monday evening. Dr. Taylor, doubtless, will have the program in this week's Herald and I will not comment on that, but I do urge just as many as possible of our pastors and their wives to attend.

Miss Gerringer Graduates

Sara Lou Gerringer, daughter of the late Dr. L. W. Gerringer and Mrs. Mary Oliver Gerringer, is being graduated from the Greensboro High School this year. She has made the honor roll every year since the sixth grade and has been elected to membership in the Torchlight society, a national organization based on scholarship.

Pastors' Reports *(Continued)*

Brown Summit, E. Paul Hamilton, pastor: Attendance 40%, a gain, salary not paid in full, took Easter offering, organized Intermediate C. E. society.

Reidsville, G. R. Brown, pastor: Attendance 60%, small gain, salary not paid in full, took Seminary and Easter offerings, A. C. Expenses and College assessment raised in full.

Cleveland, T. G. Madison, pastor: Attendance 50%, gain, two members received, salary not paid in full, took Seminary, Young People's day and Easter offering, paid most of A. C. Expenses, paid part of College assessment, Oak Grove planted shrubbery and made substantial payment on church debt, Kistler's Union met all objectives in Fellowship Crusade, new church being built at Mt. Moriah.

Lebanon, O. L. Easter, pastor: Attendance 75%, a gain, 14 members received, salary almost paid in full, took seminary, Young People and Easter offering, A. C. Expenses raised in full, part of Superannuate fund raised.

Why Not Charge, C. H. Hill, pastor: Attendance 75%, a gain, three members received, salary not paid in full, A. C. Expenses and A. C. debt to be paid in 30 days, new parsonage being built.

Moriah, Leo Pittard, pastor: Attendance 55%, gain, one member received, salary paid in full, A. C. Expenses and College assessment raised in full.

Kernersville-South Winston, C. B. Way, pastor: Attendance 40%, gain, four members received, salary not paid in full, Easter offering taken, part of A. C. Expenses raised, Young People's societies organized at three churches.

Ashevile, E. L. Ballard, pastor: Attendance 50%, slight gain, eleven members received, salary not paid in full, Seminary, Young People's day and Easter offering taken, raised part of A. C. Expenses and College assessment, new Hymnals bought.

Community Church, J. Clyde Auman, pastor: Attendance 50%, a gain, 22 members received, salary paid in full, took Young People's day and Easter offering, A. C. Expenses paid in full, College assessment being raised.

Alamance Charge, H. L. Isley, pastor: Attendance 50%, small gain, two members received, salary not paid in full, Seminary, Young People and Easter offerings taken, part of A. C. Expenses and College assessment raised. Center church paid its part of both of these items in full.

Albemarle, C. G. Isley, pastor: Attendance 75%, a gain, 23 members received, salary paid in full, Seminary and Easter offerings taken, working to raise $1000 on church debt by May 20.

Pine Bluff, C. G. Isley, pastor: Attendance 40%, a gain, salary not paid in full, Young People's day offering taken.

Porter, C. G. Isley, pastor: Attendance 60%, a gain, three members received, salary not paid in full, working to build four new Sunday School rooms.

Announcements

Sunday, June 5—Connelly Springs Charge: Shady Grove at 11 a. m., Shiloh at 8 p. m.

Sunday, June 12—11 a. m. in Dedicatory Services at Concord.

Sunday, June 19—11 a. m. Pleasant Grove.

Sunday, June 26—Saxapahaw Charge, Saxapahaw at 11 a. m. and Salem at 2:30 p. m.

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A Father's Entreaty to Time for Youth

Time, keep your hands off,
Lift not a finger;
You are old and bent
Let these days linger.

Let his young feet tread
The hills, gaily, lightly,
Bringing him back to me
Straight and whole, nightly.

Leave his smile still untouched,
His heart unstrung;
Just for a little while,
He is so young.

He is so quick with his
Pity and laughter,
Let his youth touch your heart,
Keep grief till after.

He has learned how to be
Slower in caring.
Time, youth is tender
And quick to despairing.

Lay your new burdens
On some calloused shoulder—
Bring all his pain to me
Time, till he is older.

—*Revah Summergill, in Hygeia.*

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Do All Things Without Murmurings

The Apostle Paul found it necessary to admonish the members of the Church at Philippi to abstain from murmurings and contentions. That sounds so modern, it really seems like we are reading a letter from some pastor of this date to his Church folk. Back in those days people murmured about what they had to do much like some of us these days. They seemed to think they had more to do than they ought to have—they were really imposed upon. Had to pay too much; do too much; to endure too much; to bear too much responsibility. And so they murmur, mutter, mumble. How disagreeable such a practice is. And then to think that it is done by Church members in good health, fairly good circumstances, with friends about them; it really seems strange. Now if they were in jail, penniless, down and out, it would not look so strange for them to be muttering and complaining about their lot. But for people who are in the best institution in the world, among the best folk in the world and trying to do the most good possible; for them to go about muttering, murmuring over their lot—it does seem strange.

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Epaphroditus

There came a time when the Church at Philippi needed a visit from St. Paul; there were murmurings and strife but St. Paul could not go then, so he sends one of his assistants, Epaphroditus by name. While our knowledge of this worker is rather meagre, Paul calls him brother, fellow-worker, fellow soldier, "your messenger and minister." What strong terms the Apostle uses to describe this personality. How marvellous it seems that so little is really known of this "fellow-soldier" since what is known indicates such a strong character; verile, trustful, resourceful, devout. But knowing St. Paul, we know that he would not send one to represent him who did not have all these qualities. Fortunate is that preacher who can send in his stead, when he can not go, some person like Epaphroditus, who is faithful, a brother, and fellow-worker and who therefore can cope with these difficult situations which arise in a Church. It is refreshing to read here and there in Paul's letter of some person whom he can trust to perform the most difficult task. Paul certainly was a fine judge of men, he knew how to pick co-laborers: Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Artemus, Zenas, the lawyer Apollos, Priscilla, Aquilla, Onesiphorus, Erastus, Onesimous, Trophomous, Barnabas, Silas and others. Blessed is that leader who can discover such helpers in the great cause of righteousness.

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High Point College Commencement

The school year of this institution has just closed. Last Sunday Dr. G. I. Humphreys delivered the baccalaureate sermon; Sunday night Dean P. E. Lindley delivered the annual sermon before the religious organizations; Monday morning Dr. Jas. H. Straughn delivered the baccalaureate address; forty-five seniors received diplomas; Rev. H. P. Powell, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Asheboro, was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity; medals were awarded; recognition to those who had attained highest scholastic standing was given; two oil paintings were unveiled, one of former President Andrews, presented to the College by Mr. C. C. Robbins; and one of President Humphreys, presented to the College by Mrs. M. J. Wrenn.

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Crusade Briefs

Saxapahaw Church, Rev. E. A. Bingham, pastor, has reached all three objectives in the Fellowship Crusade. Hurrah for Saxapahaw and its faithful pastor.

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"We climb, like coral, grave by grave,
That pave a pathway sunward;
We are driven back for our next fray
A newer strength to borrow,
And where the vanguard camps today,
The rear shall rest tomorrow."

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The Methodist world is now celebrating the anniversary of the Aldersgate experience of John Wesley. We should do so, for the warmed heart is our primary need, but we should also remember that if Wesley had stopped with a great experience of a renewed heart he would have been unknown and Methodism forgotten. The good works maintained for more than a half century made his renewed life the beginning of the vitalization of a race.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

In Appreciation of My Students

Always at the close of the school year I speak a few words of appreciation to and for my students. Since they have stuck with me during the term, executed my assignments, heard my voice, that may have been all too tiresome at times, and contributed their interest and response to the course, I do feel that, on the part of a teacher, gratitude is in order. Not to exercise a little expression of thanks would be falling below the students themselves, because they usually have a few kind words for my services in their behalf.

And so I tell them how much I have enjoyed having them with me. I appreciate their presence in my classes for several reasons. A teacher usually feels honored to have a good number of pupils. It makes his courses appear popular. I suppose each teacher thinks his department is the best, the choice of all human wisdom. This is his privilege, and if it were not so, he would, of course, not have majored in it in the first place. Therefore, when students select his work it brings a spark of rejoicing into his own heart.

Then there is the intellectual stimulation that comes from a good class. I often say that the class can make or break the teacher. Some of the finest thoughts and lessons I have ever learned came from my students; I frequently quote them in public speeches. The group in directed, cooperative thinking gives off a sort of synthetic mind—ideas that no one alone could have reached. This resultant product is often rich and much to be desired by the teacher. I learn from my students. I appreciate them for this reason.

Moreover, the friendships made in the courses are lasting ties of pleasure and good-will. The student-teacher relationship is unique and exceedingly refreshing. Edgar Guest says, "It takes a heap o' living in a house to make it home." Well, it takes a heap of association, team-work, to make lasting friends. This mutual, harmonious, like-minded effort goes on in the classroom from day to day, and it finally builds us up into a fellowship of kindred spirits never to be totally dissolved. With the closing of each succeeding year I can count on having a new circle of friends. And I do appreciate them.

Again, students are to be highly valued as the medium through which a teacher serves mankind and the Kingdom. Without pupils the teacher cannot teach; and unless he can teach his work is undone, his mission unrealized, and his purpose unreached. Students help me to fulfill my own life's work. I enjoy teaching, and I should be grateful for those who cooperate in the process. They help me to become myself, and they will, I know, becoming mature and strong in their own right, carry the truths from my classroom to later years and larger fields of service. I take pride — perhaps its a bit selfish — in the fact that every Sunday morning numerous men who have come under my instruction stand up to proclaim the eternal Word; that in scores of schoolhouses teachers whom I have taught now instruct the lives of others; that even more numerous are those who live and labor in homes and on farms carrying everywhere a little flavor of my philosophy into life's problems and because of this philosophy, perhaps, meet life in a brighter and happier way.

Such, at least, is my thought, and in this thought I keep on working. It may be somewhat vain and optimistic, but it makes the classroom inspiring for me, and after all, the students need all the "inspiring" they can get, so they should not mind. As the Stroud Twins would say, "We are all happy about the whole thing."

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SERVING BY PERSONAL DEVOTION TO CHRIST

International Sunday School Lesson for June 5, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 14:3-11, 27-31.

Golden Text—"She hath done what she could." Mark 14:8.

There is hardly a story in scripture more beautiful and touching than the story of Mary as she anointed her Master with the expensive ointment. This simple thoughtful act upon one who had meant so much to her and the family of which she was a part carries with it a value which cannot be estimated and by most of us cannot be fully appreciated. The disciples looked upon it as an act of thoughtless waste, but the Master looked upon it as a good work, an act sufficient in value and beauty to make the name of Mary immortal in the minds of men. "She hath wrought a good work on me." "Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." Despite all the objections of Judas and his fellow disciples we believe that Christ was right.

We are inclined to ask the question though, just wherein was the great value of this deed? Did Christ look upon it kindly simply because it was a deed of kindness to Him and so exalted Him in the eyes of those around? We hardly think so for He did not care for position, nor did He seek for especial favors. One who was willing to wash the disciples' feet would not have been moved by a consideration like that. Then was it because of the material value of the ointment that Christ spoke His compliments? Certainly not. The disciples were considering that, and from their point of view they were right. This was an act of waste and the poor did need the food and clothing that could be bought with $60 much more than Christ needed the soothing effect of ointment poured on His head. When Jesus called it a good work He was not speaking of dollars and cents.

Then again we ask, wherein lay the value and beauty of this simple deed?

As a first consideration we may remember that this deed was beautiful in that it was done in time. It wasn't long until death but it came in time for Christ to appreciate it to the fullest while He yet lived. It stands out in bold contrast to the more expensive tomb which Joseph gave. That gift came after He was dead and Jesus is none the better or the worse for having been buried in an expensive tomb. It is always easy to do our good deeds, speak our kind words too late, to put off Christ until the better part of our lives are lived, but it is still true that there is beauty in the deed done or the word spoken in time. The beauty of a living witness for Christ now cannot be surpassed. The act of Mary is like a bouquet of fragrant roses given to Christ while He yet lived and could enjoy the same.

As a second consideration this act had value because it was prompted by a worthy motive. Mary was not seeking honor or immortality; she was not selfishly seeking favors of Her Lord. Rather here was a man who had meant more to her and her friends than any man she had ever met before. It was as an expression of sincere love for her Master that she did this kind deed. The most noble act of life can be corrupted by a low motive, and the most menial task can be exalted by a worthy purpose. "Even if I give away everything I own," says Paul, "and give myself up, but do it in pride, not love, it does me no good." It was and is the motive that counts. And we suspect that the disciples were not moved by such a motive in their concern for the poor. This is a simple truth but one we dare not forget. Christ is not concerned with the show we make, but He is vitally concerned as to whether or not we are moved to speech and action by a genuine love for Him and the world. It was the motive that lifted this simple act of Mary into a deed of immortality.

Also this was a good work because it was the best that Mary could do. "She hath done what she could." Whether the ointment was expensive or not it represented the consecration of all the wealth that Mary had to her Christ, and that was the important thing. This truth is also illustrated by the act of the poor widow who gave but two pence but Christ called it the greatest gift of all. It always takes sacrifice to purify our motives. It is not the one who gives the most but the one who gives to the point of sacrifice, who consecrates all to Christ and His service. The disciples had left what little they had to follow Christ but it is evident that as yet they were not as fully consecrated to Him, not moved by such a genuine motive of love as was Mary on this occasion. In timeliness, in motive and in sacrifice this was truly a good work.

This beautiful deed of Mary stands out in deep contrast to the boasting of Peter and the other disciples. I believe that these disciples were sincere, and we must not judge them too harshly for their immediate denial. But at the same time the best evidence of a man's devotion to Christ is not seen in the testimony meeting at Church but down on the Jerusalem-Jerico road. Simon's oath was not nearly so convincing as Mary's good deed. Many of us are willing to boast that we would die for the Master but so few of us are willing to live for Him day after day. "In as much as ye do it unto the least of these, ye do it unto me."

ROADS

There are roads that are small,
There are roads that are long,
There are roads where we wander at will;
But the best road of all
For the bold and the strong
Is the road to the top of the hill.

OPINIONS ON CRIME

The problem of crime in the United States involves many factors, social, economic, environmental, etc. Eminent authorities, leading penologists and sociologists, as well as the heads of crime-prevention bureaus and agencies, have endeavored, through exhaustive research, to trace the sources of this deplorable condition of affairs that is costing the taxpayers of America over fifteen billion dollars each year. These authorities are agreed upon one point at least, namely, that the present glaring lack of good influence and sound training in the home is largely responsible for this gargantuan problem of crime in America. The following items, taken from various sources, support this contention.

Stating that the Nation's army of criminals is one-third the size of the enlisted personnel in the United States Army, James V. Bennett, director of the Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, added:

"Behind the average inmate of our federal penal institutions is the shadow of a juvenile delinquent."

He urged authorities to strike at crime through carefully planned methods of dealing with youth problems. As a further evidence of the fact that the various parole boards throughout the nation are not functioning as capably as they should, Mr. Bennett declared that of the 75,000 men and women who leave the country's prisons annually, at least 50 per cent return.

In a sermon recently delivered at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, the Rev. Dr. George Pickett Mayo, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Industrial School of Virginia, stated:

"There are so many dishonest men and women because there are so many dishonest boys and girls. They start out dishonest and grow up to be more dishonest. They are not guided sufficiently in their youth. Crime among juveniles is on the increase. Dishonesty is the most common and dreadful sin with which the Nations are afflicted. Our Democracy depends upon honest men and women to administer its affairs."

Doctor Mayo charged that fathers and mothers do not set good examples for their children. He also stated that the purpose of the schools should be character-building and not the making of an efficient machine for the earning of more money.

Police Court Judge Edward M. Curran, of Washington, D. C., in a recent address stated:

"If they (the children) have respect for parents, they will have respect for the law when they grow up. The solution to the crime problem—if any there be—*lies in the cradle*: and that's where the parents' duty comes in." (Italics ours.)

Judge Fay Bentley, of the District of Columbia Juvenile Court, in recently addressing a citizens' association, said that the delinquent child problem could be attributed to a lack of proper parental guidance.

A recent writer to the *New York Times* dealt with the subject of juvenile delinquency as follows:

"Never before in the experience of some of us have parents been so lax in their duty toward their children as now. This is a rather forthright statement, but it is made without apology. First, the parents have discarded the tried and true principles and practices of parenthood, perhaps as a concessions to modernism, or in an effort to be 'progressive,' up to date."

No doubt some of our readers will entertain the opinion that we have placed too much emphasis upon the subject of juvenile delinquency and that the picture is overdrawn. In this respect it is only necessary to ask the opinion of some eminent penologist, such as Warden Lewis E. Lawes, of Sing Sing, who will inform any doubting person of the large number of mere boys, and the scarcity of middle aged and elderly men, in his prison.

Attempts have been made to place the burden of blame on the alleged lack of moral and religious training in the public schools of the Nation, but this is erroneous. The schools have been doing everything within their power to train the student along moral and ethical lines, but there is a point where the duty of the school ends and that of the parent begins. The school cannot be held responsible for the actions of the students outside of school hours, but the home can and should. Parents must accept their full responsibility if crime conditions in America are to show any lessening in volume.—*L. W. in Supreme Council Bulletin.*

A COURSE TO HELP JUST YOU

We have arranged a course in the Leadership Education School (June 20-25) to help you in your particular field of Church work regardless of what department in which you work. The First Series courses cover a wide range of subjects and will be announced in detail at an early date. A student over fifteen years of age, or having completed high school, may take one of the Second Series courses, preferably one that applies to his particular need.

For young people who are teaching in the Sunday School, regardless of what department they are teaching in, the course, "My Christian Beliefs," is offered to help them in the building of their own Christian philosophy of life. For after all, "Water flows no higher than its source." We hardly teach beyond our own understanding and conviction. This course will be offered by Rev. J. Clyde Auman and the text is Lewis, "Great Christian Teachings."

Those persons who desire a better understanding of the central Figure of our religion, Dr. T. M. Johnson offers the course, "Jesus and His Teachings." The text is by Branscomb, "The Message of Jesus." This course is helpful to any teacher or leader.

The general methods course is "Ways of Teaching" and offered by Rev. Charles Darsie, of Greensboro, who was formerly director of Leadership Education in the Disciples Church. This course is valuable to any teacher, especially teachers of youth and adults. The text is Smith, "New Trails for the Christian Teacher." And for persons teaching children less than twelve years of age, Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll will offer "Guiding Children in Christian Growth," using the text by Florence Norton by the same title as the course.

Youth, and youth leaders, will find great help in the course, "Building a Total Youth Program," by Rev. J. W. Braxton. The text is by Stock, "Church Work With Young People."

THE WAY TO HEALTH

The way to health, harmony, and happiness is primarily mental. What you regularly encourage and develop in your mind determines your character and destiny. Hence the vital importance of closely scrutinizing every thought which seeks a permanent place in your mental world. For this reason, be fastidious in your choice of books, and as far as possible confine your reading to the best authors. It is your privilege to share in the great thoughts of the world's great minds, and to have your life stimulated and ennobled by their supreme example. Help, encouragement, healing, and inspiration are at your ready service, but you must appropriate them for yourself. The infinite supply of good is sufficient to meet all your needs.

You grow your best thoughts in silence, solitude, and meditation. When you relax and think deeply, you are giving your inmost powers their best opportunity to disclose themselves. Constant action and expression are direct drafts upon your mental capital. To continue growing and accumulating useful ideas, you must have frequent times of mental relaxation, concentration, and silence. Beware the modern tendency to hurry and waste. The time you give to quiet and intelligent meditation will repay you well. Cultivate quietness, poise, and deliberateness. It is at times of inward stillness that you can best hear the voice of God and learn His will. It is then that you most clearly realize the divine presence and power.

The practice of daily meditation is one of the most effective means for developing clear and accurate thinking. Concentration of mental energy tends to bring into view deep and hidden thoughts; thus are great ideas conceived and great projects planned. The mind is an informing and originating force, the sphere in which all true culture must begin. Diligent and daily mental training is essential to the enlargement and the enrichment of your life. Intuitions, desires, and aspirations are silent sculptors fashioning character and conduct. Reserve a definite time each day for quiet thinking, for the cultivation of incentives to higher and nobler purpose and living. Your superior mental powers impose upon you a responsibility to make the most of them.

Think optimistically and constructively. If anything seems to be wrong, take a brisk walk in the open air, breathe deeply, and affirm uplifting thoughts of ambition, strength, and prosperity. Cultivate the society of cheerful people. Read only pleasant subjects. Look for the best and highest things in life, and resolve to be an intelligent optimist. Health, happiness, and prosperity are primarily mental. All right thought emanates from God. Open your mind to Him, and He will fill it with His eternal truth. The present moment is the time to take God's truth as it is offered to you, and to use it for your immediate growth and advancement.—*Grenville Kleiser.*

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Hasten the time, O God, wipe out the curse
Or sin and greed, and make men wise to see
That another war would wreck the universe,
And crucify mankind, and dishonor thee.
"Cessation of hostilities"—dear God,
Wipe war forever from the earth's good sod!
—*Grace Noll Crowell.*

THE WORD

The opening verses of the Gospel of John contain declarations of the Word; that the Word was in the beginning; that the Word was with God; that the Word was God; that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, "And we beheld His glory, glories as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth." This Word became the living Word. In this Word is the fulness of the Godhead. It is interesting and profitable to learn what the Bible says about the Word, and to revel in the power, accuracy, privileges, knowledge, and revelations that are contained in it.

Anything living gives out certain unmistakable and undeniable evidences of the inward and the hidden realities. When we see the beautiful flowers that sweeten the air with their perfume and a profusion of that which appeals to and satisfies the aesthetic appreciations, we are aware that nature in her marvelous workings is showing forth a mysterious and glorious power and evidence of life. The stately oak spreads its boughs in condescending fashion, and when spring comes evidences of a hidden life with secret workings and undeterminable power bursts forth in glorious excellencies and numbers to bless tired men and beasts with its gorgeous shade, at the same time making habitations for the warblers and the feathered tribe, enhancing life in general.

Then, there is the marvel of marvels. Everything with life abiding in it has that mysterious power of reproducing after its kind under definite and certain conditions.

And, when we come to the living Word, we find that the same thing is true. This Word, first of all, produces the conditions for the new birth and thus by the Spirit comes the second or spiritual birth. Christians are born twice to die only once, unless they are so fortunate as to be living when Christ comes again. Now, a new-born creature at once begins to adapt itself to its new surroundings and conditions. It begins to grow and thus requires nourishment, a life-giving and a life-sustaining substance. Milk furnishes this in the animal realm. Hence, Peter admonishes that those born into the kingdom desire the sincere milk of the Word "that ye may grow thereby." It is either growth and development toward maturity or stagnation and incapacitation. This is true in the physical world, the mental world, and the spiritual world.

Everything is born after its kind. The spirit is born after the Word kind. When growth takes place, which is the normal condition, the world looking on sees that respective young life growing more and more into the Word likeness, even more and more like Jesus Christ. Love is manifest, patience is evidenced, peace is a certainty, and meekness is profound. Hope is pronounced and faith is apparent.

In the same ratio that Christian growth, which is really spiritual growth, takes place there is evidenced the work of faith, the labor of love, and the patience of hope. They are the trinity of heavenly graces. Indeed, as the born one grows, desires and wants become more and more noticeable. In the spiritual realm the born one begins to have desires, likewise, and they are desires after fellowship, communion, and the things that are from above. Self is more and more pushed into the background, and Jesus Christ is lifted up and magnified in that manner which effectively attracts the people unto Him as Saviour and Lord.

The born one comes to the place of decision for choosing a life work or occupation. This, too, is paralleled in the spiritual life. That is chosen, therefore, which will most glorify and exalt the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Finally, that which is reproduced in the physical realm reaches a full maturity, a complete growth. The same is true in the spiritual realm. "We shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is." The growth begins here and is completed yonder. Growth here is a warfare, but there in full as here in part; it is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.—*G. G. Wall in Biblical Recorder.*

SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHOOLS FOR JUNE

The following gives the dates and places of our Summer Conference schools and camps for the month of June:

May 30-June 4—Missouri: Preston, Mo. Dean: Rev. W. A. Wilson, Urbana, Mo.

June 6-11—Ft. Smith-Oklahoma: Hugo, Okla. Dean: Rev. W. M. Methes, Hugo, Okla.

June 13-18—Iowa-Missouri: Millersburg, Iowa. Dean: Rev. W. Y. Cole, Kewsick, Iowa.

June 13-19—Indiana Boys' Camp: M. P. Camp, Marion, Ind. Business manager: Rev. W. Ray Kuhn, 708 N. Jackson street, Frankfort, Ind.

June 19-24—West Virginia: Jackson's Mill, near Weston, W .Va. Dean: Rev. C. R. Bright, 215 Market street, Fairmont, W. Va.

June 20-25—North Carolina: High Point College, High Point, N. C. Dean: Rev. J. E. Carroll, 222 N. Edgeworth street, Greensboro, N. C.

June 20-25—Ft. Smith-Oklahoma: Commanche, Okla. Dean: Rev. W. C. Mathes, Hugo, Okla.

June 20-26—Indiana: M. P. Camp, Marion, Ind. Dean: Rev. C. J. Kerlin, 1124 W. Fifth street, Anderson, Ind.

June 20-26—Illinois (First Week): Conference Grounds, Lewistown, Ill. Dean: Rev. B. F. Langdon, 7534 Eberhart avenue, Chicago, Ill.

June 27-July 3—Illinois (Second Week): Conference Grounds, Lewistown, Ill. Dean: Rev. B. F. Langdon, 7534 Eberhart avenue, Chicago, Ill.

June 27-July 2—Alabama: Camp, near Montgomoery, Ala. Dean: Rev. A. H. Lynch, Panola, Ala.

This may be our last summer on the present basis so we are very anxious to make these summer camps and conferences mean everything they can to the cause for which they are established. That is, to provide more efficient workers in the local Church. Will you pray earnestly for the success of these enterprises, contribute of your means and time and support and attend the one nearest you if possible? If you can not attend it would be a good investment for you to pay the way of some local Church worker or young person to your school.

Yours for a most successful summer, I am,

F. L. Gibbs.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 28, 1938.

OUR STORY PAGE

CLIMBING INTO LUCK

"Everything comes so easy for Carolyn," Emily sighed as she sat down on the steps beside her brother. "Carolyn just sort of stumbles into the grandest luck with no effort at all."

"What now?" David wanted to know.

"Well, the Reynalds have a cabin in Minnesota—on a lovely lake. I saw some pictures of it; and they're going there for the summer. Dr. Reynalds is writing a book on psychology or something like that. They've asked Carolyn to go along."

"As their guest?"

"Well, practically that. Of course, she'll help take care of their little girl and she's to do some of Dr. Reynalds' typing, but they'll treat her like one of the family and she'll have the trip and a marvelous summer—swimming and canoeing and everything—and they're paying her something besides."

"Hmmmm," David said. "I wonder now why they asked Carolyn in preference to anyone else. I imagine almost any girl would have liked that trip."

"Of course! But it's just Carolyn's luck. Things like that always happens to her. Just last month her Aunt Olive sent her a box of clothes and now she has a wardrobe for vacation that looks as if her father was making money in a hurry instead of being ill and out of a job the way he is."

"Well, knowing Carolyn's Aunt Olive," David smiled, spreading out his hands to indicate width, "I'd say that Carolyn would be well lost in the vacation wardrobe."

Emily laughed. "Silly! Carolyn made everything over. Sewing is no trouble to her at all. She did the cleverest things, cleaning and pressing and even dyeing some of the clothes and recutting them so that there weren't any worn places left."

"Luck!" David mused. "Well, if I didn't have a good memory maybe I'd agree with you when you say that Carolyn just stumbles into luck."

"What has your memory to do with it?"

"Just this; it carries me back to last summer when Carolyn spent every morning helping Mrs. Leeds with her dressmaking and getting no pay for it, so she could learn to make her own clothes. One day you were trying to persuade Carolyn to go swimming instead and she said she couldn't miss her chance to learn to baste buttonholes, or something."

"Bind buttonholes, my brother. Whoever heard of basted buttonholes?"

"My memory's mistake!" David went on. "Maybe it's not as good as I think. Am I wrong in believing that Carolyn added typing to her high school course because she hoped she might pick up odd jobs of it during vacations?"

"That's right," Emily agreed. "I thought it was silly when she had such a heavy schedule at school that one more subject would make her miss out on a lot of fun. What else does your memory suggest to throw suspicions on my theory of luck?"

"How about the time when her Aunt Olive was in the hospital so long, and the twins stayed with Carolyn's family and Carolyn took most of the care of them?"

"The chief thing I recall about that, is that the twins were a handful."

"We all recall that. They must have been homesick or something. But don't you remember that Carolyn read every book the library had on child care and got to be a regular encyclopedia on how to take care of and get along with three-year olds? I don't just mean baths and cod-liver oil either. She even got into the psychology of it and tried to learn what made them do as they did, and how they could be helpd to behave differently. After she'd put them to bed evenings, she'd often go over and talk to Dr. Reynalds about them and get his advice."

"Dr. Reynalds! Of course!" Emily exclaimed. "I'd forgotten. Well, that just about piles the last straw on my theory of stumbling into luck. Maybe Carolyn climbed into it."—*Lucretia Penny, in The Girl's World.*

"IF THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND"

This is the story of a blind woman who leads the blind, by the brain, rather than by the hand. She became blind at the age of fifty-six, but instead of sitting down and considering herself helpless, she decided instead to be helpful, especially since she would have plenty of spare time to give to others. After she had mastered the Braille system of reading through her fingertips, she began to teach it to other blind people. A service club in her city, learning of her eagerness to help handicapped persons, has aided her in giving Braille lessons to five hundred during the fourteen years she had to "feel her way" through a new method of reading.

This woman does not have to spend time and money for entertainment at the movies, but she never lacks for something interesting to think and do. When she is not reading for her own enjoyment, there are always people who need her encouragement and help in developing the eyes in their fingertips. "If the blind lead the blind," both shall be happier, in this case, for she leads them to develop the abilities they possess, instead of grieving for those which have been taken away.—*The Girl's World.*

NIGHT HAS A THOUSAND EYES

The night has a thousand eyes
And the day but one;
With the dying sun.
Yet the light of the bright world dies

The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of the whole life dies
When love is done.

—*Francis William Bourdillon.*

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARIES

Let's Plan Our Work and Work Our Plan

Before we begin to make our plans for this new year, let us think through our own particular situation and determine what we are doing, as Secretaries of Young People's Work. Are we helping boys and girls to know and love God? Are we helping them to a desire to work with God and to do only the things which are pleasing to our Heavenly Father? Are we helping them to develop a friendliness toward those with whom they come in contact daily as well as toward those in other lands? Are we helping them to find joy in the experience of sharing with others? Are we helping them to know the experience of being a co-worker with God and helping all people know and love Him? If I were to ask these questions in one, it would be this, Are you making any contribution toward the religious experience of the boys and girls in your local church? ARE YOU? (Ask yourself this question over and over again.)

That is the responsibility we accepted when we became Secretary of Young People's Work. Now—let's begin to think about and plan for our work for this year.

There is no church in our North Carolina conference that cannot carry on Missionary Education with the children and young people. Any church that has Sunday school classes for its children and young people has the necessary organization for carrying on missionary education. Take one Sunday a month for this phase of work and ask the children to make a special offering. How they will enjoy this special part of their Sunday school life! If you have separate organizations such as Precious Jewels, Sunshine Circle, Mission Bands, and Young People's groups, that is fine, for your children and young people are getting double opportunity.

I have in my possession the Efficiency Charts which give the goals toward which our children and young people's organizations should strive this year. On the back of this chart is given program material, worship material, recreational material, and suggestions for service projects for the year. You should have one of these for each of your groups. From this you can select your Study Book (and we are going to study India this year) and order at once. I have already had some requests for this chart and they are being mailed as rapidly as possible but there are many Young People's Secretaries that I have not heard from. Won't you write me and tell me your needs and perhaps I can help you some.

To relate the study of India with our own mission work carried on there, the Board of Missions is printing picture sheets of our work in India and these will be available in the very near future for use with your groups. You can order these from Miss Bettie S. Brittingham, 516 N. Charles street, Baltimore, Md.

I would like to suggest that each Young People's Secretary secure "Missionary Education of Children." This is a small pamphlet printed by the M. E. Church, South, and can be secured for 5c each from the department of the Local Church Children's Division, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. It will give you many helpful ideas in planning for and carrying out your work.

Young People's Secretaries, I want to be of help to you but I cannot when I do not know you or your needs. Won't you write me and let's become acquainted and share our needs and problems?

MRS. EUGENE A. LAMB,
Route 4, Greensboro, N. C.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OF PASTORS' CONFERENCE

The first of the evening lectures of the Pastors' Summer conference is sponsored by the N. C. Branch of Women's Work. The time is Monday, June 6, at 8 p. m. The place is High Point College auditorium. The speaker is Mr. O. Arthur Kirkman, Rhodes Scholar, business man, lawyer, traveler. Mr. Kirkman visited Japan and China last year and will speak on "The Sino-Japanese Situation."

The lecture is open to the public and we particularly hope a large group of women as well as men of the church will be present.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS,
Pres. N. C. Branch, Women's Work.

RARE EARTH METAL MAKES BEARINGS LAST LONGER

Indium, a few years ago a chemical curiosity, extracted with great difficulty from rare minerals, is now a full-fledged industrial metal, with an ever-expanding use as an alloying agent for bearing metals.

Motor bearings, resisting millions of revolutions during the life of a car, are now being made even tougher by plating the surface with indium, C. F. Smart, General Motors corporation engineer, reported to the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical engineers. This surface coating makes the bearing metal resistant to corrosion by the acid oils now in common use in motor cars.

Until recently, babbitt metal, an alloy of tin, antimony and copper, was used for most high-speed bearings. Today, bearings are lined with silver-copper-cadmium, cadmium-nickel, and cadmium-zinc alloys, which are later electro-plated with indium, increasing their resistance to oil corrosion. — Science News Letter.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"ENJOYING THE BIBLE"

Topic for Sunday, June 12, 1938

By REV. J. W. BRAXTON

Scripture Text—Ps. 119:162-176.

Suggestive Hymns—"How Firm a Foundation," "Brea Thou the Bread of Life," "O Word of God Incarnate," "Living for Jesus."

For the Leader

Last Sunday we were examining the Bible for the purpose of discovering what is in it. Today we are thinking of enjoying the Bible. It is often said by some that the Bible is dry reading. We shall not be satisfied with that statement, for ourselves, until we have examined it more carefully. It may be that the person who says the Bible is dry reading never read and studied the Bible enough to become interested in it. Or, it may be that they have not learned how to read and study the Bible.

The Bible is filled with interesting and helpful material for everyone regardless of your condition or feelings. If you are sick and discouraged take a look at John 14:1-14. If you seem to be slowed up with the blues and feel down in the dumps, just take a look at John 11:25 and see how Jesus changed a situation. If you have become prosperous and feel your spiritual life in need read Mark 8:36 and feed your soul on what Jesus says about the rich. Or if you think you have been left friendless by those whom you thought to be friends turn to Matthew 26:47-56 and see what consolation is there for you. It maybe that we shall have to read and study the Bible more in order that we know what to read to enjoy it most.

Have someone answer, and explain these:

1. What will determine largely whether or not we enjoy the Bible?
2. What parts of the Bible do you think most interesting? Why?
3. What suggestion can you offer for profitable Bible reading?
4. What reasons can you give for Bible reading?
5. How may one develop an interest in Bible reading?

A Suggestion

Have someone teach a course, through a period of five or ten weeks, in the Christian Endeavour on the Bible. Write to Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, 222 N. Edgeworth street, Greensboro, N. C., about text material, etc., for a Bible course.

IMPORTANT

Those who apply for work to assist them to attend the High Point College Leadership Education school must do so in writing. Already a number of applications have been received.

J. CLYDE AUMAN,
Business Manager.

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Wife: "Yes, dear. You see, when the chops caught fire and fell into the dessert I had to use the soup to put it out."—Boston Transcript.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Mill Grove, Rev. E. A. Cook, Pastor.—Our church work is progressing along very nicely, I think; our attendance is growing. Our pastor should be able to bring us future sermons with a big smile, since Junior has arrived. We all rejoice with Brother Cook. He now has two girls and one boy.

The Children's Day program was given Sunday night, May 29, and was carried out very well; while some of the children were absent on account of sickness, I feel that everyone enjoyed it. We had a large crowd, especially considering the weather conditions. We congratulate the two good ladies who worked so faithfully to get the program up, and wish to thank all who helped to carry the program out so well.

A very serious accident occurred in our community Monday, May 30. Brother E. C. Black was killed instantly, and his daughter was hurt very badly when the Norfolk Southern train 66 hit their car on a crossing near Midland about 7 a.m. Brother Black was a faithful member in the M. E. church at Bethel, and we all miss his presence. Our prayers go out for Mrs. Black and family.

W. M. MISENHEIMER, Reporter.

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Enfield, Whitakers Charge.—We have returned home and found that some of the good ladies had given the parsonage a spring cleaning, laundered the curtains and hung them, and had the lawn mowed. Some of the brethren had worked the garden and set out tomato plants; and, to top it all, the ladies were at the parsonage with a nice hot dinner ready for us when we arrived. We thank one and all for everything that was done for us during my illness. I hope to fill my appointment Sunday at 11 o'clock at Whitaker's Chapel and at Whitakers Sunday evening.

We thank Brother Pritchard for his interest in us, and for looking after the work, and also thank the brethren who supplied during my absence.

D. R. WILLIAMS.

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Asheville.—While our over-worked public and Sunday school teacher-reporter is struggling to achieve a noble climax to her year's efforts in behalf of the young Americans she has had under her care and surveillance, her pastor will endeavor to give to interested readers information relative to the progress of the Asheville church.

Way up in the highlands of Western North Carolina, this membership feels isolated. It is like an orb of the solar system whose position of service is distant from its fellow-luminaries. Consequently, it is difficult to make the people realize their connection, their fellowship, their responsibility with the N. C. Conference and the church in general. The inclination is strongly provincial. But by perseverence and prayer, we are endeavoring to widen their horizon and strengthen their loyalty to the major body.

Other than the problems just stated, the greatest need of this church, as we see it, is not primarily the addition of names to its roster, as essential as this is, but to harmonize its interests, spiritualize its motives, and stabilize its organization. We are encouraged to believe that this is evidenced to an increasing degree. Regarding additions to the roll, however, the number of members has increased by ten this year.

Not as large a group of women are interested in the Woman's Auxiliary as should be, but those who are active are doing commendable work, under the leadership of Mrs. L. S. Neville. Requirements of the Branch were met last year (ending March 31), including payment of the budget in full.

The Sunday school has had its problems, and is not as large or as efficient as it can, and we trust, will be. There is an opportunity in this field which the workers have not yet visualized. It was regretted that Miss Frances Cunningham, because of her overburdened mind and body, was compelled to resign in mid-term as superintendent, but Mr. L. S. Neville is carrying on the work faithfully.

A junior choir of teen age girls has been organized by Miss Nancy Clouse, our faithful pianist, which is rendering effective musical numbers on Sunday mornings. This promises to be a splendid addition to our church service.

On Mother's Day, when an unusually large congregation was in attendance, a souvenir was given to each of the oldest and the youngest mother present. Mrs. S. M. Sullivan received the former, while Mrs. Louise Dillingham was recipient of the latter.

An impressive and successful effort to balance the church budget by the end of the first half of the conference year culminated in "Rebuilding the Walls of Jerusalem" Sunday morning, May 22, when sacrificial offering boxes were returned and used as building stones in erecting a miniature wall on a table in front of the altar rail. Almost $100 was realized.

A number of our folks have been (and some still are) more or less incapacitated lately. Mrs. C. C. McNeill, trustful and cheerful, is seldom able to leave her home, though she tries to do her house work most of the time. She, Mr. McNeill, and other church members are happy to have their daughter, Josie, back with them, after closing a successful year of teaching in the Allan Jay school near Archdale.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hanner have had to keep close to home, though we have had the pleasure of their fellowship in worship with us twice recently. Their infant grandson, George, one of the twins of Arlene and her husband, G. F. Nodine, has just recovered from a severe case of pneumonia. Though able to be present on Mother's Day, Mrs. S. M. Sullivan is having a struggle to maintain her health. Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilson and small daughter, Margaret, who were the victims of an automobile accident a few weeks ago, are able to be out again. Bumps and bruises were the chief effects, but Mrs. Wilson was compelled to remain in bed for a week. The unusual occurred when Mr. L. S. Neville was absent a Sunday or two ago. For several days he was confined to his bed with an infected throat. Miss Eula Taylor, the faithful attendant upon her aged mother, as well as general housekeeper, has puzzled the physicians as to the cause of her abnormal inertia. She has been under the doctor's observation and care for several weeks.

The people of the Asheville church have been exceedingly thoughtful of the occupants of the parsonage. It is not a pounding once or twice a year with them, but frequently remembering their pastor and wife in some commendable and substantial manner. We thank God for having the privilege of serving such a membership in our feeble way.

E. LESTER BALLARD.

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Hebron Church, Orange Charge, Rev. C. P. Morris, Pastor.—I am sure everyone present enjoyed the Third District Rally held at our church the fifth Sunday in May. Dr. C. W. Bates spoke at the 11 o'clock hour on "John Wesley's Aldersgate Experience." Our pastor, Rev. C. P. Morris, conducted the morning workship service. Rev. E. A. Bingham was in charge of the program. In the afternoon Mrs. C. W. Bates spoke on the women's work in the church. We also had special reports from some of the churches in the district present gave a financial report of what their churches have raised during this conference year, also what had been done for the Fellowship Crusade. All reports were very good.

Immediately following the district rally the second quarterly conference of Orange charge was held.

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. D. M. Sykes Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, June 6.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. L. C Sykes and Miss Mabel Steele are sick. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

MRS. ELMER LLOYD, Reporter.

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Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor, May 30.—On the fourth Sunday morning we were very happy to have as our honor guests our graduates from our Concord high school who are members of our church. We have four this year. Miss Virginia Burris, Miss Helen and Olena Smith, and Mr. James Faulkenberry. We are real proud of these young folks and we hope for them a very bright and prosperous future. Mr. Peeler gave them a wonderful message, not only to them but it was wonderful to us all.

On the third Sunday our service was in honor of the nurses or anyone that is trying to help in any way to relieve suffering. Oh, what a sweet sermon that was!

Then last Tuesday we were happy to be in two Aldersgate services—one in the Forest Hill M. E. church in the morning, and in our own M. P. church at night. In the morning service we enjoyed a wonderful message by our own President, Dr. Pritchard, and Rev. Lee Tuttle, pastor of the Forest Hill church. Old familiar hymns were used and beautiful, touching prayers were made, and several testified. Dr. McLarty presided at this meeting; he is pastor of Central M. E. church. We enjoyed this meeting very much. It took us back to our childhood days. Then at night we were delighted to hear another beautiful message by our President, Dr. Pritchard. We used the beautiful old hymns and several sweet prayers were sent up and several of our folks testified. We just need to have these Aldersgate services all the time in our hearts and lives.

Last Sunday morning we were very happy to have Dr. Frederick Taylor speak for us on Temperance. We had heard Mr. and Mrs. Peeler speak of Brother Taylor so much that we felt like we already knew him, and he was, if we know how to say it, even better than they told us. We just felt like we would love to sit down and listen to him talk a long time on any subject. Dr. Taylor is a very dear friend of Mr. and Mrs. Peeler, and now he is a very dear friend of Mr. Peeler's whole congregation, and we hope he will come back to us again. Sunday afternoon several of our folks went to Albemarle to attend the District Meeting in Rev. Mr. Isley's church. We did not have any service in our church Sunday night. The Ladies' Aid society had a called meeting Sunday morning, planning to make a quilt for raising money to pay for our vacuum cleaner. We hope to make good with the quilt.

The B. and S. class held their monthly social meeting with Mrs. L. R. Winsel last Thursday night with a large crowd present. We all had a good time and they are planning to buy new song books for their class, and they are all anxious to help make the quilt and get the vacuum cleaner paid for.

We are sorry to report that Mr. R. O. Atwell is not so well at this time. Mr. Will Hargett is much improved after being confined to his home for more than a month with flu. Mr. Hargett is not a member of our church but he is a friend of our church and a brother in Christ. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sides will soon be in their new home. They have a beautiful flower garden even before their home is finished, and I don't think there is anyone that loves flowers any better than Mrs. Sides. Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Hendry Sides, whose daughter was killed in an auto wreck. The little daugher was injured also, but we are glad to hear that she is getting along nicely now. Mr. Hendry Sides is a brother of Mr. L. H. Sides.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Welch Memorial, Dr. J. D. Williams, Pastor.—Sunday night, May 8, a Mother's Day program was given at our church. I do not know who got up the program, but it was the best ever at Welch. We are having some very fine sermons at every service. Friday night, May 27, we had an old-fashioned class leaders' meeting. Good talks by H. H. Kivett, Earl Shoaf, and Howard Vuncannon making the welcome address, with response by Rev. Edward Suits, of Rankin Memorial church. After the exercises we adjourned to the hut, where refreshments were served. A good time was enjoyed by all.

EUGENE SEGRAVES, Reporter.

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Elbaville, Mockeville Charge, Rev. K. G. Holt, Pastor, May 30.—It has been quite a while since our church reported, but it is not altogether a matter of neglect. We have been right busy during the past month. In the meantime our Sunday school has been coming along nicely. We now have 103 members enrolled.

Each class is working hard on our new project—the building repair fund for our church and church grounds. We now have $130 in the treasury for the purpose. We hope to raise $250. That will mean $500 in all, because Mr. R. L. Ellis, of Asheville, through his generous good will, has offered to supplement each dollar the church raises with another dollar up to $250. We are raising the money through many different efforts. Some voluntarily donate money to the treasury; the Sunday school gave a pie supper; one class sold extracts of flavoring; the Ladies' Aid helped out; the Sunday school sold farm produce given by the members, and many other ways.

DANIEL C. SHARPE

President of the rising Senior Class of High Point College, and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sharpe, Route 4, Greensboro, in community of Moriah M. P. church. Daniel is a graduate of Pleasant Garden High School, and is a promising young man of superior culture and scholarship, who enjoys the esteem of both teachers and students, we are told.

(Engraving courtesy of Greensboro Daily News)

On May 8 we gave a Mother's Day program in the evening. The little children said speeches and dialogs, we sang songs in tribute to mother, two plays were presented by the young people directed by Mrs. Don Lawson, and Mr. J. T. White of Statesville gave a very interesting talk. Boys of the young people's class presented pillowcases to their mothers which the girls had made. There was a large congregation and everyone enjoyed the program so much. It was something new and inspiring.

On the week following Mother's Day the young people held their class meeting at the home of Miss Ruby Lee Zimmerman. A very interesting program was presented. The theme, "Serving With What We Have," was carried out. After a round table discussion, refreshments were served by three class members. The next class meeting will be held June 11 at the church, and the whole Sunday school is invited. The theme, "Serving One's Worth," will be carried out again. We hope to have a real good program. There will be also an ice cream supper connected with our class meeting, for the public, on June 11 at the church. The proceeds will go to the building repair fund for the church.

Our Sunday school is planning to send two of our young people to the Leadership Training School at High Point College, June 20. Mary Lillian Orrell and Alvin Carter are the ones expected to go.

Since our last report we are sorry to say one of our church members has passed beyond for her reward. We all mourn the death of Mrs. C. M. Bailey.

Mrs. George Meyers, of our community, has been ill for quite a while, but is some better now. We all have our ups and downs, but we should be more thankful for the many good blessings of life our Creator has bestowed upon us. We should give in exchange more of our services. Look about you and help someone in need.

ALVIN CARTER, Reporter.

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Midway, Greensboro, J. R. Hutton, Pastor.—It has been some time since we had a report, but we are still working. We are sorry that we failed to report the grass given us some time ago by Dr. Joy Glascock. This was appreciated very much.

At the last quarterly conference Mr. E. C. Walters and Mr. J. A. Suits were nominated for delegate to the annual conference.

Our C. E. society was very much pleased to have Rev. J. R. Hutton as our speaker recently. We hope he will come again soon.

The ladies' class recently held its monthly meeting with Mrs. Anthony presiding.

At the last meeting of the ladies' auxiliary it was divided into two circles, with Mrs. D. H. Journey and Mrs. H. B. Fruitt as leaders.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Walters and family, who recently lost their small daughter, Jane Curtis. The funeral was conducted Saturday, May 28, by Rev. J. R. Hutton and Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, of Greensboro. Interment followed in Guilford Memorial Park.

REPORTER.

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Calvary, Greensboro, Rev. R. C. Stubbins, Pastor, May 30.—On Tuesday evening, May 3, about 22 members of our Woman's Auxiliary met at the home of our very efficient president, Mrs. J. Frank Coble, for their regular monthly meeting. Mrs. E. T. Coble, chairman of our fifth district, conducted the devotions, after which much business was transacted, with the president in the chair. After the meeting Mrs. Coble served a dessert course.

Recent speakers at our church were Mr. T. E. Stough, principal of Gibsonville graded school, and Rev. C. P. Morris, of the Orange charge.

New members are being received into the church about every Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Sumners and children, Paul and Helen, united with the church on the past Sunday.

The attendance at all our services is very good at the present time, and everybody seems to be in the mood for work.

The Business Women's circle recently sponsored a baby contest. $136 was realized.

Our pastor continues to bring us splendid messages each Sunday. "Idol-Breaking" was his subject Sunday morning. The service Sunday evening consisted largely of the singing of hymns under the direction of J. Edward Robbins. Mr. Stubbins spoke briefly on "Music and the Kingdom."

The new Methodist hymnals have recently been purchased by our church.

The Cradle Roll department will observe "Baby's Day" on the second Sunday in June,

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	$ 8.17
The Ladies' Bible class, R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., clothing child	5.00
Kistler's Union S. S., Cleveland	4.10
Harmony S. S., Yarboroughs, April and May	2.00
Mt. Zion S. S., Pinnacle-Mt. Zion	3.50
Friendship S. S., Fallston	5.20
Caroleen S. S.	3.24
Mrs. C. W. Mengel, Chapel Hill, N. C.	1.00
Mrs. J. R. Harris, Greensboro, N. C., for shoes	2.00
Bethel S. S., Flat Rock	1.14
New Salem S. S., Randleman	1.50
China Grove S. S.	1.93
Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.45
Oak Grove S. S., Cleveland	1.24
Canaan S. S., N. Davidson	3.50
St. Paul S. S., Greensboro, March, April and May	18.00
Union Chapel, Granville	22.09
Vickery S. S., Guilford	2.50
Liberty S. S., Davidson	1.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Denton, Md., for shoes	2.00
Mrs. B. F. Ragan, Haw River, supporting child	12.00
Rev. Rowland Gibbs, Summerfield	1.00
Canaan, Denton	1.00

We thank you, one and all, for these offerings.

Children's Home Day

Remember Thursday June 30 and come to see us that day. Bring your dinner and your offering. You will be sharing your dinner with us, and we will all have a good time together. I had hoped to publish the program this week, but the mail did not run this morning, and our program is not yet completed.

We hope to have it ready for next week. Suffice it to say, we are planning a delightful program. You will be pleased with it, and the dinner and the fellowship will be good. Plan to come and get others to come. Thank you and God bless you.

Yours in His service,

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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Waffles: "Dr. Pilling, I understand, is very wealthy. How can a doctor make so much?"

Sorghum: "Dr. Pilling is very lucky. He's the owner of a big oil well."

Waffles: "Ah, I see. He makes money from the sick and the well, too.—The Pathfinder.

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"Madam, you lost your thumb in this trolley accident all right, but how can you prove that it was worth the $3,000 you are suing the company for?"

"Judge, it was the thumb I kept my husband under."—Ex.

MOUNTAIN CHILDREN ARE READING CHRISTIAN BOOKS

"Mother and Dad never had a Bible in their house, and never did any reading, until you gave us the Book of John and the Pocket Treasury; but now they are getting interested in the Lord," said a mountain girl to her teacher. And this mountain teacher adds: "The children are more interested in the Lord and want to take 15 minutes each day to read their Testaments. They are asking questions about the Bible daily. I want to let them read the Testament through before school is out, and help them in every way I can."

This is just one of the many encouraging letters received by the Bible Institute Colportage association of Chicago, founded by Dr. D. L. Moody in 1894 for the publication and dissemination of evangelical Christian literature, as a result of sending the Gospel in print to the mountain schools during the past fiscal year. No less than 9,969 shipments of Moody Colportage books, Evangel Booklets, Gospels of John, Pocket Treasurys, New Testaments, Acts, Romans, Gospel tracts and miscellaneous books were sent to the mountain schools during the year—a total of 564,682 copies.

The association offers every boy and girl who reads the Gospel of John and memorizes the verses listed under the subject: "God's Plan for Saving Sinners," a copy of the Pocket Treasury; and those who read it and memorize the 32 verses printed in the Gospel tract: "Four Things That God Wants You to Know," are given a beautiful New Testament.

During this past fiscal year over 60,000 of these Pocket Treasurys and New Testaments were given as prizes for work done, and as a result the school teachers report a great improvement in the morals and conduct of their pupils, with a large number of conversions.

In addition to this work in the schools the association is co-ooperating with the packhorse distributors of literature in the mountain areas, and they report that the Colportage books and Scripture portions are most acceptable to the people.

Other classes of people have been reached with the Gospel literature by the association during the past year, such as those in hospitals, prisons, CCC and lumber camps, pioneer schools; those in French Louisiana, Latin America, Philippine Islands, Africa and India; besides Negroes, seamen, miners, flood refugees, firemen, cadets, and others in need.

To these various classes a total of 494,875 Colportage books and Evangel Booklets, 945,215 Scripture portions, and 1,138,154 attractive Gospel tracts were mailed free, making a grand total of 2,578,244 copies of evangelical literature, containing nearly 133,000,000 pages, and this at a cost of $74,825.91. This is the largest free distribution of Christian reading matter during any one year since the association was founded by Dwight L. Moody 43 years ago.

The total output of the association's own publications during the year ended February 28 was 6,601,677 copies of Christian books and booklets, New Testaments, Scripture portions, Gospel tracts, and miscellaneous books, containing about 250,000,000 pages. What will the harvest be?

Over 1,000 Prayer Helpers are uniting with the association in asking that God will make this large distribution of Christian literature fruitful to all who read, and many Christians are contributing to the Missionary Book Funds to make it possible for the association to continue to send out this literature free to needy classes. "He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

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HEART PAIN TRACED TO OVERWEIGHT IN MANY CASES

Severe chest pain resembling that of the dread heart malady, angina pectoris, is in many cases due to excessive overweight, Dr. William J. Kerr, professor of medicine in the University of California Medical School, has found.

The huge "bay window" of very fat men forces them to adopt an abnormal posture which cramps the chest, causes flaring of the lower ribs, fixes the diaphragm at a low position, thus producing breathlessness and preventing the heart from getting a normal supply of oxygen. Severe pain and low blood pressure in the standing position accompany the condition. The shortness of breath is marked only in the standing position which is contrary to the usual experience in heart failure.

The pain and other features clear up when the weight is reduced and the posture brought back to normal, Dr. Kerr discovered. Diet, properly fitted abdominal belts, and later postural exercises are used in the treatment. —Science News Letter.

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THE TIMID SOUL

"He who hesitates is lost!"
The one who always figures cost
Will never be a pioneer;
Inhibited by doubt and fear,
He wants to see the road ahead,
He travels where the light is shed.

The timid soul fears he may make
Some error, or some great mistake;
He risks no cash, he takes no chance,
On all things new he looks askance;
With all things new he's out of touch,
Discoveries are not made by such.

Great things are only done by men
Who, having failed, will try again;
Who risk their all to venture out,
And having ventured, never doubt;
Whose confidence in self is strong,
And dares defy the doubting throng.

—Alson Secor.

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"Does young Bilkins have much earning capacity?"

"Considerable; but it doesn't begin to keep up with his wife's yearning capacity."—Ex.

WHAT WAR CONDITIONS MEAN FOR CHILD LIFE IN CHINA

War Babies

Hundreds of "war babies" are being born every night in refugee camps, in vacant lots and on sidewalks among the destitute and homeless war victims of Shanghai. Most of the babies have a brick pavement for their cradle and a piece of newspaper for their swaddling clothes.

Each morning, a pitiful procession of mothers bearing their new-born line up at improvised clinics and hospitals. They beg for small-pox inoculation, milk and American cod-liver oil. If a crib or basket can be found in any of the baby shelters in the Settlement, the mite is taken in. But many must be refused for lack of room.

Wrung by the anguish of these war babies, groups of foreign women are busy making additional shelters for them. One group of American women have turned their club rooms into nursery dormitories and in addition are utilizing unused bedrooms in private homes and in schools which they are fitting with cribs and cots.

Nursing care for the tiny charges is being supplied by volunteer service. Many of these foreign women who are bathing dozens of war babies and making milk formulas for them, come from homes with a staff of six or eight servants, and are the wives of prominent business and professional men in the International Settlement. A few are giving their whole time to it.

Wolf Boys

"Wolf children" are on the prowl in Shanghai now.

Singly, in pairs and in packs of 15 or 20, they scavenge the gutters, snatch and steal from small shop-keepers, ambush lone pedestrians and then claw each other for a penny.

They are orphans made by months of war in and around the city.

The depredations of adult armed robbers, foot-pads and kidnappers here have paled beside the daring, ingenious and ferocious attacks of these youngsters. They hide in alley-ways, in unused lofts and hallways, striking swiftly and then shifting to another part of the city.

Their cunning tactics of melting into crowds, pretending to be the children of strangers they hang on to, defy police detection and make estimates of their numbers difficult to obtain.

Simultaneous reports from different parts of the city in one day however place the figure at well over 2,000.

Hardly a district is without these "wolf children." To walk a block on Nanking road, Shanghai's busiest downtown thoroughfare, is to meet one every ten feet begging for coppers. To ignore them is to have your clothes yanked and a black little foot try to trip you. They run beside rickshas, cluster at motor-car doors, hurling abuse and sometimes refuse, and then disappear like magic. They crack show-cases and steal the contents before the merchant knows what has happened.

If food-stuffs are displayed on open counters across shop fronts, then clerks are stationed on the sidewalks on guard.

Gaunt little bodies, wizened by fear and starvation, have even been seen in the devastated Chapei area where thousands of Chinese homes have been demolished by Japanese guns. These nine and ten-year-olds have found that loot from the shattered houses and shops give them a meal and hope of another.

Schooled by hunger and trained by fear in the desperate struggle to maintain their slender thread of life, most of these "wolf children" have come to be suspicious of any show of friendliness and kindness. They fight and bite hospital attendants and health officers who try to take them to refugee camps and child hospitals.

Many of the smaller children were separated from their parents in the mad rush of millions to leave their burning, shell-riddled homes during the early months of the war.

Too young to fend for themselves in the merciless competition of a doorway-and-gutter existence, these children have died each day by the hundred. Each morning finds more of their blue little bodies waiting for the city undertaker.

Refugee homes and hospitals working overtime in the International Settlement have gathered up scores of them, but for every one given a bed another older waif has appeared to take his place on the vacated doorstep.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR ATTENDANTS OF ANY CHURCH

1. Thou shalt not come to service late,
   Nor for the Amen refuse to wait.
2. Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain
   When speaks the organ its refrain.
3. But when the hymns are sounded out,
   Thou shalt lift up thy voice and shout.
4. The endmost seat thou shalt leave free,
   For more must share the pew with thee.
5. The offering plate thou shalt not fear,
   But give thine uttermost with cheer.
6. Thou shalt this calendar peruse,
   And look here for the church's news.
7. Thou shalt the minister give heed,
   Nor blame him when thou'rt disagreed.
8. Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend,
   And if a stranger, make a friend.
9. Thou shalt in every way be kind,
   Compassionate, of tender mind.
10. And so, by all thy spirit's grace,
    Thou shalt show God within this place.

—John Haynes Holmes, in Expositor.

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"Why are you always so inquisitive? Don't you know curiosity killed the cat?"

"I heard the story once, but whose cat was it?"—Ex.

EXCERPTS FROM AN ARTICLE BY BISHOP ARTHUR MOORE

In North Carolina Christian Advocate

In a few days I must leave China for Korea and then on to Japan. The church is facing perplexing problems in all these countries. It is hard to leave China at this time, as these people need and appreciate help so much.

There are some things I can never forget:

The long line of frightened helpless people fleeing for safety.

The eagerness of missionaries to return to their work.

The refugees numbering more than 300,000 crowded in poorly equipped camps in Shanghai.

The dead bodies on the roadside, the overturned trucks and the terrible amount of wreckage after the armies passed on.

The vast stretches of ruins in certain cities where war had done its worst.

The people in the streets and especially little children looking frightened whenever an airplane appeared.

The few old people left in the fields trying to patch up their burned homes and grow a little something to eat.

The look of fear upon the faces of Chinese people, especially women, in the areas dominated by the Japanese.

The long hours I spent pleading, flattering, scolding Japanese for their foolish delays in permitting us to visit our own property.

The indignation I felt when I found all missionary residences looted and the beautiful chapel of Laura Haygood school in Soochow being used as a stable.

The struggle I have had to believe that mankind is civilized when it allows a stupid aggression like this to go unchallenged.

The thrill in my heart while Christian people whose possessions had been taken and for whom the future was uncertain stood to sing triumphantly, "Faith of our fathers living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword, We will be true to Thee."

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Miss Effie Spoon

Miss Effie Spoon was buried at Mt. Pleasant church, May 22, at the age of 51. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Spoon who rest in Mt. Pleasant cemetery. She was the oldest daughter of a large family of good people. They were church-loving people and church workers. Before they went their various walks of life they worshiped at Mt. Zion, neighbor church to Mt. Pleasant. Effie was still a member of the church of her girlhood. She was a smart woman, very earnest in what she did, and she knew no selfishness. For many years she served as organist, and her father led the singing. The music was beautiful.

A brother, Floyd Spoon, was buried March 13 at the age of 49. He worshiped with the Mt. Pleasant people and had endeared himself to all of them.

Both funeral services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Braxton, assisted by Rev. Mr. Atkins of Shiloh.

Another brother, Dr. J. P. Spoon, of Burlington, died a few years ago.

Four brothers and two sisters survive. They are: Dr. R. E. Spoon, of Winston-Salem, with whom Effie made her home; Lee, of the home community; Fred, of Burlington; Carl, of Durham, and Mrs. Cornwell and Mrs. Beale, of Fort Myers, Florida.

"We are going down the valley, one by one,
Human comrade you or I will there have none;
But a tender hand will guide us lest we fall—
Christ is going down the valley with us all."

A FRIEND.

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Dr. R. V. Yokeley

Death again has called at Community church and taken from our midst one of the most beloved members of the church.

Dr. Raymond Victor Yokeley was born July 11, 1884, and died May 13, 1938, aged 53 years, 10 months and 2 days. He joined the Bethesda M. P. church at the age of 12. Coming to Thomasville in later years, he united with the First Methodist Protestant church, and in 1923 when the Community church was organized he moved his membership to this church, where he was a member until his death. He was a charter member and also a trustee from the beginning of the church. He was always that kind of a member that one could depend on always to do his part. Aside from his church activity he was a member or had been a member of about everything that was for community good. For many years he has been the physician for the Mills Children's Home. He was greatly loved by everyone who knew him and was highly successful as a doctor.

Dr. Yokeley had not been in good health for a number of years, and for about six months previous to his passing he had spent in the Thomasville Memorial Hospital. Everything which skilled doctors and nurses knew to do apparently was done. On a number of occasions the boys from the Mills Home gave him blood with the hope that his days might be prolonged. I have never seen doctors and nurses more patient and faithful. But alas! he could not stay longer, and in the evening when the sun was setting he slipped away to live life, we believe, in a much bigger sense than he has lived it here.

Just about two months before he died the writer and he had a heart-to-heart talk about things that matter when a man is face-to-face with death. And his reply was, "Just on yesterday I fully surrendered to God to do with me what seems best." I am therefore confident that he went away fully trusting God for whatever the future might hold in store for him. Just shortly before he died he replied to the question of one of the doctors, "Is there anything I can do for you?" when he apparently knew he was dying, he said, "Take care of my patients." He shall be greatly missed in his home, church, and community.

As man looks at things, God's hand has been heavy upon Community church, for within less than a year's time seven adult men have been taken from our congregation. However, we believe that others will be raised up to carry on the work which these have laid down.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Mrs. R. V. Yokeley; one son, Raymond Victor Yokeley, Jr.; three brothers, R. L., Chas. M., and John H. Yokeley; three sisters, Mrs. Fletcher Wagner, Mrs. Will Miller, and Mrs. Joe Meredith; and a host of relatives and friends who learned to love him.

At his funeral on Sunday afternoon, May 15, the large auditorium of the Community church did not begin to hold the people. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. F. L. Conrad, of High Point, and Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Mills Children's Home. Dr. Yokeley was a great lover of music, and in harmony with his love for music a male quartet made up of local talent sang favorite selections of his. His body was laid to rest in the cemetery of the Pilgrim Lutheran church, between Thomasville and Lexington.

J. CLYDE AUMAN.

MARRIED

Fogleman-Campbell

On Friday, April 26, Miss Christine Fogleman and Mr. William Murphy Campbell, Jr., were united in marriage at the M. P. Children's Home in High Point. Miss Fogleman was reared in the Children's Home and has made her home in Burlington since leaving the Home. Mr. Campbell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Campbell, of Burlington. Mr. G. W. Stafford and Misses Mamie and Rachel Fogleman accompanied the bridal couple to the Home for the wedding.

The bride and groom left immediately after the ceremony for Washington, D. C., and other points north.

We are always delighted to have our young people come back home to be married. This young couple seem very happily mated, and we wish them happiness and success.

A. G. DIXON.

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"Is Mrs. De Muir an active member of your sewing circle?"

"My goodness, no! She never has a word to say—just sits there and sews all the time."
—Ex.

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FIFTEENTH DISTRICT RALLY

The Fifteenth District Rally was held in First M. P. church, Albemarle, Sunday, May 29, with a large crowd attending. An interesting program was rendered by the ladies at the morning service with Mrs. W. L. Little, district chairman, presiding. The theme for the morning hour was "Fellowship Furtherance." Mrs. Pennegar, Roberta church, spoke on the topic, "Fellowship Through Singleness of Purpose." Miss Laura Braswell, of Kannapolis church, "The Fellowship Furtherance Through Denominational Leadership." These were interesting talks. The chairman called for reports from each church represented giving a splendid financial report. Concord reported $1,032.00 (for one year); Friendship, $116.69; Roberta, $76; Love's Grove, $265; Pine Bluff, $61.80 (4 months); Mills Grove, $108.82; Porter, $46.90 (3 months); Albemarle, $707.84 (6 months); Kannapolis, no report.

In the afternoon Rev. C. G. Isley, chairman of district, presided. Rev. Q. L. Joyner, pastor of Roberta church, conducted the devotional. Rev. E. O. Peeler, pastor Concord church, spoke on "John Wesley's Heart-Warming Experience"—this was a very interesting address. Reaching the climax of the day, Rev. D. T. Huss, pastor of Kannapolis church, gave an address, "Present Day Evangelism," showing the need of winning souls one by one. Music was furnished by Mills Grove and Love's Grove Quartet, also by the local church.

MRS. JOHN JOHNSON,
Acting Secretary.

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FROM PASTORS AND PEOPLE

(Continued from Page Eleven)

at which time babies of the congregation will be christened.

Our revival meeting will begin on the second Sunday night in June. Rev. J. A. Vache, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, will be the help in the meeting. The morning hour during the meeting will be given to the Vacation Bible School work.

Our church is planning to send representatives to the Leadership Education school at High Point College.

Miss Sarah Lou Gerringer, Miss Marcelle Curtis, John Frank Williams, and Billy Caudle, members of our congregation, are members of the senior class at Greensboro High School.

Mrs. Robah H. Fields is confined to her bed by illness at the home of her mother at 630 Broad avenue.

Our missionary circles meet next Monday, June 6, at 3 o'clock, as follows:

No. 1, Mrs. R. C. Stubbins, 808 Brown street.

No. 2, Mrs. John A. Cox, 500 Andrews street.

No. 3, Mrs. M. H. Greer, 1214 Randolph avenue.

Mrs. Ross Bowman will entertain the members of the Friendly Sunday school class at her home, 926 Bellevue street, Tuesday evening, June 14, at 8 o'clock.

MRS. HOWARD R. NEECE, Reporter.

MISTRESS MERRYFACE

By S. E. Kiser

Little Mistress Merryface
Dances down the way
With a fairy's airy grace,
Cheerful all the day:
In the little songs she sings
Sweet the note of gladness rings,
Love looks from her eyes;
Gentle, joyful, jubilant,
Every sunbeam seems to slant
Her way from the skies.

Is the world a dismal place,
Hedged about by woe?
Little Mistress Merryface
Does not find it so:
Every day that follows night
Brings new joys she has the right
To possess or see;
When she laughs all things appear
Glad to know that she is near,
Blessing with her glee.

Sadness may not linger where
Her sweet song is heard;
Hatred hurries off with care,
By her laughter spurred;
Grateful, joyful, jubilant,
All the sunbeams seem to slant
Downward but to let
Little Mistress Merryface
Keep the world the fairest place
God has made as yet.

—Selected.

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SELL ME A DREAM

Ah, Maker of Dreams,
Could you sell me a dream
Of a home-coming soldier boy,
With his old sweet smile
On his nut-brown face,
And his eyes telling tales in their joy?

Could you send him back
In his battered old plane,
With a whirr and a whiz through the air,
To a dear little cottage
In a wee western town,
And have me waiting there?

Could you blot out the long
Lonely years that have gone
Since he fell and the best of me died—
What is it you're saying,
Oh, Maker of Dreams?—
"Ah, no, I cannot, I have tried!"

—Lun Dee.

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Sergeant: "Anyone here know anything about music?"

Several Recruits: "Yes, sergeant."

Sergeant: "Then go move the piano to the concert hall."—Ex.

TWO NEW HEART DRUGS FOUND IN EXPERIMENT

Two new drugs for treatment of heart disease which are 20 times as safe in relation to effectiveness as any previously known have just been found, Prof. Maurice G. Visscher, head of the department of physiology of the University of Minnesota, has announced.

The two new drugs were found during tests of 100 drugs in a study in which for the first time an animal's heart and lung were kept alive 24 hours after removal from the body in order to observe the relation of energy input and output of the heart.

Names of the drugs are being kept secret until clinical tests corroborate the experimental findings. They belong to the same group as digitalis, having a phenanthrene nucleus. Other related drugs include ouabain, squill, and certain poisons from the skin of the common toad, long used in Chinese folk medicine.

More than 250 hearts and lungs (the lungs to furnish oxygen for the hearts to burn) were placed in watertight glass containers. Glass and rubber tubes, simulating the arteries and veins of the body, were attached, and readings taken of the normal functioning of the heart. After about an hour, by which time the heart had begun to fail, a drug was added and its action noted.

"Under sterile conditions," Professor Visscher said, "we could have kept the hearts alive for longer than 24 hours. However, by that time we had had all the information needed."—Science News letter.

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Newly-wed Husband: "Do you mean to say there's only one course for dinner tonight? Just cheese?"

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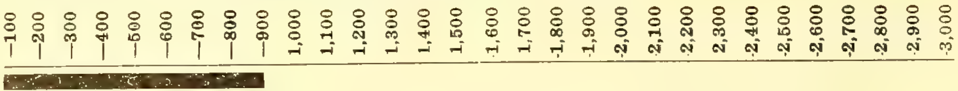

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Thanks to Brother Burgess and his people, on Flat Rock charge, Palestine and Bethel made payments on subsidy. Moving upward again along this line. That skeleton column is filling in slowly, but there are just 15 paid out on this. That gives us a long blank line to fill in yet. Look at the long line that is full and you will see something that looks better than any other way you may place it. We haven't gone far enough unless we can get a straight line all the way through. WHITAKERS ONLY HAS THE FULL LINE—SUBSCRIPTION QUOTA AND SUBSIDY. That thing is not satisfactory to me and I shall not be quiet on the subject, I mean here at home, till my charge has the whole thing. Let's all do it!

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The Claim of the Christian Church Upon Its Members

There are people who while professing love and admiration for Jesus Christ, declare a dislike or objection to organized Christianity — the Church. I heard E. Stanley Jones speak of this attitude among heathen peoples whom he had contacted, and it is not uncommon to hear some public person in this community express his dislike for organized Christianity but his admiration for the great Head of the Church—Jesus. We regret that this is a fact; we wish it were not so—that all who belong to the Church would exhibit those virtues and qualities of life which made the common people love our Lord; but they do not. However, we know that without organized Christianity there would be but little progress made by the Christians laboring independently. For every other form of activity that makes progress these days is organized. Religion being an expression of the love of God through human affections and human effort does its best work through the organization of those who seek to advance it. And since the Church is here and since you and I belong to it, have taken its vows and pledged our allegiance to it; it ought to be profitable for us to review what the Church expects of us. Let us examine some of its requirements.

1. The Church expects a higher type of living of those who belong to it than is required of non-Church members. Again and again in the New Testament we find the followers of Christ called disciples, learners; Christians, like Christ; risen with Christ; children of God; transformed by the renewing of their minds; crucified with Christ; redeemed of the Lord. Now such high living is not to be attained by slipshod, indifferent, sinful people who never worship God; people who live a prayerless life, who know nothing of the joys of sacrificial service—such people cannot meet the requirements of the Church that they live nobler Christian lives. The Christian member of the Church is different from the non-Christian although he be a member of the Church. The standard set for him is higher; requirements more exacting.

2. The Church expects and demands cooperation of its members. For it has a program which requires the loyal support of its members. This program is built so as to enlist and use the talents of all members. Their talents are varied and the program is varied, for "there are diversities of gifts but the same spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord" . . "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." And to every one it is required that he be faithful, loyal. In joining the Church we have pledged ourselves to do this. So the Church has a right to expect this of us. The failure of the Church today may be traced in part to this weakness. A sort of individualism which is controlling us. Every one wanting to live his or her life apart from the group. Unwilling to surrender a personal aim or whim for the benefit of others. Our ideals are probably as high as ever. The aims of Christianity are still the most noble of any religion. The trouble with the Church is not its doctrine; it is with the practice of those who compose it. Not enough group activity; too little cooperation when it calls for sacrifice or denial of self. And still the words of Jesus ring out over the hills of time; "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me." As the Apostle Paul said, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things . . . they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible." The word temperate means moderation, forbearance, control. The Church has a right to require of those who join it to practice control; to cooperate, to surrender a personal opinion in order that he may work with the others. Not self-willed, opinionated, stubborn, inconsiderate of others. For as much as lieth in us we should do good unto all men.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Sunday on the Connelly Springs Charge

Last Sunday was spent on the Connelly Springs Charge, Rev. Herman Yokeley, pastor. The morning appointment was at Shady Grove Church and the evening hour was spent at Shiloh. Shady Grove is about two miles north of the town of Connelly Springs. The Church building is located on the top of a high hill and faces the north. As one looks toward the north or northeast or northwest, into the mountains of that section one sees a grandeur which is too magnificent to describe. The Church building which has been in use for a good many years will be torn down within the next few weeks and much of the material in it will be used in the construction of the new stone building which stands by the side of the old and which now is ready for the roof to be put on. The auditorium will be large enough for any ordinary occasion and there will be some Sunday School rooms in the basement and two to the side of the auditorium which can be made a part of the auditorium for any overflow occasions. Something more than one hundred persons were present in Sunday School last Sunday morning and the most of them remained for the Church service. It was a pleasure to preach to them. In the Church yard here is buried all that is mortal of the Rev. H. D. Garmon who was a minister in our Conference for many years.

Shiloh Church is some six miles north of the town of Lenoir. The building is of wood and is located on a hillside which seems very steep to the people who are not accustomed to such hills. The congregation here Sunday night almost filled the auditorium. In the cemetery here is buried Rev. W. P. Martin who also was a minister among us for a long time. Some of his sons and daughters still live in the community.

This is Brother Yokeley's third year on this charge. In as much as the salary is not sufficient to support a man and his family, he lives in High Point where he works for a living and gives two Sundays each month to the work. He is very much interested in the work and the people speak well of him. Of course it is hard on him and hard on the work for him to live so far away, however, that seems to be about the best arrangement possible at the present time.

The Pastors' School

The pastors' school started at High Point College on Monday evening to run for two weeks. This is being written Tuesday afternoon and up to the present there are several who signed up for the school at our last session that have not yet arrived. Some are being kept away by sickness and others on account of funerals. But we are hoping that the attendance will be good.

In order that the remainder of the reports made by the pastors at the end of the second quarter may be printed just as quickly as possible I am giving the most of my page this week to them.

Pastors' Reports *(Continued)*

Siler City, Aubert Smith, pastor: Attendance 40%, about same at two churches with a gain at Bonlee, salary paid in full, took Seminary, Young People's Day and Easter offerings, A. C. Expenses and College Assessment raised in full, HERALD subsidy paid, financial part of Fellowship Crusade met at Piney Grove and most of it raised at Bonlee.

Liberty, Aubert Smith, pastor: Attendance 40%, about the same, two members received, salary paid in full, took offering for Seminary, A. C. Expenses paid in full.

Charlotte, T. E. Strickland, pastor: Attendance 70%, a gain, fourteen members received, salary paid in full, Young People's day and Easter offerings taken, reduced church debt, renovated parsonage.

First Church, Burlington, F. W. Paschall, pastor: Attendance 30%, a gain, 27 members received, salary paid in full, Seminary, Young People's day and Easter offering taken, half of A. C. Expenses raised.

Grace Church, Greensboro, J. E. Carroll, pastor: Attendance 80%, slight gain, twelve members received, salary paid in full, Young People's day and Easter offerings taken, repaired and redecorated church auditorium, painted all Sunday School rooms, built stage in Sunday School room at cost of $175, reached all objectives in Fellowship Crusade, Mothers' club organized, paid S. S. assessment conference council, payments up to date on church debt.

Davidson, C. L. Grant, pastor: Attendance 25%, a loss because people are moving to town, salary not paid in full, Young People and Easter offering taken, raised part of A. C. Expenses and part of College assessment, assessments for Conference Council paid in full, part of Superannuate fund paid. Chapel Hill church refinished inside, aisles carpeted; Pine Hill improving grounds.

Rankin Memorial, Edwin Suits, pastor: Attendance 50-60%, considerable gain, 21 members received, salary not paid in full, Easter offering taken, A. C. Expenses raised in full, two Sunday School rooms completed and basement floor laid.

Linconton-Bess Chapel, W. L. Harkey, pastor: Attendance 50%, a gain, two members received, salary not paid in full, Easter offering taken, having largest church attendance during present pastorate.

Littleton, J. H. Trolinger, pastor: Attendance 40-60%, a gain, five members received, salary not paid in full, Easter offering taken, A. C. budget paid in full.

Chase City, J. H. Trolinger, pastor: Attendance 50%, gain, salary not paid in full.

Granville, J. P. Pegg, pastor: Attendance 50%, attendance good, two members received, salary not paid in full, took offering for Seminary, Young People and Easter, raised part of A. C. Expenses and College assessment, churches have sent $200 to Children's Home since Conference, parsonage renovated.

Greensville, J. M. Morgan, pastor: Attendance 60%, a gain, salary not paid in full, took offering for Young People and Easter, A. C. Expenses raised in full, raised part of College assessment, built one new Church.

Announcements

Sunday, June 12—11 a. m., Concord in dedicatory services.

Sunday, June 19—11 a. m., Pleasant Grove.

Sunday, June 26—Saxapahaw, Saxapahaw at 11 a. m. and Salem at 2:30 p. m.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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Treasure Chests

My mother has two treasure chests,
And side by side they lie,
Their priceless contents are the keys
To many a smile and sigh.

One—a golden jewel box,
Holds lockets, pins and rings,
A necklace made of lovely pearls,
All deeply cherished things.

Beside it is a pasteboard box,
Tied with a ribbon blue,
It holds a precious golden curl,
And one worn baby shoe.

But I've observed as Time leads Mother
Gently through the years,
Gifts bought with gold mean far, far less,
Than those she bought with tears.

—*Richard Maxwell in Christian Herald.*

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I know that it is always better to do right than to do wrong.
I know that it is always better to be kind than to be cruel.
I know that it is always better to believe than to doubt.

—*Rev. Forney Hutchinson in The Upper Room.*

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Attendance at Sunday School Versus Church

Many pastors in urban churches complain of the failure of the members of their Sunday Schools to attend the preaching service. When the Sunday School closes behold how both the adult and the youth rush for the door; some for their homes, others for a joy ride and others, may be, attending Church service elsewhere. An examination of the records would possibly show that at least half those in Sunday School were not at preaching.

It is contended by some that the trouble lies with the parents and the teachers in the Sunday School; that if these would emphasize the imporance of the Church service more, more would attend it. It is also contended that the leaders in the organized classes often appear very indifferent to the success of the preaching service. Many of them fail to attend these services themselves. That they seem to feel that not only is the Sunday School the more important of the two services, it is the most important, and that when one has sat through the lesson taught there he need not bother about remaining for preaching.

While those who defend the practice in these schools contend that in many cases the pastor himself is largely responsible for the failure of many of the Sunday School scholars leaving before Church. That the pastor does not attend the Sunday School regularly and then there rarely takes part in the activities of the school. That many fail to show much interest in the work of the school and thereby alienate the workers of the school, and that if it were not for the Sunday School the attendance at the preaching service would be less than it is.

And now what shall we say to all these things? Of course, the rural school does not have to face this problem in any aggravated sense, as the family car remains at Church until all members are ready to go home; but our experience sustains the contentions that in numbers of urgan schools large groups of scholars never attend the preaching service. With the children, who go home, it is maintained that the two services are too great a tax upon their endurance, and that the preaching service is not designed for small children any way; so they may as well go home. And many of those in adult classes say they have already heard one sermon; that their teacher is a good exhorter and when he gets done he has usually run the gamut of all the emotions, instincts and desires known to man, so why remain to hear the preacher do the same thing? So they go home or for a ride.

The Editor believes in the Sunday School; he knows that it is doing a good work; better in some schools than in others, because these are better equipped. But even the poorest equipped school is surely doing some good. And he also knows that the preaching service is important, that much good is done there. As to the amount, it depends of course, upon the ability of the preacher and those who assist him in the services. Therefore, we are not ready to suspend either service. We might have a moratorium on criticism, however. This form of activity by both sides might be suspended indefinitely to the profit of the plaintive and the defendant.

And, too, it might be profitable for the pastor and his official board to hold a conference with those leaders in the school where the practice of not remaining for Church service is most pronounced, and try to get a proper appraisal of the work the Sunday School does and the results which surely come from a good preaching service. The Church should always be considered the unit; the Sunday School, the Baraca, Philathea classes, Christian Endeavor and all other organizations in the Church, should be under the direction of the pastor. And these should be marshalled by him for any attack he makes upon ignorance, vice, indifference, prejudice, lawlessness. It is the rankest folly for the members of a Church to permit their efforts at doing good to be diverted by the difference of opinion as to policy or leadership or technique in the work of the Kingdom of God. It is an old stunt of the devil to create factions and emphasize differences among members of the Church. Beware of him.

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The Editor sincerely thanks Brother J. H. Trolinger for the large list of subscribers handed in this week. He and Mrs. Kearns, of Denton, saved us from going into a deep depression this week. Brother Trolinger has done a fine work on Littleton already in the raising in full the Annual Conference claims, and now he comes forward with Herald subscriptions in large number; it has not been done there that way before.

Hindered Christians

St. Paul had those among his faithful followers to whom he wrote, "Ye did run well for awhile; who did hinder you?" We would relay this question today, picking it up out of the past. Ye saints, church officials, did run well. But somehow your enthusiasm has waned, you have ceased to challenge others by your labors. Who did hinder you? Instability, while not regarded as a sinful trait, may open the door for great throngs of evil. The practice of accepting a task with glee and sitting down on it in despair is so childish, so unworthy of real men and women, all of us should be absolutely ashamed to do it. But there are still far too many of us who emphasize our human frailty that way. Good beginners, off to a good start, but being unable to endure, faint by the wayside. Paul knew what we need so he exhorted that we endure hardness as good soldiers of the cross. Be not weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Annual Leadership Education School and Annual Meeting of the Conference Council of Religious Education

The North Carolina Conference Council of Religious Education will conduct its annual school of Leadership Education at High Point College June 20-25. Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, Greensboro, N. C., is Dean.

The annual meeting of the Conference Council will be held Tuesday, June 21, at 12:45 p. m.

Our goal is at least one member from every local Methodist Protestant Church in the North Carolina Conference. We want at least 75 students 12 to 15 years of age.

This phase of our Annual Conference program has had a continuous growth for the past 25 years. We urge pastors and people to give us their continued support.

Total expense of the school, $6.75.

Write J. Elwood Carroll, 222 N. Edgeworth street, Greensboro, N. C., for further details.

T. J. WHITEHEAD, President
N. C. Conference Council.

To Our Pastors and Herald Agents

We have reached the bottom of our financial barrel. There has been a falling off in subscriptions for the past few months, even greater than this time last year, so we have had to draw upon our balance from last and previous years, and it is about exhausted. We realize that this season is usually a lean time for the Herald, but we believe there are enough of our people who would renew their subscription to the Herald, if approached and acquainted with the situation we now face. We sincerely hope this SOS will be the only one we shall have to send out. But if the paper is to continue we must have money to pay the printers.

COME ON BOYS

Mr. Editor:

I have about decided I am not much akin to a mule; I know I don't like to be driven. The mules seem to expect the lash and want a Negro driver. I never liked that. If I am to have a share in things I want the head of it to be a leader instead of a driver. He must not crack his whip over my back unless he wants me to quit right then. You know, leaders go in front, not behind; you have seen people who called themselves leaders who went behind—just drivers. In so far as you could see all they did was the wind work. If money was wanted, nobody knew whether they gave or not; if work was needed, they called themselves pushers then, but never found time to lend a hand. But my, they could tell you how the thing could best be done.

Take these Conference programs every year; well, at our Church, some folk are forever talking about the things instead of getting down and doing them. Nothing starts a crowd to giving money like the gift of some fellow the folk believe in, when he stands up and says, "Come on now boys, match me," there is mighty apt to be some matching done. I told my pastor when he put on the Fellowship Crusade in our Church, if he would take pledges and cash at a public meeting, he would get ten times as much money as he could get by handing out the cards and telling the people to bring them back next Sunday. Nobody knew whether the pastor believed in it enough to subscribe or give, so mighty few thought of the pledge cards next Sunday. Let the Church have a demonstration in doing and giving before it starts to do or to give and you'll get something done. That is if the fellow who makes it, has his heart, his hand and his money in it.

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THE HOLY BIBLE

The American Bible Society distributed during last year 7,328,550 copies of the Bible, testaments and parts of the Scriptures in 197 languages and dialects, including books for the blind. The figures were disclosed in the society's annual report, made public recently at the annual meeting of the organization in New York City.

Scriptures in ninety-seven languages were circulated in the United States and in 149 languages by the society's twelve foreign agencies.

The report noted that the distribution of Bibles in China increased for the sixth consecutive year, despite war conditions in that country.

The year 1937 saw the completion of several new translations of the Scriptures. After forty years' work by Presbyterian missionaries among 600,000 persons in the French Cameroons the Bulu Old Testament was finished. The New Testament also was translated into the Otetela language, which is used by 250,000 natives of the Eastern Congo.

With respect to Bibles for the blind, in this country 3,408 embossed volumes in ten languages and systems were distributed. In addition, the society's foreign agencies circulated 1,316 volumes, of which 1,135 were in Japanese Braille.

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All things of worth require continued effort.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Taking the Line of Least Resistance

There are two sides to this question about taking the line of least resistance. I had a good student once who suggested that a person in any situation will *always* take the line of least resistance. The very fact that one takes a line at all means, he argued, that it was easier for him to do so than it would have been to follow any other course. Had the other line been easier he would have taken it, but since he did take a certain course it must imply that, for him, such was the easier thing to do.

But if this argument holds water several points ought to be mentioned. First, perhaps, is the fact that resistance is not always a physical matter. One may take a hard road, but still it is not as hard as one, apparently easy, would be if it involves his conscience. It is often harder to silence conscience than it is to wipe sweat. A thing may be hard on the muscles but easy on the ideals. Or it may be easy on the body, yet very difficult for the heart.

Here is where the young man's logic came in. It implied that what one does is, after all, for him, the easiest thing he could have done. To have fallen in character was harder indeed than merely to perform a terrible task. It is harder for a good man to steal than it is to be honest.

Thus it happens that the location of the resistance is the significant thing. The honest man finds his resistance located in his conscience, the lazy man finds his located in his limbs. And therefore the person takes the path which, all things considered, does least violence to his entire being.

Again, it shows that one's training determines the location of his resistance center. That person who has built up a sensitive conscience on a particular phase of conduct finds it exceedingly hard to break over it. On the other hand, the fellow who has been educated to take that item lightly will feel no compunction of conscience when it is violated. How important it is, then, that we train individuals to have a conscience on the right things. It is most unfortunate when a person feels no guilt about undesirable conduct. The Prophet Isaiah spoke of those who call evil good and good evil. Those people in question had simply lost their powers of moral distinction, a sad state to have reached. So long as a person feels guilty over wrongs committed there is hope for him, but when he reaches the place where there is no longer any sting about it he is hopeless. Poison is not so bad unless it tastes sweet.

Now, the function of moral and religious education is to intensify the resistance where it is most needed. It hopes to cause people to love that which is good and right, and to hate the evil. In a word, it is to make him enjoy that which is good for him. Having accomplished this, religion makes the line of least resistance lead along the pure and noble highways of the soul.

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Noah Webster put thirty years of his life on his dictionary.

FACING THE SUPREME TEST OF SERVICE

The International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, June 12, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 14:32-46.

Golden Text—"Not what I will, but what thou wilt." Mark 14:36.

The story of the happenings in the garden is one of the most arresting to be found in the New Testament. It is splendidly discussed in our Teachers' Journal and in sermonizing its possibilities have been seemingly exhausted. I trust, however, that in this discussion I may suggest a few things which ordinarily are not so obviously seen.

The first thought that strikes my attention is the fact that Jesus tells His disciples to sit down, and then the three that have gone farther with Him He tells to tarry and watch. Jesus was constantly sending His disciples forth to do something. The life of this group of thirteen had been extremely active during the preceding three years. The teachings of Jesus remind us that Christianity is forever an active way of life. But here this command to tarry comes in deep contrast to former commands to active living. To me this contrast is significant. The disciples had done all they could in their own strength. A great Divine Drama was being acted out in time and place which they had not planned and over which they had little or no control, yet they were a significant part of that Drama. Even their tarrying and watching was not to be passive but rather an active waiting upon the will and way of God. I am convinced that American Christianity needs to learn more than anything else that there come times when it is far more powerful to wait in the proper spirit than it is to try to go forward alone. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

That the Master went farther still into the battleground of prayer is the expected thing. It is interesting to note that when great problems faced Him He didn't call a convention but rather went to God for guidance. In my mind Gethsemane was the greatest test that Christ ever had to face. It was greater than the trial or the cross for then it was too late to evade. In the garden He was still free; means of escape were no doubt open to Him. So it was a tremendous inner battle as to whether He would follow through to the now apparent consequences or would He slip out of the whole affair. Would He yield to the power of the flesh or would He do the will of God? Jesus could just as easily have proved a slacker in that hour as anyone else could have. The great victory was His power to say, "Thy will be done." It was not easy for Him to say that beneath the shadow of the cross; He went once, again and again until He could rise and face His enemies unafraid and unashamed. He too had been tarrying and waiting but it was then that the angel ministered unto Him and His will became vibrant with the will of God. Such an experience as that is always victory.

But while Jesus prayed there in the agony of His soul keenly aware of what was taking place the disciples went to sleep. So even before the soldiers had come Jesus said "I am betrayed." I wonder if the sleeping of the eleven was not just as much of a betrayal as was the unholy kiss of the twelfth. But there is danger that we judge these disciples too harshly. Christ was sympathetic and so must we be. The truth is that they were not aware of what was really taking place, and to me that is the greatest tragedy of all. The greatest tragedy in human history was being acted out all about them and they did not even know it but were asleep. The most powerful lesson in this story for us is found right here. There is not a question in my mind but that if Jesus were being betrayed and crucified today and I knew it I would give my very life for Him. That is what the disciples said. But then when the conflict between sin and righteousness does come to a climax our minds are so dulled by sleep and our souls are so insensitive that the great tragedy takes place and we know it not. Through the centuries the major turning points in history have come and gone but only the very few were truly aware of what was taking place. My fear is not that I shall willingly betray my Lord, but the fear that haunts my sleeping and my waking hours is the fear that great ideas will be born and come to fruition, that great movements will arise and die for lack of support, that sin shall again deal a death telling blow to the Kingdom of God and Christ again shall writhe upon the cross and through it all, poor dumb soul that I am, I shall be asleep. "Watch and pray" sayeth the Lord.

Judas with the soldiers came and under the pretense of friendship betrayed His Master. Sin still tries to save its face by pretending to be the friend of Christ. The guilt of Judas is more doubly distasteful by the fact that he kissed his Lord as a friend. All sin is bad and all men are tempted, but it does seem to me that if a man is going to make a fool of himself he ought to get out of the ministry first. One Judas did more to lead to the crucifixion of the Christ than all the soldiers, publicans and sinners, or even the Pharisees did. It is still true that one minister, one Sunday School superintendent or one choir leader can do more to defeat Christ and His Church in a community than a thousand sinners and critics.

But through it all, sleeping and betraying disciples, the march of the soldiers, Christ remained true to His high calling, His will remained vibrant with the will of God. That must have been what Paul meant when he said that life, death, angels, principalities, powers, things present nor things to come shall separate us from the love of God. That is what it means to follow the Christ Who found no trial too great for Him, Who found no test sufficient to break His will which was lost in the Will of God.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDGE TEAGUE

Judge Lewis Teague, who ran ahead in the Democratic Primary for Congress last Saturday, is a member of First M. P. Church, High Point, also a member of our Denominational Board of Education and besides serving as Judge of Municipal Court of High Point has found time to teach a class in the Sunday School. It is obvious to say that his many friends are greatly pleased to see the fine showing he made last Saturday and wish him success.

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Week before last an error appeared in the Herald receipts: Mrs. T. C. Hauser, of Pinnacle, was credited with $1 instead of $2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "FELLOWSHIP CRUSADE"

To the Board of Administration of the
Methodist Protestant Church
Tiffin, Ohio, May 19, 1938:

Your Committee, appointed to consider the Fellowship Crusade, feels that the campaign created by the Board of Administration in the annual meeting of May, 1937, and closing May 1, 1938, has resulted in great good to the Church and the Kingdom. We believe that the spiritual values have been considerably more than the casual observer may realize. It is evident that this effort has not been the financial success for which we had hoped, yet we feel that what has been accomplished can be made stepping-stones to higher levels and greater financial results.

While the Crusade has done great good, we do not believe it is wise to continue it for another year. We, therefore, recommend to the Body:

First—That for the coming year we major in an attempt to raise the World Service Budget in full; that we enter into a movement to make all of our people conscious of the importance of raising every dollar of their respective allotments for World Service; that every Annual Conference organize their forces to this end. And further, that all monies paid in on the Fellowship Crusade, or that may be paid in hereafter, shall be an automatic credit on the World Service apportionment for the Appreciation Year.

Second—That the payment in full of all pledges to the Fellowship Crusade be encouraged; and that, special emphasis be placed upon the offerings of "Special Days" in the calendar of the Church.

Third—That the month of November be fixed as a specific period in which the entire Church shall join in a movement to raise the sum of $375,000.00 for World Service as a final expression of appreciation for the Methodist Protestant Church. The month of November to be known as "Appreciation Month."

Fourth—That the months of September and October be used as a preparatory period when, through every available channel, information shall be given to all the people concerning the purpose and details of this effort.

Fifth—That the President of the General Conference appoint four persons from the Board of Administration, who with the four Secretaries shall constitute a Committee of nine, with the President of the General Conference as Chairman, to prepare, promote, and direct the campaign to raise in full the World Service Budget.

Sixth—That a Life Enrichment emphasis be effective throughout the Church—in all local Church groups of all ages, in Leadership Schools, Summer Conferences, Branch Meetings, College Groups and in all Mission Fields; that this Life Enlistment emphasis be operative throughout the year, the details of such an emphasis to be developed and administered by the Commission recommended above in this report.

Special Recommendation

In the matter of money relating to the expenses to be incurred in preparation for the Uniting Conference of the three

Methodist bodies, of which our Church is one, we offer the following recommendation:

That the funds of the World Service Budget be made available to the President of the General Conference to pay the expenses incurred by the meetings of our Commissions in preparation for the Uniting Conference, after the present Contingent Fund has been exhausted.

T. Leroy Hooper, *Chairman*
Mrs. W. H. Maier,
J. E. Pritchard,
A. C. Rogers,
G. C. Weaver.

This action of the Executive Committee does not mean that those conferences like ours shall at once discontinue our efforts to complete the work of the Fellowship Crusade, but that this particular phase of Church work will close with our Conference year.

The Committee from our Church to select the place for the Unifying Church Conference to meet next April: Judge Harry Shaw, Pittsburgh Conference; F. Murray Benson, Maryland Conference; Dr. J. E. Pritchard, North Carolina Conference; Dr. J. S. Eddins, Alabama Conference; and Dr. F. W. Lineberry, Indiana Conference.—Editor.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Appreciation Year

This is our slogan for this great final year of the Methodist Protestant Church as a separate unit in the Methodist world.

It is a displacement of the Fellowship Crusade, in its financial appeal, and yet a continuation of the very apparent necessity of Putting Our House in Order. There will be no further appeal for special money. We are not to ask the churches for special offerings or special amounts for World Service or debts. It is simply a proposition which says—Let us meet our World Service apportionment in full. If we do this we can clean house in glorious fashion and as a bride adorned for her husband we can enter our new home in much honor and in happy satisfaction.

All this was adopted and approved by the Board of Administration at our meeting in Tiffin, Ohio, two weeks ago, and done not alone without the slightest dissent but with the evident hearty approval of the entire body.

The special committee of nine will soon be announced and all plans relating to the promotion of this Plan—will soon be announced, in full time for all conferences to get ready for this final year.

It will be the last chance any of us will ever have to exhibit our love of the Church, our appreciation of its magnificent history, our undying testimony to its ideals and purposes, our final expression of loyalty. And our war cry:—

"Every Charge on the Honor Roll"

And here follows the report of the special, as amended by the Board of Administration:

Visiting High Point College

It was my privilege to attend the Commencement exercises this year and to make the address. Now I always have the best time at an affair of this kind but never have I enjoyed one more than this. The exercises were held in the gymnasium for the first time and the room was well-filled. Everything went off in fine order. What impressed me most, however, was the transformation which has taken place in the entire institution. The budget this year was balanced, a distinct achievement. The enrollment, the very largest with the prospect of embarrassment next year of accommodating the increase in students. The new Library building is a beautiful thing and architecturally fits in. The grounds, with shrubbery and a fine sod of grass are lovely. The athletic field equipment is simply astonishing—a large football field, well laid-off, enclosed and with a great stadium for six or seven thousand people,—a practice football field, a new baseball field in process of construction, tennis courts, golf course, and the like, it fairly takes one's breath. And all this with a large reduction in actual debt—well, it sets forth the College as a beautiful flower in bud, ready for full blooming. President Humphreys, I salute you for this magnificent achievement.

Then, Friday, June 3, on invitation of the Philadelphia Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church (!) I had the great pleasure of making an address. I felt I was talking to my own, so cordial indeed was their reception. The conference was in special session for one afternoon to elect their delegates to the Uniting Conference. And in fact, I am getting so many invitations to address conferences, and, I am bewildered to know how it can be done.

Jas. H. Straughn.

SOUL WINNING A PRIVILEGE

Would you like to do your best for your Church? What greater service is there to render the cause than this, to be a seeker of men? This is the Church's mission and commission, and you enable your own Church to justify its existence when you point a soul to Christ. You might give a memorial organ to your Church. Splendid. But win a soul and you will have done more.

Soul-winning is witnessing for Christ. You witness not to those who are already in agreement. Jesus is on trial out there in the world, and there, where men are falsely judging Him, you are to be His witness. What do you know? Does He save men? Has He saved you? Do you know His peace? Has He given your life point and purpose? Then tell someone else. Kindly, but persistently, tell them, and tell them again. This is what He wants you to do, for He said to His own, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."—*Dr. Will H. Houghton.*

A TITHING BULLETIN—AN IDEA FOR PASTORS

The Layman Company is now putting out its Tithing pamphlets in four-page bulletin form, printed on two inside pages only, the other two pages blank for local material. The cost is lower, there will be a saving of at least $5 per week to any pastor who uses four-page bulletins in his Sunday services. A good opportunity for five or ten weeks of tithe education without extra expense or special distribution. Thirty-two subjects to choose from. Sample set 20 cents.

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OUR STORY PAGE

MUD PIES

Jane appeared in the open door, her face flushed from running and little beads of sweat dotting her forehead.

"Mother," she began excitedly, "Alice and Ruth are going to the park with their mother this afternoon, and they have asked me to go with them. May I, please?"

Jane's mother looked up from her sewing, a troubled frown making little wrinkles between her tired eyes.

"Why, darling," she said, "I have to get this dress finished for Mrs. Brown by tonight, and I had counted on you to play with little sister and keep her happy this afternoon."

Jane's happy smile disappeared and an ugly pout took its place.

"I always have to play with Patsy," she said in a scratchy little voice. "Can't she amuse herself for just one afternoon?"

"I suppose she can, dear, but she won't be very contented and I will have to watch her to see that she doesn't run away. I really need you, Jane. But I believe I will let you do what you think is right and best."

"You mean I can go to the park?" Jane cried, beginning to dance on her toes.

"If you think that is the right thing to do," mother said, with her sweet, tired smile.

Jane flew up to her own room, taking two steps at a time, and making her hair-ribbon bob about like a gay butterfly. She stepped out of her school-dress and was just ready to slip into her new blue dress with the white ruffles when she chanced to look out of the window.

There, all alone in the warm spring sunshine, sat little sister, staring solemnly at a fat robin hunting worms. She looked very little and very lonely, and there were traces of tears on her round baby face. There was no one in the neighborhood young enough to stay home and play with Patsy, so the two-year-old child was alone most of the time.

Jane held the new dress by the sleeve and stared down at Patsy.

"She's lonesome," Jane thought, "and she doesn't know how to play alone. Pretty soon she'll get tired of just sitting there, and then she'll run away. That will mean that mother will have to stop her sewing and go after her. Oh—dear—"

Slowly Jane hung the new blue dress back in the closet. Two hot tears pushed against her eyelids, but she wouldn't let them fall. Somewhere she found a little smile and tucked it on her mouth. Then she put on her play-dress and went down to the yard where little sister sat by herself.

Patsy flew to Jane with a little crow of delight.

"Shall we make mud pies?" Jane asked.

Patsy nodded a curly yellow head very hard and clapped her dimpled hands.

"We'll make milk out of cornstarch and water," Jane said, putting a board across two big stones to make a table, "and we'll use white sand for frosting and these black stones for raisins. Here is some water for you, Patsy, and here is some for me. Let's make cookies and cakes and loaves of bread and pretend to have a bakery, shall we?"

"Yes—uhuh—yes," Patsy agreed happily, but first she took time to plant a moist little kiss on Jane's pink cheek. Jane felt a little thrill of joy in her heart.

Ten minutes later when Alice and Ruth stopped to see if Jane could go to the park with them, a fine row of mud pies and cakes, with sparkling frosting, were drying in the sun, and two happy little girls were busily stirring up another batch.

"Can't you go?" Alice demanded.

"No," Jane answered, "I'm running a bakery, and this is my chief cook." She patted little sister's yellow curls and laughed.

As Alice and Ruth disappeared down the block Jane looked after them, wondering why a little song was singing itself in her heart. She had just learned that doing what is right always brings happiness.—*Joye Hoekzema, in Story World.*

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COURSES FOR YOUNGER YOUNG PEOPLE

The younger young people (ages 13, 14, and 15 years) will this year for the first time have their own features at the annual summer school of Leadership Education, to be held at High Point College the week of June 20-25. Rev. T. J. Whitehead is in charge of the younger folks.

The Juniors, as they will be called, will enter into many of the activities of the regular group, but in addition will have their own discussion groups on health, music appreciation, and First Series classes. Each young person is to take two First Series Courses, one selected from the first three herewith listed, and one from the second three courses.

The First Series Courses are explanatory, with text author and title listed in parenthesis, and instructor indicated. 112a, "The Essential Missionary Character of Christianity" (Castleman, "Into All the World"), Rev. Leo K. Pittard; 120a, "The Life of Christ" (Lee, "The Life of Christ"), Mr. Sterling Wheeler, student in Duke University; and 123a, "The Life and Work of Paul" (Minear, "An Introduction to Paul"), Rev. Clarence P. Morris.

The three courses in methods offered for the younger people include 132a, "Christian Stewardship" (Crawford, "The Stewardship of Life"), Rev. T. J. Whitehead; 141a, "How to Teach in the Church School" (McLester, "What Is Teaching"), Miss Elizabeth Fox; and 142a, "Planning and Leading Group Worship" (no text), Rev. E. Lester Ballard.

This final word: Registration, Monday, June 20, 2:00-4:00 o'clock. Total cost is $6.75 paid upon registration. You provide your pillow, bed linen, towels, and soap. Bring sport clothes and equipment. No class absences are permitted if you get credit for your work. We furnish text book without additional charge. For further details ask your pastor, see past issues of Herald, or write

Rev. J. Elwood Carroll,
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George Stephenson spent fifteen years perfecting his locomotive.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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NOTICE TO AUXILIARIES

Please forward to me during this month sufficient funds to bring the amount paid by your Auxiliary up to one-quarter of your apportionment. As you know June ends our first quarter. Funds are coming in a little slow at this time and it is very essential that the organizations that our Branch supports, and World Service, receive their checks monthly in order that they may receive the most benefit from our contributions.

MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treas.,
N. C. Branch of Women's Work.

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NOTICE TO AUXILIARIES

The quarterly report blanks have been mailed to all local Auxiliaries. Please fill these out and return to me no later than June 30. If you do not receive one please notify me at once. In some places I sent blanks to pastors where I did not have names of presidents or corresponding secretaries. Won't some one please see that the blank for your Auxiliary is filled out and returned? I am looking forward to receiving splendid reports from all Auxiliaries.

MRS. JAMES T. BOWMAN,
Cor. Sec. N. C. Branch
of Women's Work.

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BROTHER W. D. MOORE WRITES FROM DARLINGTON, S. C.

It was indeed a real pleasure to have with us last Sunday a delegation of more than 50 persons from New Hope, Why Not charge. As there is no Methodist Protestant church here, I carried them to the Church of God where I worship, and there we had a wonderful time at Sunday school and preaching.

There is a group here in Darlington who call themselves the Church of God, and who speak in other tongues; the church where I worship speaks with tongues we all can understand. These people stand for the clean things of life, and doing a great work. The church building is small, but the attendance is large.

Brother Dorsett, leader of our visiting singers, called his large choir to the front and gave us some wonderful songs and music during both the Sunday school and preaching hours. We have three quartets here, who rendered us some fine songs. After all this wonderful singing, our pastor, Rev. B. O. Privette, had but a few minutes left to preach, but he brought us a soul-stirring sermon, as he always does.

Then came the noon hour, and the visitors and I went a short distance to a large flowing well and had lunch. It seems that some of these Tar Heels thought this water tasted rather flat.

Our visitors informed us they were building a parsonage on the Why Not charge. Sister Louzena Pressnal has charge of the finances for this parsonage, and she says she has been very successful this far—congratulations. We were sorry indeed our Pastor Hill could not come along, on account of his wife's not being well (I, being reared in the Why Not section).

I accompanied them up town and while there some of them discovered a liquor store. To our shame we have only five in the little town of Darlington. Most of them had never seen one before, and as they viewed this awful curse, some dropped their heads in shame. Surely we have our hats off to North Carolina for voting it out.

After this fine group of people gave us this wonderfully good day, they enjoyed their fill of ice cream and turned their heads homeward, piloted by our well-known, W. R. Williams, who is known to be a safe engineer.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

R. C. Powell, Denton	$1.00
Mrs. T. W. Mitchell, Denton	1.00
A. L. Hill, Denton	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Wright.	
Mrs. E. F. Kiger, Forsyth charge	1.00
Mrs. W. H. Grenway, Granville	1.00
Sent by Pastor Pegg.	
W. G. Wagoner, Haw River charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Bates.	
Mrs. Bessie White, Creswell	1.00
Sen by Pastor Wagoner.	
R. M. Whitt, Kernersville	.50
Rev. C. B. Way, Kernersville	.50
Mrs. E. S. Taylor, Orange charge	2.00
R. B. Studebaker, Orange charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Taylor.	
Mrs. Dudley Campbell, Alamance charge	2.00
Mrs. Harry Perry, Alamance charge	1.00
J. M. Pugh, Alamance charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Isley.	
Mrs. R. H. Sharpe, Siler City charge	1.00
Sent by Miss Sallie Smith.	
Miss Aba Steed, Asheboro	2.00
Sent by Mrs. Vance Kivett.	
Mrs. David Glass, Calvary church	1.00
B. S. Jenkins, Littleton charge	1.00
L. G. Jenkins, Littleton charge	1.00
F. M. Shearin, Littleton charge	1.00
Matthew Wilson, Littleton charge	1.00
Mrs. D. G. Dickens, Littleton charge	1.00
Mrs. Lena Walker, Littleton charge	1.00
Mrs. Jack Ellis, Littleton charge	1.00
Joe Smith, Littleton charge	1.00
E. J. Smith, Littleton charge	1.00
Miss Bettie Mae King, Littleton charge	1.00
Mrs. M. W. Myrick, Littleton charge	1.00
Mrs. Annie Harper, Littleton charge	1.00
Mrs. S. H. Harper, Littleton charge	1.00
Miss Alice Mae Whitby, Littleton charge	1.00
Miss Beatrice Jenkins, Littleton charge	1.00
Mrs. Ida Belle Taylor, Littleton charge	1.00
Mrs. Emma Pulley, Littleton charge	1.00
Van Wood, Littleton charge	1.00
Mrs. Sol J. Harris, Littleton charge	1.00
Miss Alice Duncan, Littleton charge	1.00
Mrs. Sallie Williams, Littleton charge	.50
Rev. J. H. Trolinger, Littleton charge	.50
Sent by Pastor Trolinger.	
D. A. McLaurin, Concord	1.00
D. E. McLaurin, Concord	1.00
Rev. E. O. Peeler	2.00
Sent by Pastor Peeler.	
Mrs. O. W. Connell, Charlotte	2.00
J. E. Presnell, Why Not charge	1.00
Sent by D. J. Boyles.	
Rev. J. B. Bivens, Fallston charge	1.00

Received on Subsidy

Mrs. Coy Kearns, for N. C. Woman's Work	$50.00

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

The Aid Society, Elwood, Ind., feeding child	$ 5.00
Mr. W. T. Hanner, Julian	2.99
Baraca Class, Gibsonville, clothing child	5.00
Central S. S., Asheboro	40.00
Mrs. B. F. Ragan, Haw River, supporting child	3.00
Julian S. S., Tabernacle, six months	6.00
Moriah S. S.	4.50
Bess Chapel S. S.	1.15
Hebron S. S., Orange	4.04
The Golden Rule Circle, Westminster, Md.	3.00
Midway S. S., Haw River	3.89
Ethel Hempstead Circle, Inwood, L. I., feeding child	5.00
Bellmont S. S., Mt. Hermon	9.95
The N. C. Branch, by the treasurer	96.14

Clothing and Other Gifts

The children of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hunter, Greensboro, a set of the New Werner Edition of the Encyclopedia Britanica, 31 volumes, and 29 other books. A very fine gift.

Thursday, June 30

We are looking forward to Children's Home day on June 30, anticipating a large crowd, a good offering, a good program, a good dinner and fine fellowship. We are inviting ourselves to eat dinner with you, and there are 118 of us. Rev. J. E. Pritchard, D.D., and Rev. C. W. Bates, D.D., have kindly promised to speak for us that day, and of course we will have fine messages. The devotional services will be conducted by another, and we will have singing by the congregation and by the children.

An Open Air Meeting

After going to First church, High Point, for these services last year, and finding that the noise from the traffice was about as bad there as here, several have suggested that the meeting this year be held, under the big trees on our own campus. So, if the weather is good, it will be held here at the Home in the open air. If it should be rainy we will seek shelter elsewhere. Some day the dear Lord will give us a chapel here in which we can hold our services when necessary. May He speed the day.

Glass Jars for Distribution

Last year the good people of our churches filled about 2,000 half-gallon jars with fruits and vegetables. These were sent to us in the fall along with other produce, and it was such a help. Will you do it again? We have the jars, and will be so glad for you to get them if you will. If you cannot get them and will let us know we will send them some way. Please plan it so all that are needed may go to a charge, or some charges, at the same time, so as to save gasoline. An early reply will help. We thank you for your help.

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Worthville Church, C. L. Spencer, Pastor, June 6.—Our revival began on the second Sunday in May and closed the fourth Sunday. Our pastor did the preaching and delivered some very good sermons.

This community has been saddened recently in the passing of two of our members. Mrs. Annie Kirkman Davis was buried on Mother's Day. Her death was a shock and great loss to her friends and family. She was a faithful Christian and church worker. She leaves her husband and five children, two of the children were placed in the Children's Home at High Point last week.

Miss Mattie Yow, age 56, died at her home here June 2 after an illness of several months. She was a loyal member of the Sunday school and church and will be greatly missed there and in the community where she was such a willing helper in time of sickness.

Both funerals were conducted by their pastor, Brother Spencer.

MRS. C. O. BYRD, Reporter.

Hebron, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—District Rally was observed at Hebron church, Sunday, May 29. The following charges were represented: Mebane, Orange and Saxapahaw. The program was in charge of the Rev. E. A. Bingham, district chairman.

The service was opened with a number of John Wesley's hymns, after which Dr. C. W. Bates, pastor of Haw River charge, brought to us an interesting message on "John Wesley's Aldersgate Experience."

At the noon hour all enjoyed a picnic lunch.

The afternoon service was in charge of Mrs. J. Sam Nelson, who substituted for Miss Bessie Holmes, district chairman of the Women's Work of the church.

The Mebane Junior choir favored us with two selections after which reports of financial statements were given by the treasurers of each church. This was followed by a very interesting discussion of the Women's Work led by Mrs. C. W. Bates.

MRS. BEN F. WILSON.

Kernersville, South Winston Charge.—The work of our churches has been moving along as usual since the last report from this charge. Our first revival meeting has been held, which began at Sandy Ridge church the second Sunday in May. The pastor did the preaching except at four services, being assisted in these services by Rev. R. O. Knuckles, of the Baptist church, and Rev. C. A. Brown, of the Pilgrim Holiness church. The results of the meeting were not what we expected, yet we believe much good was accomplished.

Our second revival meeting will begin at South Winston church next Sunday. Beginning with the night service the pastor will be assisted in the services by Rev. B. A. Culp, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, in Winston-Salem. Because a large per cent of the members are engaged in public work, we will have night services only. Rev. Mr. Culp is one of the best known preachers in Winston-Salem, and has enjoyed a marked success as an evangelist wherever he has preached. We are looking forward to a successful meeting.

We are glad to report the activity of members of Ai church. Paint has been purchased and delivered and the church building will be painted, the work to start this week. Ai is one of the oldest churches in this section of the state, and we are glad to witness the spirit of the members in preserving the beauty of the church. The revival meeting will begin at this church the first Sunday in July.

On account of the revival meeting at South Winston church, the regular service for the Kernersville church will be suspended next Sunday night. The congregation voted last Sunday night to call off this service in deference to the South Winston revival.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

Littleton Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his appointment on the third Sunday morning at the regular hour, 11 o'clock. All those present enjoyed his sermon, I'm sure, for they always do, and when anyone hears one of his sermons they are always anxious to come back to hear another one. Our attendance has been real good during the winter and spring, and the church has been being decorated with lots of pretty flowers since spring has come.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met with Mrs. Curtis Porter on Tuesday after the first Sunday and the meeting proved to be a successful one. Mrs. Bud Perry had charge of the program. Nearly all the members were present, and we are glad to have had Mrs. M. J. Morris, of Corinth church community, with us, and hope she will come again real soon and others too, if they will. At the meeting it was decided to have a Brunswick stew at Mrs. Frank King's for the benefit of raising funds to do some work on the church. And in spite of the fact that it rained we had such a grand success at selling the stew, we decided to have another one the first Saturday in June, at the same place. We cleared $24 profit from the stew. And sold it all in nearly an hour's time, so let's live in hopes we can have as good a success with the next one as we did with this one. We thank all those that helped us.

Wednesday, May 18, the contestants of Reds and Blues had their picnic about 5 o'clock out at Leaches Grove. And we had the pleasure of having Dr. and Mrs. Dixon and 16 of the children from the Children's Home with us. After the picnic they gave us a program that night at the church, which was enjoyed by every one. Dr. and Mrs. Dixon gave interesting talks of the children's work and the operating of the Home. Dr. Dixon told of the expenses of running the home, how it was first built and many other things. Mrs. Dixon told something about a day's work at the home and of how each child is clothed, etc. The children sang lots of pretty songs and the program was enjoyed by the large congregation that was present. We all hope they will come again.

On the fifth Sunday in this month we have been asked to take a program to Weaver's Chapel, which we are going to do on the fifth Sunday evening.

On the second Sunday in this month a group of us attended the Circuit Rally at Hawkins' Chapel, and we had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Pritchard, and hearing him preach. We also enjoyed the good dinner and Dr. Pritchard's sermon as well as meeting different ones from other churches that we knew.

We have continued our Bible class up until the present time. But for the next two weeks we will not have any on account of our pastor's going to fill his appointment at Chase City and going to summer school, but we will continue as soon as he returns.

We all are planning to get up a Children's Day program within the next month. Let's hope we can help to make this one of our most successful years.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, T. M. Johnson, Pastor, June 6.—Our pastor brought us a very inspirational message on "Prayer" Sunday morning, May 29. We were also glad to have several special songs at this service, which were rendered by our own members and we are proud to have such good singers. Those taking part were the Davis brothers, Theron and Marchant Davis; the Foster sisters' trio, Misses Hortense, Elaine and Thalia Foster; and Mrs. Claude Brannon and little daughters, Misses Doris and Anna Ruth.

We were glad to have two of our beloved former Sunday school members, Misses Nelle and Kate Wood worship with us recently.

Mrs. Nick Smith was the efficient prayer meeting leader last week. The prayer meeting band from Liberty Hill are among those who joined the prayer band at the Gospel Tabernacle in Greenville recently. The prayer band conducted by the well-known evangelist, Rev. J. Harold Smith, will meet the fourth Saturday night in each month.

We extend congratulations to Misses Thalia Foster, Lillian Compton, Marie McElrath and Frances Burnette, who recently graduated from high school.

Misses Esta Compton and Thalia Foster have been selected to attend the Leadership Training School at High Point this month.

We are glad to know Mr. B. A. McClimon is some better; also sorry to know Mrs. W. R. Harrison is on the sick list.

A wedding of special interest is that of Miss Ruby Smith, of near Simpsonville, and Marchant Davis, of here. The wedding of the young couple took place last Friday, June 3, and we are glad to say they immediately set-up housekeeping in this community. Mr. Davis is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis and is a fine Christian worker and we are more than glad to know he and Mrs. Davis are to be in our church in the future. Mrs. Davis joined the Willing Workers Sunday school class Sunday. We wish them much joy and happiness on the sea of life.

Haw River Circuit.—Electric light fixtures have been installed in Mizpah church, all complete even to a reading lamp for the preacher. (I didn't have anything to do with selecting the fixtures, but if I had I couldn't have done better.)

Yesterday at Friendship we called for volunteers to give as many as ten bags of cement with which to make a concrete retaining wall on the lower side of the cemetery. Sooner than it takes to write this, we had the ten bags. The rest of the materials, as well as the work, will be donated. We hope to have this improvement finished by big meetin' time.

We have finished the concrete steps to the front porch of the parsonage, and have built wood steps in the rear. We are making cabinets under the kitchen sink. Other improvements are in prospect, all adding to the comfort and convenience of the place at very little cost.

Children's Day was observed at Midway last Sunday. I do not know the amount of the offering. Sorry I could not be present to enjoy it, but I was at the other appointments. The other churches are planning to hold the services later.

The Midway church membership was greatly saddened last Friday morning at news of the death of Brother Charles Pearson. He was a member of Fairview Baptist church, but taught the Men's Bible class at Midway. His wife and daughters belong to Midway, the sons to Fairview. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at Midway, with his pastor, Rev. J. C. Gillespie, in charge, assisted by Rev. J. L. Trollinger and the writer.

A few days ago this preacher went to mill to buy a bag of flour. On the way back he stopped to see some of the members. One of them, a little more curious as to what the preacher was doing, perhaps, than the others, wanted to know where he had been. And when the preacher told him, he said, "I'd be glad to give you some flour." Whereupon he went out and came back with a hundred-pound sack. And, since one of our good women gives us all the buttermilk we need, we're having plenty of hot biscuits. (Some of you city preachers come out, and we'll show you how country preachers live.) That's only a sample, although I'll admit a rather large one, of continued kindnesses on the part of these folks. They are always sharing their good things with us.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, June 6.—Things here are moving along fine. Our Sunday school attendance is very good, there being 280 present Sunday. At 11 o'clock the pastor filled his regular appointment and preached on the subject, "God's Sacrifice for Sin." After the sermon a very impressive Communion service was observed.

On Sunday night, May 29, Shiloh was the scene of a very large crowd which gathered for the community singing. The church was filled and many were standing. I am sure that everyone present must have enjoyed the singing of the old gospel hymns. Those taking part were: the Leonard Chorus, State Street; the State Street Duet, Misses Edna Jenkins and Bessie Lambeth; the Reeds Trio; the Berrier family from Linwood, N. C.; the Male Chorus from Denton; a quartet from Welch Memorial, High Point; the Second Presbyterian church quartet, Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Waitman, Lexington; besides our own male chorus, our women's chorus, and the Berrier quartet of Shiloh church. We hope that it will not be long until we shall again have such an opportunity. Mr. Baxter H. Leonard, from State Street church, says that it won't be long until they have another there.

The primary department of our Sunday school will present a Children's Day service next Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Even the smallest of our church take an active part, and this will be shown in their program which will contain special singing by them.

The C. E. society, which is a most live and wide-awake organization in our church, started the movement to install a Frigidaire in the parsonage. The society pledged $75 toward this and then the matter was brought before the church and a greater part of the needed amount has already been collected, so the Frigidaire was sent out to the parsonage today, and we know that our pastor and family will appreciate the use of it. The balance yet to be collected, I am sure, will be paid in soon.

We are continuing our singing practices at the church each Saturday night. Our people are taking a great interest in it and I am sure it has already added to our worship services.

Continue to pray for us in our work.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

Rankin Memorial, Rev. Edw. Suits, Pastor, June 6.—The reporter has been inactive for a while, but that doesn't mean that everything at our church has been left undone. Quite the opposite is true; because things have gone on very nicely since the last report was sent to the church paper.

Plans are underway for the beginning of a series of services which we trust will be an old-fashioned revival meeting. These services will begin on next Sunday, June 10, with Rev. N. G. Bethea of Greensboro assisting our pastor. Come and worship with us. If you can't attend, pray for us that we may truly be revived, and that souls may be born into the Kingdom of God.

Our C. E. society held a home-coming on Friday night, June 3, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lee. A number of former Endeavorers and present members, too, were present for the occasion. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

The following members have been received into our fellowship since April 1st: A. M. Queen, Mrs. Mattie Queen, Texie Queen Barker, Ever Queen Draughn, Esther Queen Daniels, Arthur Amick, Elsie Amick, Franklin Amick, Elise Amick, Hubert Amick, Janet Amick, Mrs. Jennie Wright, Helen Phillips, and Amelia Bradley.

We are glad to report that one of our members, M. J. Setzer, who underwent an appendectomy at the Burrus Memorial Hospital recently, has been removed to his home, and seems to be recovering rapidly. We trust that he will soon be well again.

The entire floor of our basement has been laid.

REPORTER.

First M. P. Church, Danville, Va., Rev. R. L. Vickery, Pastor, June 5.—We were certainly happy to see two people come forward Sunday night, one to surrender his life to Christ, and the other to rededicate her life to the Master's service. Our revival has been going on for a week, and will continue throughout this week, with Rev. C. G. Isley, of Albemarle, doing the preaching.

We have enjoyed having several out-of-town as well as local visitors worship with us during our revival. Our former pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Morris, paid a very unexpected but welcome visit. Our pastor's son, Mr. Thurman Vickery, of High Point College, has returned home and been with us in the services. We also had visitors from Asheboro, N. C., during the past weekend. We issue to each and every newcomer a most cordial welcome. And when you are in Danville, stop around at the First M. P. church. There will be a glad hand awaiting your arrival at all times.

Although the Christian Endeavor weiner roast was rained out last month, we are still planning on having some kind of outdoor meeting the third week of June. Stick around, Endeavorers, maybe you'll get your hot dogs yet. A business meeting will also be held, at which time new officers are to be elected. We, the Christian Endeavor society, wish to thank our retiring president, Mrs. P. L. Grogan, for the faithful work she has rendered during her term of office. She has been a great help to us, and although we may not have cooperated with her as well as we should, we do appreciate her patience and untiring efforts in helping our society to grow. May we all pledge our time, talents, and means anew to our Master, and help our new president and officers in every way possible, and try to accomplish more for Christ each day.

At the last meeting of the Board of Stewards, it was decided to put the envelope system into operation. Heretofore, the church has been financed by freewill offerings alone. We are hoping that this plan will work out as it is intended to, so that there will be no hardship imposed on anyone, and everyone will have a share in helping to carry on God's work.

We all desire your prayers for our revival and our church, even as you will always hold an interest in our prayers.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

Welch Memorial Church, Dr. J. D. Williams, Pastor, June 6,—At the 11 o'clock service Dr. Williams preached from the text, "For we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out," 6th and 7th verses of the 6th chapter of First Timothy, The subject was, "Christianity and Morality." The speaker said that Godliness with contentment is great gain. It seems that every sermon Dr. Williams preaches he gets better. If we can keep him another seven years he will be some preacher.

At the night service we had as our guests, Peace Council, Washington Council, Daughters of America, and the Auxiliary of the Junior Order of America. The text for the night service was Mark 14:8-9, the Sunday school lesson. The subject was "A Worthy Memorial." He presented some truths that we shall never forget. We are sorry to announce that Sister Williams is very sick at this time, but is better at this writing. We hope for her a speedy recovery. All departments of our church are getting along fine. Would like for more of our members to take the church paper.

EUGENE SEGRAVES, Reporter.

First Church, High Point.—Our work as a whole is progressing nicely, but our hearts have been saddened by the death of two of our most beloved members—Mr. C. L. Gray, for many years deputy sheriff of Guilford county, and Mrs. W. P. Bodenheimer. Mr. Gray had been in declining health for several weeks, but his death proved quite a shock to us all. When he was physically able, he was always in his accustomed place at church, and was a church trustee and steward. He is survived by Mrs. Gray and a son, Dr. C. L. Gray. Mrs. Bodenheimer died suddenly Monday morning about 8 o'clock at her home. She had been at Sunday school and church Sunday and seemed to be in the best of health. She was also an active member of the church. Mr. Madison conducted both funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. Madison have moved into the parsonage, 628 Colonial Drive, and were at home to the membership Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. It is only fitting that the pastor should live in the parsonage, and we hope his stay there will be a most pleasant one.

On next Sunday morning and Sunday night Children's Day will be observed in our church. In the morning service children will sit with their parents and in the evening service the Junior church will present a pageant.

Our congregation is happy to extend the hand of fellowship to the following new members: Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Clough, Mrs. R. G. Ross, Miss Alma Ross, and John Bennett, Jr.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

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Midway, Haw River Circuit, C. W. Bates, Pastor.—Since our last report, our pastor has filled all his appointments, and made a good number of visits with his members and to see the sick.

Mother's Day was observed on the second Sunday in May.

Mrs. Sam Butler and Mrs. Ralph McCollum are preparing a Children's Day program which will be given next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The interest and attendance in our Sunday school, also at church service is very good. Prayer meeting is conducted each third Sunday by one of the class leaders.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will meet next Sunday just after the Sunday school hour.

Our revival meeting starts on the fourth Sunday in June. Dr. F. W. Paschall, of Burlington, will assist our pastor. Let us all be much in prayer for a great revival.

MRS. G. W. APPLE, Reporter.

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New Hope, Why Not Charge, Rev. C. H. Hill, Pastor, June 5.—It has been several weeks since we have reported from this church, but this is no evidence that we are not going forward with our work.

On the third Sunday in May our folks went to Flag Spring church to attend the circuit union service which is held every three months at one church on the charge. The service was in the hands of the president, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, on that day.

The fifth Sunday in May the Sunday school, by means of cars and a truck, went to Darlington, S. C., on a picnic. They were entertained at "The Church of God," for Sunday school and preaching. This being the home town of Brother W. B. Moore, who having visited our church several times, had extended us an invitation to visit the place in return. Brother Moore was very cordial serving ice cream to the entire crowd. All reported a very pleasant trip.

The first Sunday in June Brother Hill was present, preaching a very able sermon. His text being Job 17:9. The message was to "Go Forward" regardless of the adversities of this world. He also denounced the liquor traffic as being the worst enemy to humanity and is steadily growing worse. We greatly fear that unless the true Christians of this nation do take hold and get something done that much harm is in store for our people.

A program is being prepared for a Children's Day service at this place on the fourth Sunday in June, this will be an all-day service. The third Sunday in July has been decided on to begin the series of meetings. We hope and pray for a real demonstration of the Holy Spirit during that week.

The fourth Sunday in May, the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and several neighbors and friends of "Aunt Betty" Williams gathered at the home of her son to celebrate her 83rd birthday. She is a real live-wire for her age and seemed to enjoy the occasion very much. We wish for her many more happy days.

The many friends of Mr. A. R. Voncannon are glad to see him back at church after having had an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cox and small sons spent the week-end in High Point visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Marilyn Presnell, and Mr. and Mrs. Poplin, of Concord, N. C., visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Presnell, of this section Sunday.

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Friendship, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, June 6.—Next Sunday, June 12, will be homecoming at Friendship, everybody is invited to come and enjoy the day together; a good program is expected for the day, also bring a well-filled basket and eat a picnic lunch together.

The offering for Children's Home was taken Sunday, June 5 at the close of the service, which amounted to $15.49.

We are glad to have Mr. Virgil Byerly, of State college, Raleigh, and Mr. Lawrence Holt, of High Point college, back at Sunday school Sunday.

ADELE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

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State Street, Lexington, O. C. Loy, Pastor.—The work in every department of State Street church is going strong. Every Sunday school class seems to enjoy doing some kind of work to help raise funds for the general expenses of the church.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held the regular meeting in the home of Mrs. R. L. Leonard. Several members were present and different ones took part in the program. Interesting reports were given from the Branch meeting by those who attended.

The quarterly conference was held at West End, Thomasville, Wednesday night, May 11. State Street was well represented. All officers gave good reports and the superintendents planned a joint picnic for the entire Sunday school in the near future. West End C. E. society accepted an invitation to visit State Street to give a program, which they did wonderfully well June 5. They have a very efficient group of workers that really put things across in a spiritual, effective way.

The Spring Festival was delayed for quite a while due to illness, although it was held May 13. The program was opened by a song and prayer; two humorous readings were given by Miss Kate Bullard. Several popular numbers were rendered by Mrs. Higgins and Miss Anne Lyerly. Mr. F. J. Cox drew the lucky number for the pretty quilt and the cake; also he was convinced immediately that the 13th was his lucky day. Another interesting feature was the popularity contest, won by Mrs. Coy Weaver and Bruce Leonard.

The Auxiliary sponsored a chicken pie supper Saturday night, June 4, which was a great success. The sum of $43.50 was realized and turned over to the treasurer, along with $50 given by the Lindsay Philathea class for the benefit of the church. The class had already given $3 for the Chinese Red Cross.

The Ladies' Philathea class will have their regular meeting next Friday night at the home of Mrs. B. H. Leonard. The feature of the evening will be an orange social. Everyone who eats an orange will count the seed and pay one penny each for them; a large crowd is expected.

Mrs. M. V. Craft and daughter, Edith, and nephew, James, of Bluefield, W. Va., have been the guests of Mrs. J. B. Leonard and family recently.

Lexington high school closed with 105 graduating, four of them from our church. They were given special recognition yesterday at the 11 o'clock service. Mr. Loy spoke to them briefly and presented a gift to each one, namely: Sammie Sink, Marybelle Forcum, Margaret Leonard, and Katherine Weaver. Fred Cox, Jr., is at home after spending the school year in High Point College.

Miss Lila Aaron and Miss Helen Harkey have returned to us after teaching in other schools.

Last but not least, our pastor continues to fill every appointment with well prepared, inspiring sermons. We sincerely invite every person who might pass our way to visit our church and enjoy a good message and get acquainted with a friendly congregation.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

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Shiloh, Randolph Charge.—Our annual Memorial day was observed on the second Sunday in May. There were two former pastors present, Revs. Pike and Ashburn, who made interesting talks; also Dr. Paschal, of Burlington, and J. Rom Smith, of Liberty brought some inspiring thoughts.

Rev. Mr. Bryant, of Ararat M. E. circuit, visited our church on the fifth Sunday and delivered an interesting sermon.

The young people are planning a lawn party Saturday night, June 18, at C. C. Hemphill's, one-half mile north of Julian.

Mrs. Ruth Bryant is ill at her home in High Point.

Work has been finished on the church. It has been painted outside and inside; everything has been refinished inside.

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First Church, Burlington, F. W. Paschall, Pastor.—Sunday school attendance seems to be increasing considerably. The different classes have been having charge of the opening exercises and all the programs have been very interesting. It is surprising yet to see just what some classes can do. Keep it up. We had 700 present last Sunday. The Baracas had charge of that day and they made it a big day. Mr. Saleeby, of Salisbury, was present and taught the class. It was also Memorial Day. The American Legion Bugle corps was present and recognized.

On Tuesday evening, May 24, a special prayer meeting was held in the church in memory of John Wesley's experience at Aldersgate. Mrs. Paschall was leader. 108 were present. A great meeting was held. Wednesday night following, a Fellowship social was held in the Hut under the direction of Miss Swannie Coble, chairman of the Fellowship committee. A large crowd was present and everybody had a good time. Mr. Bill Lindsay lead some games. Stunts were given by different classes of the Sunday school. The ladies served refreshments.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. G. H. Enfield was present and conducted the morning and evening service Sunday, May 29. Dr. Paschall has been preaching in a revival service at Haw River, N. C.

This past Sunday, June 5, our pastor was back in the pulpit and delivered the morning sermon. The evening service was called off due to the fact that all churches joined in the high school sermon which was held at the First Baptist church of this city. Dr. G. Ray Gordon, of Winston-Salem, N. C., preached the sermon.

It is hoped that several of our Young People are planning to attend the Leadership Training school at High Point College, June 20-25. Cost is only $6.75 for a week.

Home-Coming day at Children's Home June 30; make a birthday offering and attend the program. REPORTER.

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Community Church, Thomasville.—The Vacation church school, under the supervision of Miss Edna Nicholson, is in progress. We have unusually good enrollment and a fine corps of teachers. Our teachers are Mrs. D. C. Crutchfield, Mrs. Thomas L. Einstein, Mrs. Clifton R. Reed, Miss Bessie Allen, Miss Isabell Boyles and Alice Ruth Myers. The Commencement of the Vacation church school and the Children's Day program will be combined into one program and held next Sunday. There has been considerable work done on this program and we expect it to be one of the best we have ever had.

Last Sunday we were happy to receive into the church the following members: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Griffin, Mrs. Will Haltom and Jessie Finch.

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Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—The annual Homecoming and Memorial day was observed Sunday, June 5. Rev. J. W. Braxton brought us the morning message, using as his subject, "The Return to Aldersgate." He told us that we as individuals need to find some experience to correspond with that of John Wesley at Aldersgate. One of the morning prayers was offered by Rev. Mr. Pike, one of our superannuated ministers. In the afternoon Memorial services were held for seven members who had been laid to rest in the past year. The afternoon address was by Rev. D. E. Earnheart, president of Louisburg college, who was introduced by Dr. Tom Amick, a member of the faculty of the college. The keynote of his address was, "Except a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it will abide alone." Special music for the day was furnished by Central quartet, of Burlington, Mt. Pleasant girls and the choir composed of the Junior Baraca class and Young Ladies' class. Mrs. J. S. Ferguson had charge of the Memorial service and Mrs. Elmer Smith, the flowers for the day.

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The C. E. society from our church visited the Cane Creek church, near Snow Camp, last Sunday night and had charge of the services for the evening. Special music was furnished by Lucille Sheppard, Katrine Murry and Lucille Phillips. A talk on the subject, "What the Bible Means to Me" was made by Mrs. C. C. Curtis. A large crowd attended this service.

On Sunday morning, May 29, after the Sunday school hour the Ladies' Auxiliary held a special meeting in the church auditorium. Mrs. Ned Suits introduced the speaker, Professor Holt, a former member of Nathanael Greene school faculty. His subject was "The Life of David Livingstone." He told us how he was a pioneer missionary and the hardships he endured. After hearing of his life we wonder if we who are safe in our homes, are doing our bit for missions?

On Saturday afternoon, June 4, the Young Ladies' class met at the home of Mrs. Lester Cloontz, a member of the class who was the former Mary Phillipi. From there they went to Bowman's pond where a business session was held. A name was selected for the class, "Helping Hands"; class colors, pink and white; flower, carnation. After a social hour a weiner roast was enjoyed by all.

A Young People's banquet of the Seventh district of the N. C. Annual Conference was held at Nathanael Greene school gymnasium at 7:30 p. m., May 27. The different churches were well represented. Rev. J. W. Braxton was chairman; others taking part on the program were Rev. J. R. Anderson, Miss Frances Deviney, Miss Vera Smith and Miss Celia Garrett, a group of Young People from Mt. Hermon charge and Mt. Pleasant church. Rev. A. M. Smith presented the speaker of the evening, Rev. J. C. Madison, of High Point. The ladies of Pleasant Union church prepared and served the food.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

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Liberty, Aubert M. Smith, Pastor. — The Seventh District rally of the North Carolina Annual Conference met at Nathanael Greene high school Friday evening, May 27. Those attending from Liberty were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hanner, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gregson, Mrs. J. H. Wylie, Mrs. C. E. Brady, Mrs. J. H. Reitzel, Miss Marie Ward and R. L. Elkins, our superintendent. Miss Vera Smith, of High Point, rendered a solo, entitled, "Little Old Lady."

The Woman's Auxiliary is progressing nicely. Circle No. 2 sponsored an entertainment Saturday night, June 4. A good sum was realized.

Our Auxiliary gave a miscellaneous shower to Mrs. Joe Swaim, one of its faithful members on the event of her moving to Asheboro. We feel that we have lost a very substantial member and we will miss her very much.

Mrs. W. C. Shepard was honored on her 83rd birthday when her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered together to pay tribute to her beautiful and well-spent life. Those present enjoying the occasion were Mrs. F. A. Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hardin, Miss Bertine Shepard, William and Paul Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Shepard, Franklin Delano and Myrtle Shepard, Miss Margaret and Mary Shepard, F. A. Shepard, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shepard and Mrs. Alson Garrett. Mrs. Shepard received some very lovely gifts.

Our Sunday school is planning a Children's day service to be given in June. Miss Anna Lee Gregson has returned home from Louisburg college where she was a student this year.

Dr. J. F. Amick, of Marion, Ind., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. F. A. Shepard.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lindley and Miss Estelle Deman, of High Point, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cheek, Mr. and Mrs. George Pickett, and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Isley were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Holt Sunday.

Mr. S. M. Smith and family have our heartfelt sympathy in the death of his mother.

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

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"MOTHER"

There will be a singing in your heart,
  There will be a rapture in your eyes,
You will be a woman set apart,
  You will be so wonderful and wise.
You will sleep, and when from dreams you start,
  As of one that wakes in Paradise,
There will be a singing in your heart,
  There will be a rapture in your eyes.

There will be a moaning in your heart,
  There will be an anguish in your eyes;
You will see your dearest ones depart,
  You will hear the quivering goodbyes,
Yours will be the heartache and smart,
  Tears that scald and lonely sacrifice;
There will be a moaning in your heart,
  There will be an anguish in your eyes.

There will come a glory in your eyes,
  There will come a peace within your heart,
Sitting 'neath the quiet evening skies,
  Time will dry the tear and dull the smart.
You will know that you have played your part,
  Yours shall be the love that never dies;
You, with Heaven's peace within your heart,
  You, with God's own glory in your eyes.

—Robert W. Service.

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The railway board had met to consider the case of old Tom Jones, who in a train accident had become deaf.

"Well," said a director, "old Tom has been with us a long time now, and we want to find him a new job. What do you suggest?"

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—Ex.

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ANY MAN OR WOMAN who reads these words may turn instantly to an inspiring book, or look up at the illimitable sky, and realize that there is something finer and nobler than the sordid things of earth.

A great writer once said that the happiest experience of his life was to lie on the grass and contemplate patches of blue sky through the trees.

THERE ARE DISCERNING MEN who learn in time that simple things are best, that the quest for beauty and wisdom is much more desirable and satisfying than the accumulation of money.

THE DESIRE FOR WISDOM, the wish to serve, a spirit of contentment and willingness to work—these are vital aspects of life that make the pilgrimage worthwhile.

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When it can be done,
No matter how hard the work;
The right thing to do
Is to see the job through
Not idly to mope and to shirk.

Don't say that it can't
When it can be done,
Whatever your task may be;
Stand up like a man,
Say, "I know that I can
For I have the right stuff in me!"
—Grenville Kleiser.

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NARROW-MINDEDNESS

MEDICAL MEN especially are notedly hide-bound in favor of certain methods, or against other types of treatment. It has taken decades at the lowest computation, for the medical profession to admit the knowledge and skill of men trained in other schools than its own; years before psychoanalysis received its name, it was practiced by men whose use of such an unheard-of method of treatment brought them into ridicule with the regular medical authorities.

IF IT WAS A DIFFICULT TASK to obtain the recognition of psychical treatment of physical ailments, this was by no means the only battle to be waged against medical prejudice. We all know how slow doctors were to adopt the open-air treatment of tuberculosis, the theory of vaccines, and a dozen more which are now universally recognized and practiced.

NOT THAT ANYONE wishes scientists, particularly perhaps those in medicine, to accept and use any and every suggestion that is offered; but one does ask that what may be a new discovery should at least have some investigation before it is rejected. It is the old story of Galileo over again only too often in the medical, as in every other profession.

ONE PROFESSION has an antipathy against another; or the different branches of a profession are more or less antagonistic. The college professor and the high school instructor and the preparatory school teacher have reciprocal mistrusts, one of the other. The surgeon has a feeling against the physician and the physician against the surgeon. The army man is a little on his guard with the navy man, and the naval sailor has a dislike (returned, of course) of the merchant sailor. And each profession has its own private prejudices in favor of certain ways of dealing with its material.

THE PRESS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH PREJUDICE. The inartistic public (and a very large proportion of the public is inartistic) will accept as gospel the personal criticism of one newspaper writer. "The Daily X"—says the average man one day; the next, "I consider so-and-so's work very poor" (or "excellent"), he declares to his friends. And, if he has anything of an artistic or critical reputation, by the end of a week every member of his circle also labels the creation poor (or excellent)!

LET US REMEMBER that "when the judgment's weak the prejudice is strong."—Grenville Kleiser.

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JOHN WANAMAKER'S MOTHER

"A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

When he was advancing in years, and when he had time from the cares of the great store that he had built, and from his many public duties, John Wanamaker wrote of his mother: "My first love was my mother, and my first home was on her breast. My first bed was upon her bosom. Leaning little arms upon her knees, I learned my first prayers. A bright lamp she lit in my soul, that never dies down nor goes out, though the winds and waves of fourscore years have swept over me. Sitting in my mother's old armchair which she loved because her first-born son gave it to her 40 years ago, I am writing this in the evening twilight. With the darkness falling I seem to lose myself in a flood of memories, and to feel that the arms of the chair have loosed themselves to become my very own mother's arms around me again, drawing me to her bosom, the happiest place on earth, just as she used to do in the days and nights long gone by. I feel the touch of her little hand on my brow, and I hear her voice as she smooths my hair and calls me her boy, her very own boy."—The Presbyterian.

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"Children, I hope you peeled the apples before eating them."

"Yes, Mother."

"What have you done with the peelings?"

"Oh, we ate them."—Ex.

DID YOU FORGET TO REMEMBER

—to send to the writer the information that your church will be represented in the Music Appreciation program at the Leadership Education School, High Point College, on the first night, June 20? Some have been heard from, but not all. Here is the request repeated:

Drop a postal card (if not a letter), stating that your young people's choir will sing, giving the titles of the two numbers, (one of which should be a sacred one). Or, if you have a quartette, give the names of the members, as well as the names of their songs.

Also, we should like to have several instrumental selections. If you have some promising artists with stringed, wind or percussion instruments, urge them to come and render a couple of numbers. Please furnish the writer with the names of the performers, as well as the kind of instruments they play.

Act at once; the time is near at hand. Do not hesitate because the singers or instrumentalists have had but little experience. There will be others in the same class. What we desire to do is to encourage them all we can to develop their God-given talents, using them to the glory of God.

E. LESTER BALLARD.

Asheville, N. C.

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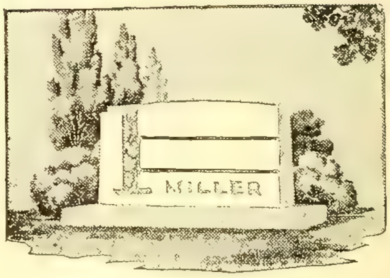
Visitor: "How does the land lie out this way?"

Native: "It ain't the land that lies; it's the real estate agents."—Ex.



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"Is your husband younger or older than you are, Lizzie?" asked the lady.

"Oh, Sam's 'bout fifteen yeahs older den I is."

"Well, well," sympathized the lady, "then it's another case of May being wedded to December."

"No, ma'am, 'tain't exactly," replied the unhappy washerwoman. "It am mo' like Labor Day done bein' hitched up to April Fool."—Ex.

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Life Guard: "How much can you carry?"

Applicant: "Two hundred pounds."

Life Guard: "Suppose there was a woman out in the water drowning and she weighed four hundred pounds. How could you save her?"

Applicant: "I'd make two trips."—Ex.

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Prof.: "The examination questions are now in the hands of the printer. Are there any last-minute questions you would like answered?"

Frosh: "Who's the printer, Prof?"—Ex.

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Druggist: "What kind of soap do you want, lad?"

Johnny: "I want some that's got lots of perfume in it, so's ma'll know I washed my face an' won't make me do it all over again every time."—Ex.

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Friend: "Why is it that your son rides in a car, and you always go on the street car?"

Father: "Well, he has a rich father and I haven't."—Ex.

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PERSONAL HABITS

Your beliefs largely govern you, whether they are true or not. An erroneous belief may lead you into most disastrous results. The more tenaciously you hold to false beliefs the more injurious will be their destructive influence in your life. Many intelligent men frankly acknowledge that they do not want the false and untrue, but are unwilling to make the effort to understand and apply the truth. Closely scrutinize your beliefs, and be eager to strengthen them where they are weak and to change them where they are wrong. Truth is the only basis upon which to found beliefs that will serve you in all the varied experiences of life. Truth is the solid rock upon which to build a life of happiness.

The vital step to the apprehension of truth is to desire it sincerely and earnestly. To make truth wholly yours, you must both understand and practically apply it. You will better appreciate the value and importance of truth when you seriously consider that erroneous thinking is the chief cause of all the sin, disaster, misfortune, sickness, and failure in the world. Truth to be of real significance to you must be something more than theory; it must be a vital, personal, demonstrated power in your daily life. There is nothing which will bring to you so much satisfaction and permanent benefit as a profound study of truth. It transcends all material possessions, since it is eternal.

Keep the door of your mind resolutely closed against every undesirable, destructive, depressing thought. Rise to the majesty of your personal power. There is a great place for you which you should claim by the sovereign right of your innate worth and ability. Remember there is no altitude too high for your aim and aspiration. The great producers of the world have invariably been men of great vision, and greatness always looks upward. As you daily develop increased power you will be the better ready for increased service. True greatness is expressed in love, revernce, honor, and nobility. Obey the best impulses within you seeking expression. Resolve to act promptly and energetically. Golden opportunities are now yours.

Your thought is your most valuable possession, and your immediate help in all difficulties. Your personal achievement and ultimate success depend upon the kind and quality of your thoughts and the habitual way in which you think about yourself, your work, and your future. It is principally through the use of your thought that you ultimately commit yourself, your work, and your future. It is principally through the use of your thought that you ultimately commit yourself to success or failure. Realize more fully your God-given powers, your unlimited abilities, and your capacity for large development. It is not necessary for you to look outside for help, since you are a master in the making. Resolve to make the most of yourself, to set your best thoughts to work for you, to think more highly of your abilities and possibilities.—**Grenville Kleiser.**

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"Yes, sir, I believe that big wars often are caused by the smallest matters," ruminated Old Man Jones. "Why, just the other night my wife was working a cross-word puzzle, and she looked up at me and said, 'What is a female sheep?' and I replied, 'Ewe.' And there was another big war on."—Ex.

MARRIED

Smith-Davis

A marriage of interest to their many friends, that of Miss Ruby Eugenia Smith and Marchant Loran Davis, on Friday afternoon, June 3, at 5 o'clock at the home of Rev. Harold Cunningham, of Simpsonville, S. C.

Only a few close friends and relatives of the young couple witnessed the ceremony.

The bride wore an attractive costume of light blue with accessories to match.

Mrs. Davis is the lovely daughter of Mrs. Kate Smith, of Simpsonville. She was a graduate of Simpsonville high school this spring, and has won many friends by her charming personality.

Mr. Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis, of Greer. He is a member of Liberty Hill M. P. church and received his education at Duncan high school. For the past two years he has held a position in the textile mill in Lyman.

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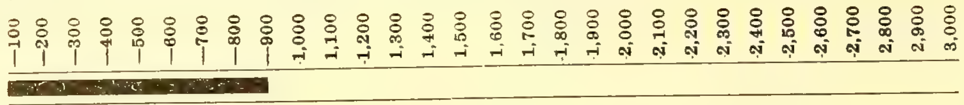

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Just about one-third of a column! I never heard the Editor and Business Manager say, but I am of the impression that was the shortest list that we have received this year in any one week. But with all its shortness it had some good things about it. The largest and the near largest. Did you look it over, or, are you interested enough to notice this column in which the paper finds its life? I would especially recommend this particular column to those who are not interested in keeping the paper going. I do this because I am sure you would be made to wonder how it was done with so small an amount when you know how much it takes each week to pay for the printing, etc.

With the smallness of the list there was a leader, even in that. As long as there is a "received on subscription" list there will be a leader. So look him up sometimes and you will be interested to know that he and the ones who do not get a high mention are the ones that keep the paper going. To Orange charge, goes the honor of sending in the amount that takes the lead this issue. These were sent in by Miss Riley and Mrs. McAdams. Thank you!

Now to you who are resting on your oars, so far as the Herald is concerned, pull up stream, even if the rowing is hard, and let's get our quota off, pay the subsidy, and have the whole thing off our hands so far as our individual part is concerned. One good thing about paying our subsidy: We do not have to wait till somebody's subscription is out to get it. Waiting for some subscriptions to run out is what your humble servant is doing now. When these run out such a scramble we are going to have to get a straight full line. Whoopsey! How glad I will be!

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To study the language of gentleness.

To practice patience at home.

To remember that neighbors also have troubles.

To excuse faults and failures in others.

To be a friend under trying tests.

To love boys and girls regardless of your age.

To improve your nature by smiling out loud.

To pray, think good things, and believe in men.—Selected.

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The Program of the Church

The relation of the local Church and its pastor to the denominational program must be better understood and more fully appreciated by many of our churches and their pastors before they can make any decided progress. It is surprising the indifference of many of our people to a denominational program. Some of these do not take particular pains to pay the salary of their pastor, unless they are especially fond of him. And there are quite a number of churches of this Conference which have yet to get on the Conference Honor Roll by raising all the claims they are expected to raise to secure that recognition. These who thus fail, fail not because of the lack of ability but from the lack of interest. Talk with them about missions, education, superannuated preachers, the Church paper, and be convinced; they are not interested in these things. If they pay the salary of the pastor this sort seems to think they have done their part for religion. We have often tried to discover the cause of this indifference. but have not been successful in all cases. Some of these Church folk appear to be destined to remain as they are so long as they are in the flesh.

But we have seen changes from indifference to a wide-awake interest now and then which has made us hope perhaps the worst offender of this group may amend his ways and join the ''Top-notchers'' who are never satisfied until every item in the denominational program is reached. And the main factor in this transformation has often been the pastor. They chanced to get a pastor who believed it was possible for the churches to carry out this program and who had a conviction it must be done. So he sets about to find a way to do it, and does it almost before many of the standpatters knew what was happening. You can follow these pastors who believe in carrying out the denominational program in full from charge to charge and you see things change. The HERALD quota is gotten in full, the subsidy is paid, all the Conference claims are paid. You ask some of the members about it and they will tell you at once, they are so glad it was done; and most likely will say it was not hard to do. Why not hard? Why was it the former pastors never succeeded? It was because they did not really care enough about it to do it.

We sometimes say our people are too poor to pay the money they are asked by our General and Annual Conferences to pay; but a fuller examination would disprove this. Then we hear people say, well our people do not know enough about what is done with the money, etc., but let some leader come along who wants to do this thing and who lets the folk know that he wants to do it and will lead them wisely to the task; he usually succeeds. We do not believe there is a Church in the entire Conference that will put over the denominational program fully unless the pastor takes the lead. It is not enough to say our folk do not care for the Church paper; do not care for the Christian college; do not care much for orphan children and missions. Suppose they do not, it becomes the duty of the pastor to enlist them; to cause them to become interested. It may tax the pastor; ingenuity may search his knowledge of human nature, and try his patience. It will drive him to the Lord. But since his work will fall or stand by what he does to enlist his members, he surely cannot afford to fail to do his part faithfully and loyally.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dedicatory Services at Concord

Last Sunday I was supposed to be at Concord in Dedicatory services of our Church there, however, an illness of about three days kept me in bed all day on Sunday. While I was denied the privilege of being there I was ably represented by Dr. P. E. Lindley, the Dean of High Point College, who preached the sermon and assisted in the Dedicatory services. This Church, under the leadership of Rev. E. O. Peeler and his very talented wife has done marvelous things during the past few months. The old church auditorium has been completely torn away and a new one has been erected in its place and now it is paid for and has been dedicated. The Sunday School building was erected a few years ago, so now a perfectly modern plant stands there as a monument to those tireless workers who have been willing to toil and sacrifice for the sake of the kingdom. The new auditorium is large enough for any ordinary occasion and yet is not large enough for the congregation to feel lost in it. It is neat and worshipful and our people there doubtless, will enjoy it to the fullest extent. While I did not get to see it last Sunday, I did hold a service there recently in connection with the Aldersgate ceremony, so I know what it is like and I give it my hearty endorsement and extend congratulations to all who had any part in making it possible.

The Children's Home Anniversary

Attention is called again to the Children's Home Anniversary which falls this year on Thursday, June 30. I am asking just as many of our people as can do so to be present on that day. And do not forget to bring dinner with you and a good offering. We are now at that time of the year when Sunday offerings fall off. Please make a special effort to raise a good offering and help to tide over the lean months.

The Pastors' School

We are now in the second week of the Pastors' School at High Point College. The attendance this year has been the largest for several years. And one pleasing thing about it is the presence of the wives of a number of the men. The fellowship this year has been very fine indeed. And the evening lectures have been very informing and inspiring. Those who have missed the school this year have missed the best in many years.

Pastors' Reports *(Continued)*

Forsyth, R. A. Hunter, pastor: Attendance 50%, a decided gain, salary not paid in full, Seminary and Easter offerings taken, raised part of A. C. Expenses.

Calvary, Greensboro, R. C. Stubbins, pastor: Attendance 70%, a gain, seven members received, salary not paid in full, took offering at Young People's day and Easter, A. C. Expenses raised in full, part of College assessment raised, new hymnals purchased.

Mocksville, K. G. Holt, pastor: Attendance 50-55%, about the same, salary not paid in full, took offering for Seminary and at Easter, raised part of A. C. Expenses and part of College assessment, Bethel Church underpinned, shrubbery set out, grass seed sown, singing school held at Dulins, prayer meeting started at Union Chapel.

Mt. Peasant, J. W. Braxton, pastor: Attendance 35-40%, a gain, one member received, salary not paid in full, took offering for Seminary and at Easter, raised most of A. C. Expenses, Mt. Pleasant Church is being painted at cost of $650, amount raised.

Guilford, J. B. Trogdon, pastor: Attendance 50%, a gain, one member received with 12 more to be received on fourth Sunday, salary not paid in full, took Easter offering, A. C. Expenses paid in full, paid part of College assessment, two churches have added Sunday School rooms.

Orange, C. P. Morris, pastor: Attendance 60%, gain, salary not paid in full, took offering for Seminary and at Young People's day and Easter, raised part of A. C. Expenses and part of College assessment; Hebron and Union Grove reached all three objectives in Fellowship Crusade, and Chestnut Ridge reached the first and second, Efland will reach all three.

Roberta, Q. L. Joyner, pastor: Attendance 50%, Sunday School attendance considerably over last year, two members received, salary practically paid in full, raised part of A. C. Expenses, Church and part of parsonage painted.

Richland, M. C. Henderson, pastor: Attendance 66%, gain over last quarter, eight members received, salary not paid in full, part of A. C. Expenses paid, new society organized, some money subscribed for Sunday School rooms at Brower's Chapel.

Union Grove, Joseph Coble, pastor: Attendance 65%, attendance increasing, thirteen members received, salary not paid in full, took offering for Seminary and on Young People's Day and Easter, A. C. Expenses paid in full, part of College assessment raised, Church building painted, 35 new Hymnals bought.

Chatham, Charles Sharpe, Jr., pastor: Attendance 80%, some gain, salary amost paid in full, some money raised on Conference claims.

Shady Grove, Charles Sharpe, Jr., pastor: Attendance 70%, a small again, salary paid in full.

Tabernacle, Eugene A. Lamb, pastor: Attendance 30%, no loss, salary not paid in full, offering taken for Seminary and at Young People's day and Easter, raised part of A. C. Expenses and College assessment, completed the social and recreational hall at Tabernacle.

Flat Rock, J. A. Burgess, pastor: Attendance 80%, gain, one member received, salary not paid in full, A. C. Expenses and College assessments part paid, raising debt on Flat Rock Church.

Appointments

Sunday, June 19—11 a. m., Pleasant Grove; 8 p. m., West End, Greensboro.

Sunday, June 26, Saxapahaw Charge, Saxapahaw at 11 a. m. and Salem at 2:30 p. m.

Thursday, June 30 to —— at Evanston, Ill., with Entertainment Committee to fix place for the Uniting Conference.

J. E. Pritchard.

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"Thou canst not wave thy staff in air,
Or dip thy paddle in the lake,
But it carves the bow of beauty there,
And the ripples in rhyme the oar forsake."
—*Emerson.*

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Rev. G. L. Curry returned from Indianapolis last week where he visited his brother who is seriously ill, and we regret to learn he is not much improved.

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We are sorry to chronicle the continued illness of Brother R. S. Troxler. He is at Duke hospital at the time of this writing and is reported to be in a very serious condition. Let us all remember him in our prayers.

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The Pastors' Extension School, which has been in session at High Point College for the past week and which closes Friday of this week, is reported as being much enjoyed by those present; unfortunately that number is comparatively small. Among the evening speakers last week was Dr. J. M. Rowland, Editor of the Richmond *Christian Advocate*, and Bishop Clare Purcell. Bishop Purcell was entertained at a luncheon at the Sheraton hotel before the evening program. President Pritchard was the host.

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The Pastors' Summer School and Rural Church Institute at Duke report the largest attendance this year ever. The conference lasted just five days this year and the same plan is proposed for next year. The College authorities kindly delayed the opening of the Summer School one week to permit those in attendance upon these two group meetings to have the whole University campus to themselves. Ten or twelve denominations participated in these two conferences. The Presbyterian Church has for several years supplied scholarships to some thirty rural pastors who otherwise might not be able to attend the Institute and they have found it a good investment.

Burden Bearing

It has been said that no one is useless who lightens the burdens of any one. St. Paul exhorts the Galatian Christians to "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." It is also certain that the result of burden bearing upon those who do it is always beneficial. To relieve another of a load even though for a short time helps both those who do it as well as those thus relieved. And there is need for bearing the burdens of others. Some people have more burdens than their neighbors. More sickness, more disappointments, more poverty, than their neighbors. These things accumulate and bear them down. What a Godsend is he or she who comes as we are about ready to give up and relieves us of our burden so that we may refresh our soul and body and begin again the task laid upon us. Let us then "not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Parenthood

Human life's greatest wealth lies in its happy experiences with others—not in the devices it creates, nor in the hoardings it holds. Our alignments by love, our friendly contacts, our fellowship; these constitute our wealth. Parenthood should bring to one's life greatest joy. It is in our offspring that we project our lives into an undiscovered future. These shall represent us in the years yet to come when our bodies are dust and our deeds are forgotten. For we hope to live in their memories and to serve by their labors, and to enjoy life through their participation long after the silver cord is loosened and the golden bowl is broken as they shall serve their fellows as they walk the highways of life.

When Jesus Prayed

A study of the life of our Lord reveals how much He depended upon prayer. There are those who argue that Jesus did not need to pray, that he only prayed to give His disciples an example of prayer. But no one can give serious considerations to the trying incidents in the life of our Lord and doubt that He was often in need of prayer and prayed much. We must remember that as He became flesh and dwelt among men He became acquainted with the weaknesses of the flesh and He knew that these could be overcome only through communion with God. Let us recall a few of the incidents in Jesus' life when He met the trying situations after spending much time, sometimes a whole night in prayer.

When our Lord was entering upon His public ministry, it is recorded that He prayed. We are told that He was praying when He was baptized, and while He was thus in prayer that the heavens opened, the dove lit upon Him and the voice said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." It was immediately after His baptism that Jesus went into the wilderness where for forty days and nights He was fasting and in prayer. Then it was that Satan came upon Him and tempted Him to change His course in life—to adopt the one he had to offer.

Again we read when our Lord would choose His immediate disciples He spent the entire night in prayer preceding the day when He chose the men, and St. Luke tells us that He calls from among the multitude of His followers twelve whom He chose to be with Him, these He called apostles. Jesus was now facing a most important part of His career. His ministry was to stand or fall upon the type of the men who were to represent him. What if he had chosen selfish, ambitious place seekers, who can tell what would have happened to His plans to set up the Kingdom of God upon earth? He who leads, upon whose shoulder the responsibility of a great task rests must have loyal, faithful, unselfish assistants. There was just one of the twelve who was unfaithful.

Again we can be greaty helped by seeing how Jesus met sorrow. When the news came one day that John the Baptist had been beheaded, our Lord leaves the place where He heard the news and goes apart into a desert where He prays through the night. Jesus and John were most intimate; possibly our Lord did not have a dearer friend outside of His mother than John. The news of His death must have come as a great shock. Jesus carried the sorrow to His Father in Heaven. Just the place all of us can go with profit whenever sorrow enters our lives. And the day following when the multitudes heard how Herod had put John to death they rose up in wrath ready to take him by force. It is then they come to Jesus to try to make Him their king. Think of how two experiences are linked together so they might become a great temptation. Jesus' friend slain by Herod, the friend of the multitude slain; so they come to Jesus and seek His approval to avenge this death and He Himself to lead them upon Herod. What strength of purpose it required to withstand such a temptation.

And now we see our Lord as He faces death and what the multitudes regarded as defeat. He seeks a lonely place in the garden to pray. Jesus is fully aware of what is soon to happen. He places His three chosen disciples to watch while He prays, but finds them asleep upon His return. Weary from the toils of the day, unconscious of what was soon to happen these men are overcome by fatigue and fall asleep. Jesus is left alone with His heart-breaking sorrow. How human like, all of us must bear our sorrow alone; no kindred or friend can bear it for us. So we learn from our Lord where to go in such times and experiences. In these incidents Jesus does become an example to us. Prayer for strength as He entered upon His career, for wisdom, for guidance. Prayer when He would choose His companions in labor; He must not make an unwise choice. Prayer when deep, unexpected sorrow comes. It was too great to be borne alone, he went to God with it. Prayer when He would face the end of His earthly career, when there is fading from His sight all earth holds dear. Prayer in the hour of suffering when friends sleep. Prayer was the means of His support from the Father.

Is Your Religion Your Problem?

He is very unfortunate who has not learned what to do with his religion. With some it is just a problem which they work at and worry over like a dull student in mathematics worries over his daily assignments at school. Never able to get a clear understanding of them but working wearily over them. Every pastor has found this sort of people as he visited in the homes of his parishioners. People who are seekers after the dark, obscure passages in the prophets or the Revelation. The "end of time" has troubled them greatly; not that they are getting ready for its approach but they are wanting to get the date down on their calendar. The apparent discrepancies which occur here and there in the Bible are constant sources of worry. And, too, among these are those who still want to know where Cain got his wife and since the Bible writers failed to make a note of this these seekers after the obscure have an open field.

But why all this worry? Jesus came to give life eternal, not to start an argument about non-essentials; He invites those who labor and are heavy laden to find rest to their souls with Him. He has opened the gates of life to us; let us then lay aside the trivialities of the day and enter in to find rest.

HOW MANY DO YOU KNOW?

Our Leadership Education School will bring together next week practically all of our North Carolina youth leaders. The gathering will be held at High Point College the week of June 20-25, with registration beginning Monday at 2 o'clock and the final meal being served at 12:30 Saturday.

Outstanding leaders, not Methodist Protestants, who will participate in the program will include Dr. A. D. Beittel, dean of Guilford College; Rev. Tom A. Sykes, personnel director of Thomasville Chair Co.; Rev. W. E. Wisseman, pastor Congregational-Christian Church, Greensboro, and state youth director of his denomination; Rev. Charles Darsie, pastor of Elm Street Christian Church, Greensboro, and former national director of leadership education in his denomination; and Mr. Sterling Wheeler, student in Duke University School of Religion.

Youth leaders from our denomination include Drs. T. M. Johnson, P. E. Lindley, and J. E. Pritchard; Revs. J. Clyde Auman, J. T. Bowman, J. W. Braxton, W. M. Howard, Jr., T. J. Whitehead, E. Lester Ballard, Oscar Easter, Leo K. Pittard, Clarence P. Morris, and Mesdames J. M. Millikan, J. Elwood Carroll, E. Lester Ballard, and Miss Elizabeth Fox.

Registration begins Monday at 2 o'clock. The total cost, including board and room, is $6.75. Persons attending are expected to provide their own bed linen, pillow, and towels. Be sure to bring sport clothes and equipment of any kind.

J. ELWOOD CARROLL, Dean.

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I have no secret but hard work.—*Turner,* English painter.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

What Is the Abundant Life?

"The abundant life," a term formerly used by preachers and the Bible, is now the language of politicians. In the effort to get votes, the campaigners invade every field, including religion. Of course they have no abundant life to give, yet the words sound rich and holy, and the office-searchers throw out the bait to catch the gullible voters. The politicians have never given us an abundant life and never will. That blessed achievement is far beyond their powers to bestow.

What is this "abundant life" they talk about? Is it merely shorter hours and bigger pay? Is it a sort of loafer's paradise? Or, on the other hand, is it a quality? Does it pertain to the soul or to the body, or to both?

To hear the statesmen talk you would think the abundant life can be inaugurated overnight by the passing of a few more laws. Cut the week's work and fatten the pay envelope is, they argue, a sure road to the coveted level of the saints. Usher in more loafing if you want more culture; lessen human responsibility and pour the pockets full of burning dimes if you seek a land wherein dwelleth righteousness, temperance, character, scholarship, love, and art.

But the trouble with this theory is that it is not so! The abundant life has never been identified with wider loafing and lighter cares. Don't go to the idlers and store-sitters if you are looking for those who know the abundant life. It is not there. Go not among promoters of class hatred and the agitators of strange isms. They possess not the abundant life and never will. Selfishness is the motive behind their thunderous appeals, and selfishness is the very opposite of the abundant life.

Still, there is such a thing as the abundant life. Few politicians attain unto it, still there is such a thing. Jesus had it; St. Paul possessed it; Martin Luther would qualify, and so would John Wesley. But the interesting thing is that none of these are characterized by the elements of the modern agitators who are making so much noise over the subject today. Contemporary prophets insist on shorter hours of work as a means of ushering in the abundant life, but Wesley rose at four in the morning, rode many miles, preached from three to six sermons, studied and wrote late into the night as an indication of *his* abundant life. Political leaders in high places talk about the abundant life as if it were identified with ease and lounging, but St. Paul who really shared such a life met suffering, perils, abuse and indignities of every kind. His abundant life had nothing of the ease and luxury for which the public pants so angrily today. He lived the abundant life but it was not marked by any of the objectives for which I see men fighting today.

Here are a few elements of the abundant life: One is great purpose. There are hundreds of men who would not live the abundant life if they got five or fifty dollars a day. They do not *purpose* to live it. Indeed they are not capable of living it. More money means more drink, and more leisure more loafing. A publication of the Methodist Episcopal Church said recently that one of the relief centers in Chicago reported one day that fully half of the men coming for help were drinking and several of them were far gone.

Another feature of the abundant life is inner quality. Not outward things but inner quality spells abundance. Thus the poor *and* the rich may share it. Here is the fallacy of much modern doctrine: the idea that a person will live abundantly if you pay him. History proves nothing of the kind. Perhaps the most impressive point written into the biographies of men whose lives were famous enough to attract the biographer is the absence of wealth in childhood. Read a dozen "lives of the great" and you will hardly find a single one whose greatness rests on his material surroundings. This, too, has been a most striking thing about the few eminent men I have known personally. Poverty has more children in Who's Who than does riches! This is not to glorify poverty, but it is to say that the abundant life is not identified with, nor measured by, material things. Higher wages will never bring it; it has to be achieved.

Finally, the abundant life is characterized by a sense of the presence of God. Being "rich toward God" is a measure of the truly abundant life. To be sure we need culture, poise, purpose, inner appreciation of the best—character, if you please, but with it all goes this fellowship with the Eternal. But this, mark you, is never mentioned by the ardent politicians who promise to hand us the abundant life in exchange for a few votes.

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THE SUFFERING SERVANT

The International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, June 19, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Mark 15:22-39.

Golden Text—"For the Son of man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45.

Again today we are studying a lesson the material of which is almost inexhaustible, and surely this subject has been discussed from every point of view. Nevertheless it represents an incident, a climax of a life and a story which is forever new and fresh in the meanings it brings to the human soul and mind.

As a first consideration let us think of the cross as a venture. There is grave danger that many of us come to think of Calvary as somewhat of a cut and dried affair and that Jesus from the beginning knew what the outcome would be. To do that is to say that He had no fear or doubt, it is to rob Him of every vestige of that humanity which He claimed for Himself. In my mind Christ upon the cross was making a great venture, led by faith He was trying a noble experiment but all the time not knowing just what the outcome would be. Such is the nature of all great living. "By faith Abram" and by faith Jesus launched out to try that which had never been truly tried before. As Dr. Henry Nelson Wieman has suggested the tragic cry, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" marks the moment when having staked His all Jesus awaited in agony and in doubt the outcome of His venture. "Was there in the universe a behavior, however latent, which would respond to love? If he loved intelligently, honestly, without sentimentality, unreservedly, would the behavior of the world swing into line and support the venture? . . . Was love the greatest instrument of human achievement and the largest fulfillment of human life? Could one conquer his enemies by love? . . . Was it mightier than all the power of Rome?" Jesus, of course, answered that it was and staked His very life to prove it. The question is, how much do we believe that He was right?

What a contrast passes before our view as we watch those soldiers gambling upon the dirt at the foot of the cross and then lift our eyes to the man upon that cross. The poet, Studdart Kennedy, has given us a gripping presentation of this contrast:

And sitting down they watched Him there,
The Soldiers did.
There, while they played with dice,
He made His sacrifice,
And died upon the Cross to rid
God's world of sin.
He was a gambler, too,
My Christ,
He took His life and threw
It for a world redeemed.
And ere His agony was done
Before the westering sun went down,
Crowning that day with its crimson crown,
He knew
That He had won.

Then upon the cross we see the Serious Christ. The cross stamped the life and teachings of Christ with a seriousness that nothing else could have done. The centurion saw and was convinced, "Truly this man was the Son of God." He knew that none other than the Son of God could willingly suffer like that. In dying willingly Christ convinced the world that there was something dearer to Him than life. He was willing to become the parable of His own teaching, losing that He might find, dying that He might rise into more fruitful living. Thomas refused to believe until he saw the nail prints. Those nail prints have convinced a world that Jesus was and is the Savior of men. And still if men are to be brought to their knees before God it will be the nail prints, the pierced side, a clearer vision of the Man upon the Cross that will do it. When men seriously face the Christ He wins. Of course there are those like one of the robbers and like the scribes who sneered, and one may say that Christ didn't win them. That is true but it wasn't His fault, He loved them still, and though some people will not respond Christ never loses faith in the power of love to win the world.

Service is one word that the world has almost worn out, We have commercialized it and we have used it as a boast. Service clubs, service stations, the word service has been used until it is cheap. But when used in the Christian sense it is not cheap. Look at the cross, that is what service means and there is nothing cheap about that. All of us are willing to serve if we are to be paid for it but the Christian spirit is the one that serves asking nothing in return. The cross may be, it is agonizing but it is never a burden for him who loves and who serves for the joy of serving. On the Cross Christ did more than was expected of Him; He went the second mile. That is when life really counts; that is the price that must be paid for progress; by those who go the second mile willingly the world is forever being lifted out of its sin. They are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. When Christ said "follow me" He meant all the way even to the cross. As He gave His life a ransom for many so He means for us to do. Are we willing to serve for the joy of serving? Die for the object of our love? Give expecting nothing in return? Such was the life of Jesus climaxed upon the cross.

GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S EASTER MESSAGE, "WHY BELIEVE IN JESUS"

(Broadcast in Chinese on Easter Eve, April 16, 1938, from Hankow under the auspices of the National Christian Council of China.)

Tomorrow is Easter, the festival which commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The National Christian Council has invited me to give a radio broadcast tonight.

On Good Friday of last year at the Methodist Episcopal East Asia Central Conference I spoke on the theme, "No man can live without a religious faith." The need of faith is a conviction formed from my study of and meditation upon the Bible during the past ten years. Tonight I have the privilege of continuing further my testimony of last year on Good Friday and I have chosen for my topic, "Why Believe in Jesus."

Jesus, the Leader of a National Revolution

First, Jesus was the leader of a national revolution. He was born in Judea when the Jewish nation was being oppressed by the Roman Empire. According to the historical records the Jews suffered injustice and cruelty under their enemies to such an extent that they were leading lives of slaves. Their enemies held over them the power of life and death. The Jews of that day not only offered no active resistance but even their will to resist had vanished. Fortunately a leader of national revolution was born in the person of Jesus Christ.

All of us know that Jesus did not come from the aristocracy of that day. He had no power or prestige. He was not of a wealthy family and did not receive what was then considered a higher education. He was of a laborer's family, the son of a carpenter. When He saw the nation in a perishing condition, the sons of Abraham about to be destroyed, He, with determination and courage, took upon His own shoulders the responsibility of reviving the race. With the spirit of an all-consuming love He determined to struggle and sacrifice in the effort to save His nation and ultimately to save the whole world. He, leading His disciples, travelled all about Judea. With His gift of speech and through His work or preaching and healing, He proclaimed the three principles of justice, truth and life, thus beginning the work of national revolution.

Jesus, the Leader of a Social Revolution

Secondly, Jesus was the leader of a social revolution. There may be many causes for the deterioration of a nation but a stagnant and irrational economic order and life is the chief one. The leader of a national revolution must do away with ignorance, corruption, confusion, selfishness and covetousness and then promote a new life through the inculcation of a new spirit which will develop and grow until the emancipation of the whole nation is accomplished.

Jesus clearly saw that to revive the nation He must begin with the reformation of society. Therefore He vigorously attacked the forces of evil and endeavoured to break up wicked practices and customs. His aim was by means of His leadership and teaching to rescue from darkness the perishing multitudes, so creating a new nation and laying the foundation of a social revolution. So I say Jesus was the leader of a social revolution.

Jesus, the Leader of a Religious Revolution

Third, Jesus was the leader of a religious revolution. He perceived the religious corruption of the day, the prevalence of harmful superstitution, the ruling elders exploiting the people and using superstitious means to deceive them. Their motives were wholly selfish. Jesus was aggrieved and indignant at the tyranny of the Jewish church of His day and the hypocrisy of its worship. He was convinced that unless this superstition and hypocrisy was thoroughly purged away there would be no hope for the awakening of the people and for the manifestation and development of the true religious spirit.

He, therefore, rebuked those who prayed on the corners of the streets to be seen of men and denounced vested interests, religious and social, which misled and oppressed the people. He overthrew the tables of the money changers in the temple. Through His parables He denounced cruel landlords, rebuked the corrupt and held up to scorn the stingy capitalists. Through all this His purpose was to lead the Church from darkness to light, from deterioration to regeneration, from confusion to order and from avarice to integrity. The task of the purifying of religion was never so important and onerous but Jesus was unalterably determined to rescue religion and society from all those evils which beset them and arouse the people of that time out of their lethargy. And so I assert that Jesus was the leader of a religious revolution.

Jesus' Spirit of Love

I have long sought to know the source of the revolutionary spirit of Jesus. From whence did it spring? I have come to realize that it came entirely from His spirit of love. He would, through the spirit of love, drive from the minds of men all evil thinking and break-up systems of inequality that all men might exercise the heaven-given right to enjoy liberty and equality. He considered that "all within the four seas are brothers." So He taught that men should love one another, help each other in trouble and calamity and serve each other in sickness. In international relations, peace and justice should be exalted.

Thus all through His life, Jesus opposed the use of might without right, but upheld the cause of justice. Through His words and works, He manifested the reality of His love and His sacrificial spirit. In order to accomplish His heaven-appointed task of saving the individual and the world, He, with an unalterable purpose, an immovable faith, and a spirit of fearlessness, willing to sacrifice His very life and all things else for the cause of righteousness, struggled to the end, when He was nailed to the cross. He suffered the utmost pain and agony without resentment or complaint. The instances of His faithfulness to His work and His loyalty to His friends and disciples are innumerable. How rare and noble were His virtues of fidelity and forgiveness! When He was hanging upon the cross, He even prayed for His enemies, asking the Heavenly Father to be merciful toward their ignorance. What an all comprehending love!

Sacrifice a Daily Duty

Looking back upon the history of our country for the last 100 years during which China was drained of life under the tyranny of the Mancus, we find a situation similar to that of the Jewish nation during the time of Jesus. Dr. Sun Yat-sen, our national leader, sympathized with the people, caught the revolutionary spirit of Jesus, which is the spirit of love, and worked tirelessly for the revolution with such absorption that forty years was as one day. It was with the spirit of sacrifice that he worked for the liberation of the Chinese people. Thus he was enabled in 1911 to overthrow the Manchu Dynasty and establish the Republic of China thereby accomplishing his original purpose of a national revolution.

Forecasting the future of our national revolution, and aware of the cause of the moral decline of our people, I have come to the conviction that if we wish to revive the Chinese people and reform society we must adopt as our own the universal love and sacrificial spirit of Jesus. Therefore I take it that in whatever sphere of life, whether in social relationships, civil administration, military command or other service, we must make charity and peace the basic principles of action. To this end all revolutionists must accept, struggle and sacrifice as a daily duty. This was the spirit of Jesus. This is what I meant when I had occasion to say before, "We shall not give up the hope of peace until peace is absolutely hopeless, but we will not shrink from any sacrifice when the hour demands it."

A New Spirit Within, the Basis of the New Life Movement

In recent years during my spare time, in the midst of strenuous work, I have initiated several social movements, among which the New Life movement has met with some success. Notwithstanding, I feel that there is a tendency in this movement to stress outward performances at the expense of improvement of heart and to emphasize on material things to the neglect of spiritual values. Wherein lies this weakness? It is because some misunderstand the New Life movement and merely adopt a new form of conduct without acquiring a new spirit within. The result is that such persons act only under an outward urge and drop back to their former state of inertia when the urge is withdrawn. As a matter of fact, Civility, Righteousness, Integrity and Modesty* are all part and parcel of a new spirit within. Only those who truly manifest this new spirit within, may be said to have the New Life. I would, however, make this further contribution today by adding that if we wish to realize the virtues of the New Life movement, we must have not only a new standard of action, but a new inner life. In order to possess this new inner life, we must have the spirit of universal love and the will to sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, the spirit of Jesus is positive, sacrificial, holy, true, peaceful, progressive and inspiring, and at the same time it is revolutionary through and through.

Now at the time of a great national calamity, we commemorate the holy festival of Jesus' Resurrection (which, by the way, is another evidence of "the deathlessness of the spirit").

All of my fellow-believers should prize the meaning of Regeneration and hold firmly the will to sacrifice. Taking Jesus as the pattern of our lives, and adopting His spirit as our spirit, His life as our life, let us march bravely onward toward the cross in our effort to bring about a permanent peace among men and the revival of the Chinese people.

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*These are the fundamental tenets of the New Life Movement.—Translators.

EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM

There are two types of evangelism. One is spurious: the other, spiritual. One is man-made; and the other, God-given. Spurious evangelism is emotionalism pumped up by the mechanical efforts of human ingenuity. It depends upon spectacular "stunts" or "pep" to attract the attention of the public. It is maneuvered and manipulated by man-power. It is invariably promoted by independent and ordinarily interdenominational evangelists. The evangelist is short on conviction, but strong on courage to castigate church and condemn denominationalism. He makes it plain that he does not care which church or denomination his converts "join," but is careful to point out that in his last "great campaign" the denomination that "gave most got most."

Such efforts are effective, but not for spiritual good. It usually takes considerable time to overcome the havoc such meetings play in the spiritual life of a community.

Our churches, and in fact all Christian denominations, might as well face the fact that we are doomed if, and when, we abandon the old-fashioned custom of church revivalism and follow the Federal Council of Churches in its fanciful scheme for a "new evangelism." It is now an open secret that the primary purpose of such scheme is to do-to-death all denominations, or to merge all denominations into a sort of religious monstrosity. Back of the movement to close churches during the summer months in the interest of union services, and back of all city-wide union meetings stands a sinister spirit destined to paralyze effective spiritual evangelism.

The denominations that have grown virile, vigorous, and strong have majored on church evangelism. We have learned from experience that the best way for the various Christian denominations to be mutually helpful is for each church to assume the responsibility for its own meeting. A real old-fashioned revival in any one church will set forward and reenforce every other church in the community, while a union meeting will mainly serve to set forward interdenominational nondescript sects.

Southern Baptists have been wonderfully blessed in the large number of sane evangelists and evangelistic pastors who promote spiritual evangelism in and through our churches. We are exceedingly fortunate in having Dr. R. Q. Leavell, through the years a great evangelistic pastor, now director of evangelism under the Home Mission Board. His plan for great city-wide simultaneous campaigns, where each church selects its own help, either an evangelist or pastor evangelist, will give to our churches just the type of evangelism we need and at a very modest expense to the board. We are praying for and expecting 1938 to be the greatest year for soul-winning Southern Baptists have ever seen. Let us do our best to make it so.—*David M. Gardner.*

MAGNA CARTA DAY

With Fascism and Nazism carrying on their conquests and aggressions, and considering Premier Mussolini's recent implied threat of a united Fascist front against American Democracy, (which was occasioned by Secretary of State Hull's refusal to recognize the conquest of Ethiopia) many people are of the opinion that the salvation of civilization lies with those two great English-speaking nations — the United States and Great Britain. In this connection the forthcoming observance of Magna Carta Day, which will be held on June 15th, will, it is most likely, further cement the ties existing between these world powers.

On February 22, 1938, an appropriate date, Mr. Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, inaugurated a series of radio addresses to the British Empire. This series has been called "America Speaks." Mr. Ickes pled for vigilance by the world Democracies to escape the evils of the totalitarian State. In speaking of the common interests existing between Great Britain and the United States, he said:

"To build our civilization on the firm foundations of the American Constitution, which, in common with the British Constitution, has its roots deep in Magna Carta."

Mr. Ickes has been decidedly anti-Fascist in the many addresses he has delivered before various American audiences.

The purpose of Magna Carta Day is to promote understanding and good will between the English-speaking nations. The founder of the movement is Mr. J. W. Hamilton, of St. Paul, Minn., who is executive secretary of the International Magna Carta Day Association, Inc., and the Rt. Rev. Frank A. McElwain, S.T.D., of Evanston, Ill., is the world president.—*L. W.*

NOTICE

Efland Church, Orange Charge, will observe a Homecoming day, Sunday, June 19. Rev. H. Freo Surratt will be the 11 o'clock speaker. Certificates of Church Membership will be presented to church members. Dinner will be served picnic style. Special music will be rendered by local and visiting singers. There will be short talks by former pastors in the afternoon. An effort will be made to reach all three objectives of the Fellowship Crusade. All members, former pastors, and friends are invited to be present and enjoy the day with us.

C. P. Morris, Pastor.

"He who is hesitating which of two things he will do first, will do neither."

OUR STORY PAGE

ONE THING WELL

"When I get a dog," Bobby Metcalf boasted, "he'll do lots of things. Sit up and beg, and play dead, and wear spectacles, and maybe carry the meat home from the market. He won't be like your Spot, just carry sticks."

Dan Earl looked down at the little mongrel beside him, and Spot wagged his tail, as though he knew what had been said. "Maybe he's a one-thing dog," Dan admitted, "but he does that thing well."

A half-dozen boys nodded approval, for Spot was a favorite with them all and not one would admit there could be a better or smarter dog. Even Bobby, having uttered his boast, edged over, giving the gang's mascot a loving pat.

All the way home Dan was thinking of the "dog who could do a lot of things." Perhaps he should have been a better teacher. Spot's one trick was an easy one. You could give him a stick and tell him to take it to Bill, or Ed, or Peter, or any of the boys, and he never made a mistake. He would give it to the boy or put it down at his feet as told, and then run back for another to be delivered to some other boy.

"Good old Spot," Dan said at last. "Let the other dogs do their tricks. You could beat them all if you wanted to, but I like you just as you are."

The next day a crowd of boys went skating on the pond. It had been frozen over all winter and they had had great sport there. Even after several warm days the ice looked strong and safe.

"I'll try it out," called Bobby Metcalf, starting for the middle of the pond. "Mother said I'd better not skate today, but mothers are always afraid."

Round and round he went, and then as he was trying a figure eight the ice gave way under him. There was a grinding, cracking sound, and reaching out he was just able to throw his arms over firmer ice as his feet went down in the icy water.

He tried to pull himself out, but the ice broke and he was again just able to save himself from going down.

The frightened boys called him to keep still, not to move, that they would do something. Some of the older ones were afraid he might slip under the ice field, where rescue would be impossible.

There were no big boards to slide out over the ice. Sled runners would cut through, for the ice seemed to be melting as they looked, and if a boy tried to crawl out he would probably go in himself.

Dan had heard that you could push a tree out to a hole in the ice and when the boy had grasped the branches pull him back by them, but there were no trees except those growing big and strong along the bank.

"Cut off your sled ropes," he almost shouted, as the tree idea suggested another one. "Tie them together, Scout knots good and solid. Then off with your sweaters. Tie them together by the arms. Make every knot firm enough to hold a ton. Tie the end of the ropes into the first sweater and watch those knots. They've got to hold!"

The boys obeyed, working swiftly, but seeing no way of getting the lifeline out to Bobby.

Spot, watching them, wagged his tail, thinking it a new kind of game. Then as he began jumping up and down they understood.

Tearing a piece of wood off one of the sleds, Dan tied it firmly to the end of the rope and then handed it to Spot.

"Take it out to Bob," he ordered. "Quick! Out to Bob, and put it down close to him. Then come back."

"Watch out, boys," he called to those on the bank. "Keep the rope and sweaters up from the ground. Play them out so he won't feel the weight. It's going to be a pull for the little fellow and he's never had anything but a tree stick."

At first running, then slower as the line lengthened, Spot made his way over the ice. "Too bad he's so little," Ed whispered. "A good thing he is," Dan answered. "A big dog might go through out there where it's thin."

"Good dog. Put it down," Bobby encouraged, and the stick was laid just within reach of his hand as Spot turned on the ice in time to miss going on into the hole, which seemed to be rapidly widening.

Again and again the ice broke under him, but Bobby was able to hold fast to the sweater at the end of the line, and soon pulled himself out upon ice thick enough to bear his weight.

As the boys hurried home Spot followed, a little disappointed that the game had ended so soon.

The next day Bobby, none the worse for his cold plunge, joined the boys, bringing with him a big bone for Spot. "When I get a dog I'll have one just like him," he said, "a dog that knows one thing and can be trusted to do it."—*Rena Stotenburgh Travis in Zion's Herald.*

CHECKING UP ON OURSELVES

When evening comes, go off into a quiet place and review your day.

Have you been kind and thoughtful, or mean and thoughtless?

Have you kept an even temper, or have you lost your temper when things have gone wrong?

Have you been pleasant, or grouchy?

Have you inspired those whom you have met, or have you depressed and discouraged them?

Have you done something creative and worthwhile, or have you wasted the day with petty things?

Have you increased the happiness-moments in the lives of others, or have you thought only of self?

Have you enlarged your mental horizon, expanded your personality — have you grown larger, or shrunk smaller?

What we do day by day determines what we become. Hour by hour we build our lives for better or for worse. A daily inventory will help to keep us on the right track, headed toward our highest ideals.—*Exchange.*

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"Genius darts, flutters and tires, but perseverance wins through patient labor."

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QUARTERLY MEETING OF WOMEN'S WORK

The first quarterly meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work for 1938-1939 will be held at Maple Springs church, Forsyth charge, July 14 at 10:30 o'clock.

A good program is being arranged. A full delegation from every Auxiliary is desired, and visitors are welcome.

The church is on the right side of Reynolda Road as you leave Winston on U. S. highway 421, N. C. highway 60, and is just beyond the Reynolds estate. It is a white frame building and has a marker plainly visible.

The local Auxiliary will serve lunch at 35 cents per plate.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, President,
MRS. J. T. BOWMAN, Cor. Sec'y.

A GREAT OCCASION

We, the people of the Methodist Protestant denomination, look with pride on our Children's Home, and rejoice at the splendid Christian training the children get there. Every summer there is one day outstanding for a big gathering of friends at the Home. This special day is fast approaching. It is Thursday, June 30. We'll be looking for you! All of you know the plan Dr. Dixon suggested that the mothers have the honor of bringing in the offering this year. Some mother was to be chosen to represent her church and receive the offering for Children's Home day. We are confident that this plan is being worked, and a mother-love is going to make it succeed. Those who know the needs of the children, and the overhead expenses, are very anxious that there will be the largest crowd present and the biggest money gift for the maintenance of the Home family that has ever been received on a similar occasion.

Mothers, to you, we plead to work this offering as if those were your own little ones, —of course you will. Please get in touch with every member, young and old, in your church, and beg for those other mother's children, the boys and girls at our Children's Home.

The mother who turns in the largest gift from her local church will receive especial recognition. Come everybody who can. Talk it to your friends, all plan to take a day; bring your well-filled basket for the picnic dinner with the 118 at the Home as our honor guests. Also see that a mother is along in your church group with her well-filled money bag to aid in the greatest work under the sun.

To the pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and president of Auxiliaries please stress this offering next Sunday, and urge your congregation to write on their hearts the children, at the Home, June 30.

Come, see our children; hear a splendid program; enjoy a good dinner—there will be much of interest—you will declare it a day well spent.

MRS. J. M. STONE,
Sec. Benevolences and Stewardship,
N. C. Branch.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARIES

(Plays for us with the children and Young People in Mission Groups)

I have had several requests for plays and pageants to use with mission groups, children and young people, so I am listing some here that I believe would be fine to use in your monthly meetings, for the Auxiliary meeting, Sunday school worship service, church worship service, or any other occasion on which you might want to use the children in some way.

For Adults and Young People

"Adoption," by Etsu Inagaki Sugimoto—Because he is a Christian, the son of a Japanese family refuses to divorce his childless wife. He is forced to leave home to make possible the adoption of a nephew who has a child. Seven characters, 30 minutes; 25c.

"Betrothal of Mai Tsung, The," by Kyung Shien Sung and Vida Ravenscroft Sutton—A love story of a Chinese boy and girl who become Christians, attend college in America, and object to the old Chinese betrothal customs. There is trouble, but a solution is found. Fifteen characters; about one hour; 25c.

"The Color Line," by Irene Taylor MacNair —A remarkably strong play of present-day China. Characters are: President of an American college, three college girls, two college boys (one a Chinese). Simple setting and no special costumes except one military uniform. Thirty minutes; 25c.

"The Heroine of Ava," by Helen L. Willcox—A tale of Burma in the days of Adoniram Judson, showing Ann Judson's heroic efforts to get her husband out of prison. Twelve to 18 characters; about 1½ hours; 25c.

"Hogan Beneath the Sunrise, The," by Winifred Hulbert—A dramatic sketch of Navajo life today. Shows how misunderstandings resulting from the clash of old and new may be corrected by love and tact. Three characters: Grandmother, mother, 15-year-old daughter; 15 minutes; 25c.

"The Honorable Mrs. Ling's Conversion," by Jean H. Brown—A Chinese play in which humor and pathos are admirably blended with the realities of life in a Chinese home and in a mission station. Fourteen characters; about one hour; 35c.

"Indian Friendship," by Winifred Hulbert—A play in two scenes for young people. Shows a change in attitude brought about by the development of a spirit of friendship with two American Indian students. Five boys, three girls; 25 minutes; 25c.

"Larola," by Helen L. Willcox—A one-act play telling the story of a Hindu woman condemned to widowhood upon her husband's conversion to Christianity. Blank verse; eight characters; about 50 minutes; 25c.

"Ordered South," by W. J. Noble—A short play of great strength. Shows why a young man decides to go to Africa instead of entering his father's profession, and the effect on his father and his fiancee. Four men, two women; about 30 minutes; 15c.

"The Other Point of View," by Etsu Inagaki Sugimoto—The Christian daughter of a rural family suffering from poverty refuses to become a geisha. The parents are astounded. A missionary calls and presents the other point of view. Six characters; 30 minutes; 25c.

"Peeblo Pioneers," by Helen L. Willcox—A one-act play of Indian life in the Southwest. Shows the conflict of old and new ideas when Indian students return from school to their homes, also one of the most pleasant and interesting ways of adjusting these differences. Three men, four women; 30 minutes; 25c.

"The Red Flower," by Helen Harrington—A play of exceptional power. The scene is laid in Armenia. It shows the courageous spirit of the Armenian Christian and the need for continued and vital interest in this martyr nation. Seventeen or more characters; 45 minutes; 50c.

"Robert and Mary," by Anita B. Ferris—A missionary romance adapted from the true story, "The Moffats." Thirteen characters; about one hour; 25c.

"The Tail of the Dragon," by Elliot Field—A play of modern China in one act. Shows the difficulties confronting young Chinese who wish to break away from old family traditions. Three men, two women; 30 minutes; 25c.

"Through the Dark," by Anne Charlotte Darlington—A short one-act play of Africa showing the power of Christianity to banish superstition. Fifteen minutes; three speaking parts; 15c.

"The Waiting Guest," by Elisabeth Edland—A one-act play showing the influence of Christian schools in Latin America. A village expects a visit from the Madonna, but finds a greater guest in the waiting Christ. Eight characters; 30 minutes; 15c.

"Wheelbarrowful of Life, A," by Mary Jennes—A simple play for intermediate or young people, showing Christian influence on present industrial problems in China; Eleven characters; 25 minutes; 15c.

"Where the Trails Cross," by Anne Charlotte Darlington—A one-act play of Navajo life showing the influence of a mission school. Especially good for production by young people. Three women, two men, one boy; 10 minutes; 15c.

For Juniors

"Alice's House Warming," by Anita B. Ferris—An Americanization play with scene laid in the House of Friendship. At a party to which only Americans are invited, it is a surprise when Indian, Negro, mountaineer, and immigrant children from other lands arrive. Fourteen boys and girls aged 9 to 12; 15 minutes; 15c.

"Alice Through the Postal Card," by Anita B. Ferris—A play for juniors, showing what happened to Alice when she stepped through a postal card door into Japan. Eighteen characters; 30 minutes; 15c.

"Amelida," by Helen L. Willcox—Shows the need for schools among Mexican railroad laborers and other migrant groups in the United States and how a Sunday school missionary helped solve the problem. Two adults and 10 to 20 children; five speaking parts; 25 minutes; 25c.

"Good Scouts," by Fjeril Hess — Shows American Boy Scouts and Slavic Sokols in camp. Ten or more characters; 20 minutes; 15c.

"His Book," by Elisabeth Edland—A simple one-act play of great power. Tells the story of a Mexican boy and a Bible. Six speaking parts; possibility of using additional children in the scene; 20 minutes; 10c.

"The Honorable Guest," by Frances Cavanah —A Japanese play for junior children. Shows how much alike are the children of Japan

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Community Church, Thomasville	$ 5.50
Roberta S. S.	12.50
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
Kannapolis S. S.	13.18
Denton S. S.	5.00
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	2.04
State Street S. S.	3.59
First Church S. S., Burlington	35.00
Rehoboth, Granville	8.00
Gideon's Grove S. S., Flat Rock	1.37
Mt. Carmel S. S., Forsyth	4.00
Concord, Saxapahaw	3.65
Saxapahaw S. S., Saxapahaw	2.50
Friendship S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	7.48
Two S. S. classes, boys and girls, Friendship-Love's Grove	2.60
Mill Grove S. S., May and June	7.50
Gibsonville S. S.	8.91
New Hope, Vance	2.00
Calvary S. S.	15.00
Macedonia, Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
Worthville S. S., Randleman	9.07
First Church S. S., Winston-Salem	7.00
First Church S. S., High Point	15.00
Siler City S. S.	5.00
Mizpah S. S., Haw River, May and June	2.60
Graham S. S.	5.20
Mt. Lebanon S. S., Randleman	6.60
Bethel S. S., Randolph	3.23
Whitakers S. S.	5.00
Spring Church S. S., Spring Church, April and May	2.92
Grace S. S., Greensboro	10.00
Spring Hill S. S., N. Davidson	7.17
Flag Springs S. S., Why Not	2.00
Cedar Cliff S. S., Mt. Hermon	.72
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	4.35
Bethel S. S., Mocksville	1.00

We thank you very kindly for these offerings. All is going reasonably well with us in our work here.

Clothing and Other Gifts

Mr. M. C. McDonald, West End, N. C., 60 bushels of June peaches.

Glass Cans for Filling

Last week a letter went out to all Sunday school superintendents, and Children's Home secretaries whose names and addresses we have, asking that they help us get our empty glass cans into the hands of the folks. I suppose they will speak about it. If for any reason they do not, then you do it please. If all the churches on a charge will agree to take them, and will send after them, or write us to send them it will take so much less driving, and thus save expenses. Please help us out at a very early date. Thank you and God bless every one of you.

Yours in His blessed service,

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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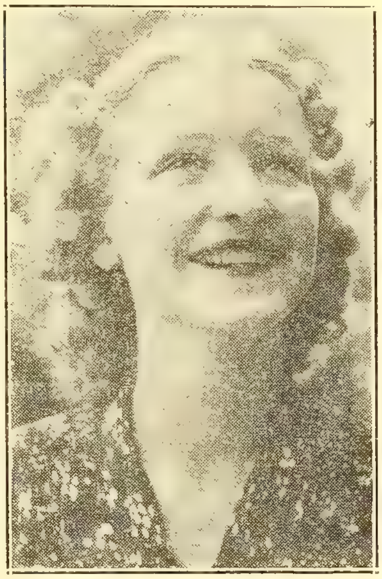
MEMORIAL SERVICES AT CENTER

The Memorial association of Center M. P. church will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, June 12, 1938.

Regular church service in the morning and the Memorial meeting in the afternoon.

Mr. Harry B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, will be the speaker of the afternoon. We invite all former members and people who have friends and relatives burried there to meet with us on that day.



MISS FRANCES HATLEY

MISS FRANCES HATLEY RECEIVES HONORS IN HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Hatley, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lassiter Hatley, of Albemarle, N. C., who is a member of the Methodist Protestant church, completed her 11 years in high school and received her diploma, May 31, 1938.

Frances, a tall blond with fair complexion and blues eyes was voted the best looking and most attractive girl in the senior superlatives, and by popular ballot was voted the best all around girl in the senior class and received the yellow gold 17-jewel Bulova watch which is awarded annually to the outstanding senior girl and boy from Mears Jewelry store.

Frances was also voted by popular ballot of Albemarle high school as Field Queen.

With her friendliness and sweet disposition, she has made herself popular among all the students.

President of the home room, a member of the council of the Girls' Athletic association, a member of the Journalistic club, and a star player on the basketball team, being the only person in Albemarle to make the All-South Piedmont conference team. She was the seniors' choice for the column "Who's Who" in the special senior edition of the "Full Moon," the high school paper.

Miss Hatley is taking a course as a telegraph operator in the Western Union in Albemarle. Next September she will go to New Jersey to complete her work.

Miss Hatly joined the Methodist Protestant church at the age of ten and is an active member, taking part in all the church activities.

C. G. ISLEY.

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Doctor Abrams was called to a barber shop where Sam, the Negro porter, was lying unconscious. Doctor Abrams worked on him for a long time, and finally revived the man.

"How did you happen to drink that stuff?" he asked the patient. "Didn't you see the label on the bottle? It said 'poison'."

Sam: "Yes, doctor, but I didn't believe it."

Doctor Abrams: "Why not?"

Sam: "Because right under that it said 'Lye'."—Exchange.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

W. M. Taylor, Glen Raven charge	$1.00
Rev. J. Leo Pittard, Moriah	1.00
Mrs. Charles Bradshaw, Saxapahaw charge	2.00
Miss Mary T. Durham, Saxapahaw	.50
Sent by Pastor Bingham.	
State St. Church, Lexington for Club subscriptions	5.00
Sent by Mrs. F. J. Cox.	
Rev. W. L. Harkey, Club subscriptions, Lincolnton church	2.28
Mrs. R. A. Fulp, Kernersville	1.00
Mrs. H. P. Sexton, Denton	1.00
Sent by Pastor Curry.	
C. W. Williams, Roberta	2.00
R. H. Love, Roberta	1.00
W. R. Foster, Roberta	1.00
Mrs. Sarah Blackwelder, Roberta	1.00
W. A. Taylor, Roberta	1.00
Sent by Pastor Joyner.	
Mrs. Bertha Loman, Welch Memorial Ch.	.50
Sent by Pastor Williams.	
Ralph Sechrest, First Ch., High Point	1.00
W. C. Ferree, First Ch., High Point	1.00
Herbert Payne, First Ch., High Point	1.00
V. W. Idol, First Ch., High Point	1.00
Mrs. C. C. Burke, Graham, Club subscriptions	6.72
Mrs. J. W. Magee, Spring church	1.00
E. M. Hamilton, First Ch., Lexington, Club subscriptions	2.20
J. F. Glenn, Alamance charge	.50
Sent by Pastor Isley.	
Mrs. S. C. Cass, Concord	2.00
Sent by Mrs. L. H. Sides.	
Mrs. J. N. Kirkman, Calvary church	1.00
Sent by Pastor Subbins.	
Mrs. B. Z. Routh, W. End, Greensboro	1.00
Sent by Mrs. F. S. Stockard.	
Rev. O. B. Williams, Gibsonville	1.00

Subsidy

Liberty church	5.00

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"Where did the car hit him?" asked the coroner.

"At the junction of the dorsal and cervical vertebrae," replied the medical witness.

The burly foreman rose from his seat.

"Man alive. I've lived in these parts for 50 years," he protested ponderously, "and I never heard of the place."—Exchange.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Children's Home Day and Home-coming Day will be held on the campus at the Children's Home on Thursday, June 30. The program is planned to begin at 10 o'clock a. m.

We are looking for you to come and bring your picnic basket and the dinner will be served at about 12:30, noon. We shall be so glad if we can have a good representation from every church in the Conference.

We also want just as many as possible of those who were reared here to come back for the day.

The mothers in our churches have been asked to sponsor the offering. Either to raise the offering or see that it is done. A number have told us they are doing it. Let every church be represented in this. Thank you.

In His service,

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, June 13.—On the fourth Sunday evening Pastor Trolinger filled his appointment. He asked Mr. Paul Hawkins and Mr. Zeb Hawkins to get a speaker in his absence on the second Sunday. We owe much credit to them for we had a wonderful speaker, Mr. Nelson, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C. He read 1 Corinthians, ninth chapter; his subject, "Power of Influence."

We extend congratulations to Misses Eunice Green, Hattie Pittard and Russel Hawkins who recently graduated from high school.

Sorry to note that Mrs. Curtis Porter is in the Roanoke Rapids hospital.

We are glad to say Misses Eunice Green, and Frances Hawkins who recently had their tonsils removed are getting along fine; also glad Miss Mary Green, who was operated on for appendicitis was able to go to Greenville last Thursday to attend her summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hawkins, of Roanoke Rapids, announced the birth of a boy, Sanford Gene, May 24.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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Central Church, Asheboro, June 13.—The enrollment at the Daily Vacation Church school totaled 71, and the final exercises took place June 5. Mrs. Gilbert Councilman, assisted by Miss Leona Wood, Bill Lewis, religious director at the church, and several other members of the congregation, conducted the school.

Roland A. Briles, clerk in the Asheboro postoffice for 16 years, also an active official of Central church, was elected president of the North Carolina unit of the United National Association of Postoffice Clerks, at the annual meeting in Southern Pines May 28. Mr. Briles is a past post commander of Dixon Post 45, American Legion, and during the war he was a sergeant with the seventh engineers at Fort Humphries, Va. Mrs. Briles is the former Miss Kate Winningham, of Asheboro, and they have one daughter, Wilda Mae Briles.

The young women, their husbands and dates, of the Junior Philathea class, enjoyed a weiner supper at the city lake Tuesday evening. The outing was planned by the losing side in a recent membership contest, with Miss Mildred Hopkins as leader of the winners, and Mrs. Mitchell Pierce who served as director of the losers, as well as the feast. Forty members and guests were in attendance. Mrs. Lester E. Rich and Miss Bee Lowdermilk are teachers of the class.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., and son, Frank III, attended the finals at Western Maryland college. Mr. Redding is an alumnus of the school and the members of his class had a reunion.

Miss Martha Mendenhall, daughter of the late Mrs. Cora Redding Mendenhall, a first year student at Woman's college, is with her cousins, the Frank Reddings, Jr., for the summer vacation. Her sister, Cynthia Mendenhall, will be at the Methodist home, in Winston-Salem, during the vacation months.

The "Reds" won and the members of the "Blues" served the dinner to the Whitaker-Lovette Bible class Saturday evening in the social rooms of the church. This class, with a membership of 125, taught by R. T. Lloyd, just closed a membership drive with two competing sides, with the compensation being a delicious meal for the members. The church scouts assisted the losing side in serving. W. E. Shaw is president and presided at the dinner, while Bill Lewis, director of Christian education, made the principal talk on "What Christ Does for the Individual." Raymond Allred is secretary of the group.

At the last quarterly dinner meeting of the church stewards, Sunday, June 19, was designated as the time for all financial obligations of the church to be met.

Mrs. Houston Elliotte and Mrs. R. D. Lowdermilk were hostesses to the Women's Bible class at the home of Mrs. Elliotte, South Cox street, Friday evening. This was a social meeting and the 32 guests played Bingo, with Mrs. Gurney Brown and Mrs. Lowdermilk winning the most games. Mrs. W. E. Shaw is president and Mrs. John Swaim is teacher. (Incidentally W. E. Shaw is president of the Men's class, of over 100 members and Mrs. Shaw heads this next largest class of Central church.) The members drew names for "Heart Sister" which will be observed for two months. In conclusion refreshments were served. The visitors were Mrs. Martin McCauley, Mrs. Earl Vestal and Mrs. J. C. Swaim.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Phillips, and daughters, Mrs. W. P. Stone, Miss Helen Phillips, Miss Catherine Phillips and their only son, Bud Phillips, were at Woman's college, Greensboro, for the finals, from which institution the Phillips' oldest daughter, Miss Elizabeth Phillips, received a B.S. degree in home economics. Mrs. A. R. Lowe and daughter, Miss Virginia Lowe were also at the graduation, Mrs. Lowe being an aunt of Miss Phillips. Miss Phillips will head the home economics department in the Laurel Springs school near Sanford, which is operated for 10 months during the year.

Miss Anne Ross, who completed a four-year course at High Point college, will be an instructor in the primary department of the Archdale school, near High Point, for the ensuing year.

Several members of the Ross family were at High Point for the closing exercises. Miss Ross was crowned Queen of the May in her senior year, besides being quite active in all campus activities.

Mrs. M. L. Gray, a consecrated member of the M. P. denomination, and mother of Mrs. R. T. Lloyd, of Central church, passed away June 5, after many weeks' illness. The last rites were at New Union M. P. church, near Asheboro, Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Dr. Taylor, with Rev. L. R. O'Brian, of the local Baptist church and Rev. Herman A. Parker, of the Asheboro Friends church, assisting. Miss Bell Gray, a daughter of the deceased, is an active member of the Friends denomination. Mrs. Gray was a devout soul, and lived a life of 76 years of unselfish service to her family, church, neighbors and her many friends. She is survived by two sons, besides the daughters, and nine grandchildren. Interment was in the family plot near Union church.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Copenhaver have gone to Belmont, W. Va., for the summer months with relatives. Miss Ethel Lovette, Miss Lucy Lovette, Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Harrison are in Elizabeth City for this week for the Eastern Star meeting, where Miss Ethel Lovette will be installed to the office of Grand Electra. Mrs. W. C. Hammer returned Sunday from a business trip to Chicago where she served on a missionary committee to formulate plans for the proposed union of Methodism.

Mrs. T. F. Bulla is recovering from several days' illness; C. Earl Bulla was a patient last week at the local hospital, receiving treatment for erysipelas; Mrs. Clarence Davis is ill at her home on Park street; Paul Trollinger has recovered from a serious illness following measles; Mrs. Clyde Hendrix is well after being ill with rheumatism; Colon Cox's condition remains the same at his home in Asheboro, having returned from the Sanatorium three weeks ago; Jack Bulla is improving after two operations; Mrs. Howard Brown has been ill, and Mrs. S. L. Hayworth is indisposed at her home on Old Main street. Mrs. L. F. Ross received treatment in the local hospital for several days, and A. C. Cox, father of Mrs. L. D. Burkhead, (the Burkhead and Cox families being prominent M. P. members,) has recovered from a serious illness in the Randolph hospital. Miss Esther Ross is able to be at her office part of each day, after a delicate operation on her nose in the McPherson hospital in Durham.

It was truly Liberty's loss and Asheboro's gain when the Joe C. Swaim family established residence in the city. Joe Swaim is a brother of Dr. John Swaim, an esteemed Central church member.

CLETA RICH.

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Giles Chapel M. P. Auxiliary.—Giles Chapel Auxiliary met in May at the home of Mrs. Talmadge Bonkemeyer, Asheboro, route 1, with 11 members present.

Mrs. John W. Rich was program leader, which was taken from the Auxiliary year book. Mrs. Bonkemeyer and Miss Dorothy Davis gave the scriptural readings. Mrs. S. G. Arthur and Mrs. S. E. Trogdon gave readings pertaining to the mission work. Mrs. M. C. Henderson made announcements in regard to the mission programs of the church.

The president, Mrs. Nellie Webb, presided over the business meeting and Mrs. R. B. York was appointed program leader for the month of June.

Mrs. R. H. Davis will be hostess to the June meeting.

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Whitakers, Enfield Charge, D. R. Williams, Pastor, June 13.—Our pastor was able to fill his last appointment with us at Whitakers. We were so glad to have him; but he has been sick again so we have heard, and Mrs. Williams, too, however we hope they are better now. We have right much sickness in our little place and some of our own are still on that list.

We certainly enjoyed having Dr. and Mrs. Dixon and the group from the Children's Home. They did not give their full program but we had several songs and Dr. Dixon gave a splendid message which was appreciated very much.

Our Auxiliary held the monthly meeting with a right good attendance. Our Sunday school is not as well attended as we would like but we are still alive.

There is a meeting and Vacation Bible school being conducted at the Baptist church this week and a meeting to be in our church beginning on the fourth Sunday and we ask the prayers of God's people through our paper and all who are interested in kingdom work that God's spirit may mightily move people to see the need of deeper spiritual living and true consecration to God, the Giver of everything we have. We are His for He has bought us with His own blood.

REPORTER.

Browers Chapel M. P. Church Auxiliary.—Mrs. Walter A. Styres was hostess to the Browers Chapel Auxiliary at her home on Stowe street, Asheboro, Tuesday evening, May 31. Mrs. H. T. Brown, president, presided and Mrs. Daniel Henley led the worship lesson.

The program was as listed in the Year Book, being discussed by Mrs. James Garner.

A friend of the church, Mrs. W. C. Vestal, whose late husband, Colvin Vestal, formerly attended services at Browers Chapel, donated a ladies' scarf to the Auxiliary in memory of Mr. Vestal, which was sold at auction during the business session, thereby netting a sum for the treasury.

Two visitors were in attendance, Mrs. Gurney Ferree, of Mocksville, and Miss Cleta Mae Ragsdale, of Asheboro, route 1.

During the social hour Mrs. Carson Winningham excelled in a cracker-eating contest. A salad course constituted the refreshments.

Roberta Church, Q. L. Joyner, Pastor.—It has been several weeks since our last report came in, but we are not sleeping.

We are glad indeed that our Sunday school is still growing and improving because we add a few new members each Sunday. We have Sunday school at 10 o'clock and preaching at 11. Visitors are always welcome. Our Sunday school held a contest and the Intermediate boys won with the average attendance of about 43 to 49. They certainly deserved the amends of the people so let's give them a big hurrah! The purpose of this contest was to get people more interested in the church and the Lord's work. Now as the contest is over we hope our attendance will prosper still.

We are very glad to have two new members unite with our beloved church: Mrs. J. Blackwelder and Mrs. Theodora Blackwelder. We extend our hearty welcomes, and Christian fellowship.

The Ladies' Bible class met at Mrs. Robert Chochran, June 10. Visitors and members were present.

We express our cordial, sincere, and appreciative welcome to everyone.

REPORTER.

Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, T. M. Johnson, Pastor, June 13.—On Sunday morning, June 12, our pastor filled his regular appointment. His subject was "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," (Matt. 28:19.) This was very interesting and should have made all who were present feel how much our offerings are needed in the foreign mission field. Sunday night our pastor's message centered around the subject, "The Manifestation of God" (John 9:3).

We are glad to report the persons on the sick list are improving rapidly.

The Ladies' Aid will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday night, June 22, sponsored by Mrs. W. M. Compton. Their subject will be "Fellowship Furtherance Through Law." We are looking forward to a grand meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McClimon visited the home of Mr. B. A. McClimon Sunday.

An estimate given by the secretary amounting to $157.80 was used recently on the improvement of our church grounds.

It grieves our hearts very much to write that Mrs. Sara Anders, a beloved member of the Willing Workers' class, was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. We wish her a speedy recovery.

A special offering of $5 was taken Sunday for the Children's Home. Everyone seemed to get a joy from giving to this cause.

A Children's Day program, to be given Sunday night, June 26, has been started. The pageant is under the direction of Miss Lucille Davis, former president of C. E. society, and Misses Esta Compton and Hortense Foster are directing the Junior C. E. program. Mrs. H. R. McClimon and Mrs. A. A. Foster are assisting.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

Granville Circuit, J. P. Pegg, Pastor.—The work on Granville charge is moving along nicely. Recently, interesting programs have been given at Union Chapel and Rehobeth. It was a memorial service at Union on the fourth Sunday in May. Some of the interesting history of this old and influential church was review. At Rehobeth, the home-coming was the third Sunday in May. Here we were glad to have many former members with us. It was a good day for Rehobeth.

Mr. L. R. Woodlief has returned home from Watts hospital, Durham, much improved. Mr. Julian Van Dyke is home from the Henderson hospital. He is recovering nicely from an operation. Mrs. S. V. Floyd who has been confined to her home for the past several days, is out again. We trust that these will soon be with us at church again.

Our attendance at Mt. Carmel was good last Sunday. The house was nearly filled. The Sunday school is going again at Mt. Carmel. Both attendance and interest are good. We hope there will be continued improvement.

The third quarterly conference will convene at Mt. Carmel church on Saturday, July 9, at 10 a. m. It is hoped that we will have a full attendance, and good reports.

The pastor spent last week in the summer conference at High Point College. This was a week of great profit and interest. Indeed a fine summer conference.

J. P. PEGG, Pastor.

Shiloh C. E. Society, Shiloh Charge.—Our C. E. society is getting along fine. Our attendance is good and Sunday night, June 5, we had 50 members present and 10 visitors. We want to welcome all those who visit with us in our meetings and also those who are taking part in carrying on the work of our Lord. We had one of the most interesting programs, we have had in a long time. It was led by Lacie Sisk, and was entitled, "What's in the Bible?" We all enjoy the study of the Bible. Pray for us that we may do more for the work of the Master in the future than we have in the past.

A shadow of sorrow crept over the many friends of Frank Waitman Saturday, May 21, when for the last time, he entered Shiloh church, to which he had been faithful since early childhood. Frank's cheerful smile won him many friends who showed their love through the great mound of flowers which banked his grave. Frank joined the church while still very young and had been an active member of the C. E. society for many years.

We, the members of our C. E. society of which Frank had been an honored member for many years, wish to record our deep sorrow at his going, and while we bow in humble submission to our Father's will, we cannot keep back the tears nor suppress the sorrow that fills our hearts. We shall miss him in our church services, and when we come to our C. E. meetings there will always be a vacant chair. His presence was an inspiration to us all, and we are better and happier because of his noble Christian life.

BEATRICE SINK, Reporter.

First Methodist Protestant Church, Albemarle, C. G. Isley, Pastor.—Our pastor brought us two splendid sermons today. Our Sunday school attendance has increased over that of last year, under the efficient leadership of our superintendent, Mr. J. E. Gantt.

The 15th District Rally met in our church on the 29th of May. All the churches of the district were represented. A splendid program was enjoyed by all that were present.

We are glad to report that $600 has been applied on our church debt.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet Monday night of this week. They will be entertained at an outing by the Lucy Hatley circle.

Our pastor has returned from Danville, Va., where he assisted Rev. R. L. Vickery in a revival meeting. He is helping Rev. C. L. Spencer, of Randleman, in a revival this week.

We are glad that Miss Dona Gantt, Frances Hatley, Emma Harkey, and Bob Lipe and Charles Lowder are planning to attend the Young People's Summer conference at High Point college next week.

Mrs. J. E. Gantt's class of boys will entertain Lloyd Troxler's class of girls at a swimming party Saturday evening at Beaver's Lake.

A marriage of much interest to our people was that of Lloyd Troxler, of this city, and Miss Nell Hays, of Berea, Ky. Mr. Troxler is a leading member of our church. They will be at home in Albemarle after June 24.

MRS. COLAN MAULDIN, Reporter.

Efland, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—Quite a few of our members were present at Hebron for the District Rally and had a very enjoyable day. It is encouraging to hear reports from other churches and to learn of their work. Following the Rally the quarterly conference was held. All of the churches were represented and reports were very good.

We were very much pleased to have our pastor's father preach for us the first Sunday evening. He brought a splendid message, using "Life Invested" as his theme. In his discussion of this theme he impressed the fact that "The things of this world are not simple." We will be glad to have Brother Morris with us again whenever he can come.

Among those present in this large congregation were Mrs. J. D. Morris, our pastor's mother; Mr. Woodroe Morris and Everette Morris, Jr., of Pinnacle; Mrs. Geraldine Brafford, Miss Nellie Searse; Messrs. Hugh and Raymond Yeatts, of Danville, Va., and several members of the Hebron church. Come again all of you. We remind you again of our Home-coming day on the third Sunday in

June and hope all former members and as many former pastors as can will be with us.

On a recent evening Circle No. 2 of the Auxiliary, honored two of their members who are leaving soon to make their homes in Chapel Hill: Mrs. R. B. Studebaker and Mrs. H. L. Swain.

On Tuesday, June 7, the Men's Bible class and the Young Men's class honored their teachers, Mrs. R. B. Studebaker and Mr. H. L. Swain at a chicken dinner party. About 50 persons including wives and friends of these classes enjoyed a delightful meal and several hours of fellowship together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Crutchfield. Singing was an enjoyable part of the program including popular old songs and hymns, closing with "Auld Lang Syne" and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Pastor Morris spoke briefly expressing the appreciation of the group for what these friends had meant to Efland and the community and Mrs. Studebaker expressed the thanks of the honor guests.

Out of town guests included Master Everette Morris, Jr., of Pinnacle, and Mr. James, of Mebane.

I am delighted to make a correction to a statement I made in a former report: Our pastor was among the graduates of Duke university and received his degree of "Bachelor of Divinity" and not "Master of Arts" as I said before. We congratulate him on this high achievement and wish him success in his work.

REPORTER.

Draper Church, J. L. Love, Pastor, June 13.—It has been sometime since there has been a report from our church but this is no evidence, that we are not going forward with our work. Our pastor continues to bring us inspiring sermons, he preached a wonderful sermon Sunday night on "The Church at Ephesus"; a fine spirit prevailed. He also preached a good message at the morning hour on "Render unto Caesar the things that Caeser's and to God the things that are God's."

The C. E. society had a very interesting program Sunday night.

Our Sunday school is doing fine, considering the sickness in our community and the people that are away on week-ends visiting. Our Sunday school superintendent, N. F. Stuart, and our pastor, are planning a weiner roast for the boys in about two weeks.

Brother Love is away this week at High Point College attending the Pastors' Summer school.

The Ladies' Aid will have their monthly meeting next week.

The Young People's class had their regular class meeting Tuesday night at Magelene Chilton's; a nice time was had by all present. Miss Chilton served cakes and lemonade.

Mrs. J. W. Saunders, one of our members, was honored by a birthday supper Saturday night, a large crowd was there to wish Mrs. Saunders a happy birthday. Rev. Love returned thanks. After the supper they had prayer meeting. Rev. Mr. Oats, of Spray, N. C., had charge and made a wonderful talk. We were glad to have Brother Oats and wife in our prayer meeting; always glad to have visitors worship with us.

A MEMBER.

Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor, June 12.—Since our last report Brother Morgan has filled every appointment; and brought us very helpful messages. Yesterday his text was found in the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians. "Moreover brethren I declare unto you the gospel."

We are planning a Children's Day program which will be given on the fourth Sunday, June 26. Everybody come and enjoy the day with us.

We were very glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moss, Mrs. Nathan Falkner, Mrs. Hurbert Vincent, Miss Minnie Gay, Mr. Atwell Norwood, and his little brother, from the nearby M. E. church, worship with us yesterday.

On Easter Sunday one of our faithful members, Mrs. Della Gray, was in a car wreck and seriously injured, which proved to be fatal on the following Friday morning. She will be missed in the church and community, but the loss will be most keenly felt in her home by her husband and adopted daughter. May the Lord give them sustaining grace in these days of bereavement.

MABEL PEARSON, Reporter.

Lebanon Church, High Point, O. L. Easter, Pastor.—Things have been moving along at Lebanon, although a number of our regular attending members have been ill and kept away from services and their regular posts of duty. Our pastor had to miss his services on May 29 because of his illness. Rev. Aubert Smith most ably filled the pulpit at the 11 o'clock service, and although we hope our pastor will not have to miss his appointment because of sickness again, we hope that Mr. Smith will come back to visit us again. At the evening service our own Rev. Herman Yokley preached and our hearts were made glad by his message and the opportunity of having him worship with us from the pulpit.

Rev. Mr. Easter had improved and was able to meet his appointment on June 5 at the 11 o'clock hour and following the yearly custom the evening services were called off in order that parents might attend the annual high school commencement sermon preached at this time. Four of the young people of our church graduated from the local high school this year and on last Thursday evening the Ladies' Aid society was hostess to around 75 of our church people at the annual graduate banquet given in their honor. Misses Eunice Briggs, Ruth King, Luther McPherson and Mrs. Florence Bryant Montgomery were the graduate guests. Mrs. Montgomery's marriage to Robert Montgomery having been announced only a few days before graduation. Congratulations and best wishes of the entire church go to these young people as they leave high school to really commence a life of service and training. Dr. N. G. Bethea, of West End church, Greensboro, was the guest speaker for the banquet and he delighted those present with pictures of his trips to Florida and some beautiful scenery of our own "Old North State." We were happy to have Dr. and Mrs. Bethea even for such a short visit with us and hope they may return soon.

At the mid-week prayer service on Wednesday evening the pastor asked Mr. V. P. Hammer to lead the service while he attended the Pastors' Conference at High Point College. A goodly number assembled for the prayer service and much interest is felt in this service from week to week.

Much activity is seen among the ladies of the church in the different organizations as they are endeavoring to pay for the nice new carpet that adds so much to the appearance of our church.

The Sunday school, under the leadership of Mr. C. A. King, got off to a good start Sunday morning when they started their summer program by assembling in the church hut for the opening exercises.

West End, Thomasville, State Street Charge, O. C. Loy Pastor.—The Woman's Auxiliary met Friday night, May 27, with Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Loy in Lexington with 12 members and two visitors present. A very interesting meeting was held. The members decided to use the rain and sunshine bags during the next month, one group putting in a penny every day it rains and the other when the sun shines all day. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. R. L. Binkley, June 24.

On Tuesday night, May 31, the baby popularity contest prizes were presented to the contestants. After a short program a social hour was enjoyed and sandwiches, cake and lemonade were served.

The Auxiliary secretary of Young People's Work, Lillian Binkley, recently organized the Girls' Sunday school class into a circle with Frances Pleasant elected as president. The first regular monthly meeting was held at the home of the president with 19 members and one visitor present. The circle has 24 members. Plans were begun for an entertainment called a "country fair" sometime during the month of June. The girls are very interested in the new organization. We hope

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that we may prove to be a big help to the church some day. The circle will meet next month with Julia Binkley, July 5.

The Christian Endeavor society put on a program for the State Street society, Sunday night, June 5. The president, Lillian Binkley, had charge of the program. Edna Binkley spoke on "What I Have Gained from My School Life" and Beulah Templeton on "Opportunities That Await a School Graduate." Rev. Mr. Loy also talked about how to be popular without sacrificing our ideals. We received a very warm welcome at State Street and enjoyed our visit with them. The State Street society was invited to come over to West End and put on a program sometime soon.

REPORTER.

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Concord, E. O. Peeler, Pastor, June 13.—On the first Sunday we were very happy to receive into our church family, Mrs. Fannie Cress, Mrs. Vaudrey Yow and Mrs. Burıel Craven. These good women were already good workers in our Sunday school and Auxiliary and we hope this will be a great blessing to one and another.

On the first Monday night our Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Lucy Holland, with Mrs. Lillie Ritch, Mrs. Louise Hopkins and Mrs. Addie Barringer as joint hostesses. A large number was present and we were very happy to add some new members to our roll, Mrs. W. I. Little and Mrs. Addie Barringer. Tonight our Missionary circles will meet and we hope to take in a good sum of money on our quilt.

Yesterday, the second Sunday, was a glad day for our church. Our Dedicatory service was held so you know it was a glad day. A thanksgiving day. Our President, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, was to have charge of the ceremonies, but we were so sorry to learn that he was ill and could not be with us. We hope he will soon be well and can come and be with us some other time. We were so happy to have Dr. P. E. Lindley, Dean of High Point College, with us. Dr. Lindley gave us such a beautiful message, using for his text, "I was glad when they said let us go to the house of the Lord." Dr. Lindley said he need not tell us that we had a beautiful church, he did not hardly know he was in the Concord church, it was only by looking around and seeing friends that he could tell. He and Mrs. Lindley really do have many many friends in Concord, he is one of our former pastors. We were so happy to have Mrs. Lindley and son with us. And we were happy to have Mrs. E. G. Lowdermilk with us on Saturday and Sunday. She came home from school with Mr. and Mrs. Peeler on Saturday. Mrs. Lowdermilk is the wife of one of our former pastors and we loved them dearly. The only trouble, Mrs. Lowdermilk could not be with all of us folks on Saturday and Sunday. So she will just have to take a long vacation and come to Concord, so she can spend some time with all of her friends here. Mr. W. J. Widenhouse was the chairman of our building committee and he presented the church for dedication. At this service some very beautiful and useful gifts were presented. Our pastor, Rev. E. O. Peeler, acted as master of ceremonies. A beautiful Baptismal bowl was given to the church in memory of Mr. W. R. Earnheardt; two collection plates were given in memory of Annie and Edy Earnhardt. These were given by Mrs. W. R. Earnhardt and daughter, Bertha. One collection plate was given in memory of Mr. W. H. Scarboro by his children. Mr. Scarboro was the first superintendent of our Sunday school and served for 18 years. Then he taught the Women's class as long as his health would permit. One collection plate was given in memory of Mr. J. A. Burris, by his children. Mr. Burris was chairman of our board of trustees at the time of his death. Mr. W. R. Earnhardt was chairman of our class leaders at the time of his death. These beautiful gifts were presented to the church by our pastor, Rev. E. O. Peeler. They were accepted for the church by Mr. Fred Sides. Our Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Ralph Waddell, has worked very heard for the new church and had looked forward to the dedication of the church, but we were so sorry that he became very ill on Saturday afternoon and could not attend the service. Our hearts were sad for him and we hope he will soon be well again. He is suffering from a nervous breakdown. We must say a word for our choir. We think our choir sings very sweetly all the time, but last Sunday they, well they just did extra well. We miss very much Miss Margie Pittman's voice in our choir and miss her presence among us as she has gone to her home for a while.

We were very happy to see many visitors in our service Sunday morning. Mrs. Lottie Brown Litaker was very fortunate in having all of her children but one with her at church to help us rejoice over our new church. Glad to have had Mr. and Mrs. Edd Earnhardt with us. Mr. Edd is the only brother of Mr. W. R. Earnhardt; also glad to have had Miss Kathleen Helms, of Chester S. C., who was a guest of Miss Nancy Laughlin. We just hope they all enjoyed the service so much that they will come back again.

Much praise and credit is due our faithful pastor, our building committee, our furniture committee, our finance committee, our carpet committee, our Sunday school, our board of trustees and our board of stewards. They have co-operated and worked very hard. Some of them maybe spent many sleepless nights but just kept working. So we know it was a glad day for them all. We are so glad that we have our new hymnals and all the folks could take part in the Dedication service.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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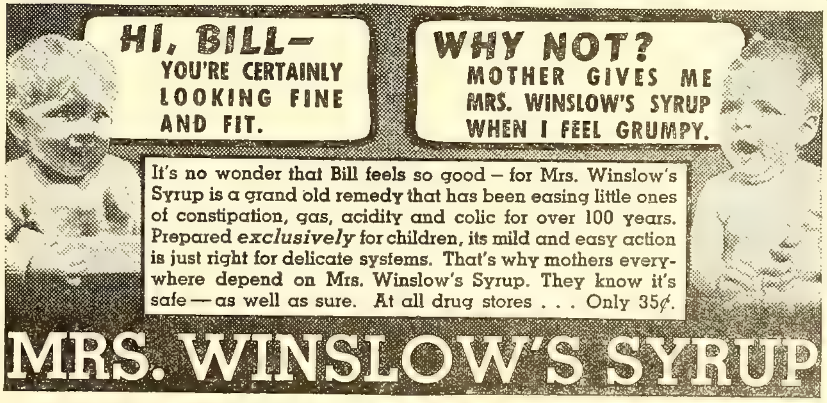
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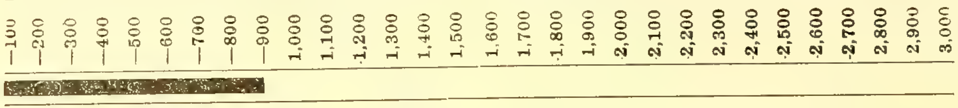

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Some say there is no such thing as a little pound, a little dollar, a little dime, etc. But I believe if you will look with me at last week's column, "Subscriptions Received" you will agree with me that there is such a thing, (rather place,) as Littleton-ton. Right here in the midst of the time when we are saying that money is scarce, times are hard, recession, lack of interest, and a dozen other things that in some cases we can hardly analyze, here comes Brother J. H. Trolinger, pastor of Littleton charge with 22 subscriptions! Think of it! Coming from a farming section, too. Well, some may say there was not a whole subscription in the list. That is true. But to my mind there is no better way to get a whole one than to get a half, or even a quarter. Most of them come back for another half and thus it becomes a whole before the thing is over with. Another thing: If I understood Brother Trolinger correctly, these came mostly from one church. That brings you, with one more half brother, to half of the number of your quota for the year. Looks to me with three other churches to work with, you will soon be out. Let us hope so anyway and work to that end. Thank you Brother Trolinger and everyone that helped you to lead the list this time.

Two life-savers in one week! That helps so much. That big loaf coming from the State Treasurer of N. C. Branch, Mrs. Kearns, gives subsidy a boost such as it does not get often. Yet it survived the shock and is willing to try another one if some one will just open up and administer it.

Let every pastor and Herald agent read the call from the Editor in issue of June 9. You will find it at bottom of column one, page four. If you read it and it made no impression, look it up and read again. Thank you!

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The Apostolic Benediction

By DR. C. E. FORLINES

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

Divine grace was first seen by men in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was He who became man and dwelt among us, and "we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." "And of his fullness have we all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

Grace is beauty of action. It is power working perfectly in the doing of its work. It may be seen in the physical order. The astronomer sees it in the movements of the heavenly bodies. The physicist sees it in the great seed of electrons and protons. The machinist sees it in the running of a great dynamo, and the working of a huge machine. It may be seen in the animal world. The ornithologist sees it in the flight of birds. The zoologist sees it in animal movements. And the ichthyologist sees it in the swimming of fish. It is seen also in the human realm, especially in the arts. It is perceived in the rhythm of poetry and music. But the home of grace is in the moral order. It is the principle of all goodness. It is loving-kindness serving the needy. In the divine order it is not only bounty to need, but it is free and undeserved bounty to sinners. It is the great sacrificial loving-kindness of God giving itself freely in mercy to undeserving sinners, transforming them into saints, and developing them into the fullness of the stature of Jesus Christ.

Grace, then, is one whole bounty, but we approach it from different sides. We draw upon it for different needs, and on different levels of life. Hence it becomes "saving grace," "forgiving grace," "restraining grace," "sustaining grace," "sanctifying grace," "living grace," and "dying grace."

Grace has saving power. "By grace ye are saved." It freely forgives. We are "justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." It can be imparted. "Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." It can be cultivated. We are to "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." It is abundant. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." It is equal to every emergency. "My grace is sufficient for thee." It is both sacrificial and beneficent. "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Though he was "in the form of God, he "thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of sinful men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all," and may He "grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know, the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with the fullness of God."

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Pastors' School Again

The pastors' school which had been in session at High Point College, for two weeks closed at noon on Friday of last week. Sixty-eight pastors registered, nineteen took work for credits and twenty-one did the work with no thought of getting credit. Others sat in occasionally. Wives of eleven pastors were present and the most of these attended classes and took notes as carefully as did the ministers. The fellowship was the finest which we have had since the days when the pastors assembled at the Children's Home and stayed for a whole week. Drs. Shroyer and Forlines were at their best. The evening lectures were all good. I think it safe to say that the most popular person present at the school was Jabus Pegg, the three-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Pegg, of the Granville Charge.

Children's Home Anniversary

Please do not forget to make ample provision for the Children's Home Anniversary on Thursday of next week. The services begin at 10 o'clock in the morning. Let as many as can attend, bring a good offering and plenty of dinner. I am very sorry that I will not be able to attend. But the entertainment committee of the Uniting Conference will be meeting in Evanston, Ill., that morning to select the place and provide for the comfort of the delegates to the Uniting Conference and I feel that I ought to be there.

The Leadership School

On Monday of this week young people from all parts of our Conference assembled at High Point College for the Annual Leadership School. While it is too early to give any definite figures yet it seems that the attendance will be very good. This school has become very important in our Conference life. I trust it may measure up in every respect.

A Sunday Morning at Pleasant Grove

Last Sunday morning was spent with the Pleasant Grove Church, Rev. Fred R. Love, pastor. This Church is located just off the highway, about midway between High Point and Thomasville. A good sand clay road leads out to the Church building from the highway. The location is almost ideal. It is far enough from the highway not to be bothered by the noise and yet close enough to be easily accessible. The Church building is of wooden construction and is large enough to accommodate a large congregation. The building has recently been painted both inside and out and it makes a very attractive appearance. The Sunday School building contains quite a large number of rooms for classes. Two hundred and eighteen were in Sunday School last Sunday and the auditorium was practically filled for the Church services. Brother Love is popular with his people and seems to be doing fine work. This good Church, together with a nice brick parsonage with all modern conveniences is one of the most attractive rural charges we have in the Conference.

A Sunday Evening at West End

Last Sunday evening was spent with the West End Church in Greensboro, Rev. N. G. Bethea, D.D., pastor. For a number of years this has been one of our most progressive churches. It can always be depended on to do its part. Threatening weather last Sunday evening cut the congregation but it was a pleasure to be there any way. Dr. Bethea is so well known in our Conference that it would be almost out of place to try to tell the people about him. He is always on the job, capable and consecrated and he always gets things done.

Pastors' Reports *(Continued)*

Denton, G. L. Curry, pastor: Attendance 39%, some gain, thirteen members received, salary not quite paid in full, Seminary, Young People and Easter offerings taken, A. C. Expenses and College assessments raised in full, Duplex envelope system installed at both churches, new song books at Canaan, some improvements at one Church, improvements made on parsonage.

Midway, J. R. Hutton, pastor: Attendance 75%, a gain, four members received, some money in hand for assessments but not yet sent in, $50.00 spent on improvements.

Pleasant Grove, Fred R. Love, pastor: Attendance 75%, a gain, two members received, salary paid in full, Seminary, Young People and Easter offerings taken, A. C. Expenses paid, part of College assessment paid, painting Church outside.

Randolph, G. L. Reynolds, pastor: Attendance 40%, about normal, salary not paid in full, Easter offering taken, A. C. Expenses raised in full, part of College assessment raised, Bethel built Sunday School rooms, Bethany finished Sunday School rooms started last year, Gray's Chapel and Shiloh churches recovered and painted churches.

Draper, J. L. Love, pastor: Attendance 70%, a gain, ten members received, salary not paid in full, took offering at Easter.

Spring Church, B. M. Williams, pastor: Attendance 75%, small gain, one member received, salary not paid in full, took Seminary, Young People and Easter offerings, A. C. Expenses and College assessment partly raised, Pleasant Hill Church repaired.

State Street, Lexington, O. C. Loy, pastor: Attendance 35%, a gain, one member received, salary paid at State Street but not at West End, took Young People and Easter offerings, paid $500 on Church debt.

Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, J. D. Morris, pastor: Attendance 50%, some gain, no new members received, salary not paid in full, took Easter offering, raised part of A. C. Expenses, state has improved Pinnacle Church grounds to extent of $1,500 in connection with new highway.

Appointments

Sunday, June 26—Saxapahaw Charge, Saxapahaw at 11 o'clock and Salem at 2:30 o'clock.

Sunday, July 3—Guilford Charge, Vickery at 9:45 and Fairfield at 11 a. m.

Sunday, July 10—Shiloh Charge, Friendship at 11 a. m., Greer's at 3 p. m. and Shiloh at 8 p. m.

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A Call of Youth

You whose hearts possess a dream
You whose vision still is true,
Will you follow still the gleam?
Will you build the world anew?

Futile is the reign of hate,
Fated is the rule of gold;
On your deeds great issues wait,
Let your hearts with love be bold.

Vain are all the tools of war,
Vain the boastings of success;
These the dreams you battle for;
Faith and truth and righteousness.

Let who will despise your youth,
Let them trail your words in dust;
You shall conquer, with the truth;
In your visions be your trust.

You whose hearts possess a dream,
God is God; his word is true;
Follow still the luring gleam
Till the world is built anew.
—*Thomas Curtis Clark.*

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"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away . . . And I, John, saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

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We are beginning on the front page this week the address delivered by Dr. C. E. Forlines at the Pastors' Conference on the Apostolic Benediction. It will be published in three installments; this week's division is the "Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ." It is a most helpful and scholarly address.

After Union, What?

Here is one thing that must not happen when Methodist Union is consummated. There must be no reprisals. Those in positions of leadership, whether high or low, must not allow their prejudice for those who did not see eye to eye with them in the beginning of the Methodist Union movement to be in evidence. It certainly would be unChristian, and therefore unworthy of any Christian to resort to such a practice. So there must not be any demotions or promotions because of failing to support or because men did support the Union movement. The Kingdom of God is not advanced that way. We shall be greatly disappointed if any act by our leaders shall be of such a character that it can be so constructed when the machinery for setting up the merger shall be determined.

Neither should any loyal Methodist find sufficient reason for leaving his Church when the change is made. Of course, if one is not a Methodist and has not felt at home in one of the Methodist churches, he might be happier could he find a Church in which he does feel at home. But since there will be no change of the doctrine of the Church, no change of the membership of the Church you are now in, these will not be disturbed; only in rare cases will there be a change of the place of meeting. So you will hear the same doctrine preached, worship with the same group of friends, and possibly at the same place each Sunday, therefore you may feel more at home there than at any place you could find outside of the old Church.

The results of this great merger will be largely spiritual. Those who are looking for any financial benefits will surely be disappointed; and if there be any who are expecting to come to them larger salaries or more honor as ministers, they ought to be disappointed. To the local Church man, he will find less friction in his work, larger fields for denominational service, and a wider fellowship with the workers of a large Church. It is here that we expect to reap our largest benefit of the Union. To be one with a communion so numerous, so effective, so consecrated, so determined to carry forward the work of our Lord; I am fondly expecting to enter into this new relationship with a profound satisfaction. May God hasten the coming of such a day. And may there be no disintegration or breaking up of the memberships of our churches.

In Appreciation of Dr. Forlines

Any one sitting in on a class taught by Dr. Forlines very soon becomes aware that he is in the presence of a great teacher with a master mind. Our acquaintance with him dates back to the time he was still a student in college; we have had opportunity to note with pleasure the rapid advancement he has made as a scholar. There is no man in our denomination and possibly only a few in our country whose grasp of truth is firmer, whose study has carried him in more fields of knowledge than Dr. Forlines. Many of his friends are wishing that he might have time from his many other duties to prepare for publication such books in the field of religious education as he doubtless desires to publish. We know his books would be highly prized and render a wonderful service to students in religious education and philosophy.

Faithfulness

What quality of life is appreciated more than faithfulness? Damon and Pythias of pagan history; David and Jonathan of Hebrew history, will ever challenge our esteem. The faithful father, the faithful mother, the faithful son, the faithful daughter, the faithful friend, the faithful citizen to his country, the faithful member to his Church. These folk will surely enter that circle which Abram of old established; he was called the friend of God because of his faithfulness to the Lord.

We have pastors who will ever be remembered, not because of their education, nor talent as public speakers, nor by the executive ability they may have, but because of their faithfulness to the tasks to which they are called. You can count on them to be faithful. They may not always be successful in doing all they set out to do, but they will be faithful — let others be as they may and do as they please.

And after all is said, can you find a finer, more necessary quality of mind and spirit in one than faithfulness? Demos did not exhibit it, Benedict Arnold was devoid of it, Judas knew it not. Oh, there are hordes of the race who will run away from a country when it is invaded, leave a task when it is hard, forsake a friend when he is in desperate need of help. But not the faithful man or woman. Ruth standing beside her mother-in-law and saying, "Entreat me not to leave thee nor to return from following after thee, for where thou goest I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge, where thou diest, I will die and there will I be buried." No wonder there flowed from such a life a race with so many who were great in the sight of both man and God. "Be thou faithful unto death" was the exhortation to the early Christian in the times of great persecution, suffering and death. And the beauty about it all is, any one may be faithful; the rich, the poor, the educated, the ignorant, the person with one talent and those with two or five. Any of these may be faithful even though they may never be rich or learned or eloquent of speech. *Be thou faithful to the task committed to thy hand.*

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The Place-Seeking Minister

That minister who becomes a place-seeker has largely lost his grip upon the people he might help most with their problems and sorrows. He is now self-centered and has but little time for others. A minister cannot be greatly concerned about where he shall work, what his salary shall be, how he is honored by his brethren, and at the same time concerned about the interests of the Kingdom of God. The record of the Christian Church shows that those who became sticklers for honor among men, who insisted upon due reward for their labors, soon ceased to be numbered among the saints. It must greatly pain our Lord to see one who has been ordained to Christian service resorting to political methods to secure or to hold a position of higher honor or of unusual financial remuneration. The spirit is not the Spirit of our Lord and not one of us should ever nurture it for even a moment. St. Paul who possessed so many more reasons for being highly honored among men than we, said "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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When the Fellowship Crusade Is to End

There seems to be some misunderstanding about when the Fellowship Crusade is to close in the North Carolina Conference. According to the action of the Board of Administration at Tiffin last month, it is to end in November, at the end of this Conference year. Until then we are to proceed with the Crusade as we began.

But all money raised on the Fellowship Crusade from now on is to be credited to World Service; that is, four-fifteenths of the total amount a Church raises for the Crusade may become a credit to that Church on its World Service budget for next year. Before the action taken by the Board of Administration no credit was to be given on the World Service budget for money raised on the Fellowship Crusade. So there is now this difference: not all your Church raises, but four-fifteenths of the amount may become a credit to the W. S. budget. Three and one-half fifteenths is to go to the Annual Conference debts, and seven and one-half fifteenths goes to High Point College.

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SHARING SERVICE WITH THE LIVING CHRIST

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, June 26, 1938

By REV. O. L. EASTER

Lesson Text—Mark 16: 1-8; 14-16; 19, 20.

Golden Text—"And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them." Mark 16:20.

The subject of our lesson speaks of our sharing with the Lord, and we truly love to think of this possibility. He has so much of which we need to share; yet when we accept this possibility of sharing with Him in His gifts we must go all the way with Him. There are angles to it that our minds and hearts at the very first delight to think upon, but there is also another angle that some have preferred to shun or shrink from. Among the many great gifts that have come down to man through Jesus there are found all the great treasures that mortal man has longed for and struggled for all his days. With Him came the most noble and consoling conception of God that is a great contrast to the meagre and frightening ideas thus held by men. The disciples saw Him drop on His knees in the garden or on the Mount in the most natural way and talk with the living God as they would a father. They heard his marvelous idea unfolded in the parable of the prodical son and other superb teachings, but the best of it all was the offer to them the privilege of sharing in this divine fatherhood when He taught them to pray by saying, "Our Father who art in Heaven." Then, too, Christ seemed to have the power to successfully meet the age-old problem of sin and temptation, being without spot or blemish. Here again He gave us the power to share in this gift by shedding His blood to atone for our sins. The women in our present scripture lesson were struggling with their spirits heavy with that old problem of the victory of death as they went to Christ's tomb. Here they came to find out that He even had power over death and also they were offered a share in that power in words like these "In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you."

I say, we are truly glad at the prospect of sharing these with the Lord, but along comes the thought found in our lesson that we are also expected to share in His service to the world. Now we know something of what Jesus had to suffer in order to serve and save us; how He was despised and rejected of men. We hear echoes of those hard sayings of His to those who glibly offered to share His Cross, something about hating father and mother yes, and even one's own life. Considering these facts as they forever appear through His teachings of what it takes to be a true sharer in His service many of us like the Young Ruler turn away sorrowful—sorrowful that such a wonderful desire should have this undesirable element in it. However, to him who is willing to have faith in the Master's purpose and love this becomes, instead of a stumbling block to his joy in Christ, the most priceless privilege of them all.

"And they — preached everywhere, the Lord working with them." What a magnificent fact to share in for men, the thought of being laborers together with God. How can any task that we have to perform ever be commonplace if viewed from this angle, how can we afford to waste such precious time? Of course Jesus admitted that He offered a cross with this opportunity but He showed us that in His fellowship the burden became light and the yoke easy. His loving presence acts as a cushion between the yoke that will ease the load. For instance the women did not see how they were to get to Christ's body to care for because they had no one to move the stone, but their faith sent them on and God moved it. It is our duty to go where Christ leads in service; it is our joy to know that God will remove the immovable obstacles. Paul as an apostle of the gospel faced many odds and hardships with Christ, and he never seemed afraid nor defeated. The source of this courage came from his sense of the presence and power of the "Living Lord" and his own determination to know nothing save Jesus and Him crucified. He gave voice to this conviction in these words to the Hebrews (Hebrews 13:6) "That we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper and I will not fear what any man shall do unto me." With a weapon like that the powers of the world are helpless to stop us in our service for Christ. Louis XI, irritated by the preaching of a Christian name Milliard, thought to easily put a stop to the preaching by sending a message to Milliard that said if he did not quit he would be thrown into the river to drown. Milliard, knowing the Lord as his helper, sent back this answer, "I shall get to heaven quicker by water than you with all your fast horses." Was Milliard a bold braggard? If he was then Jesus and His followers are all braggards. To me a braggard is one who boasts loudly of powers that he does not possess and it does not take long for the world to laugh down such a bully. It has not ever been able to scorn a Christian ultimately.

It is at this point, however, that both the Church and the world allow themselves to be deceived as to the real facts in the case. In the case of the worldly powers that strive so ambitiously to war against the service of Christ they are tempted not to take account of the power and presence of God in the lives of His followers who seem to be merely talking boldly. Thus did Goliath when he faced the childish challenge of the boy David; so did all the soldiers at the command of Herod when they scoffed and mocked Jesus of Nazareth who claimed to be the "King of the Jews"; and thus through all Christian history case upon case.

On the other hand the Church has never wanted to laugh down this power but it has been tempted at times to accept it and then forget that it is a worker with God. It was such a sin that robbed Moses there at the rock of his entering the promised land. It was such a temptation that was thrust at the Master there in the wilderness over which he was victorious. There have been times when we in the Church have yielded to this temptation and have taken things too much in our own hands, forgetting that we are sharing in the task of Christ. That is the only way that we can explain some movements and failures that have been made by the Church, for some have not had the success nor the sanction of His loving presence.

The true power of His Church today lies in its power to offer the salvation of Christ to change the heart and lives of individuals thus enabling them to become truly righteous. Let us accept this whole fellowship of Christ's kingdom and go forth with that magnificent fact ever before us that the Risen Lord is working with us.

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VOLCANOES ARE GREAT MINERS; BRING WEALTH FROM THE DEPTHS

Boiling floods of lava and glowing clouds of gas are not the only products of volcanoes, geologists find. Many volcanoes have brought useful and valuable minerals—gold, silver, diamonds, or oil, close to the surface where men can get at them.

Reporting his field findings to the Geological Society of Washington, Dr. A. H. Koschmann, of the United States Geological Survey, told of the Cripple Creek volcano near Pikes Peak, Col., whose eruption 25 million years ago brought millions of dollars worth of gold into the rocks near the surface, where it could be reached by mining operations.

After the first eruptions, the crater floor collapsed, carrying leaves and tree trunks deep into the earth, where they are now found as fossils.

Near Silverton, Colorado, a similar volcano brought 250 cubic miles of new material to the surface at about the same time as the Cripple Creek eruption. This created the famous Camp Bird mining area, which built the fabulous fortune of the late Tom Walsh, it was reported by Dr. W. S. Burbank, also of the United States Geological Survey. To date, more than $270,000,000 in gold and silver have been mined in the San Juan area near Silverton, of which $30,000,000 came from Camp Bird. After the first eruption of the Silverton Volcano, one of the craters, eight miles in diameter, collapsed, opening hundreds of fissures in the surrounding rock, which were later filled with rich deposits of gold and silver, some of them five to seven miles long.

Volcanic activity in the ancient Gulf Coastal Plain, an area which now includes Texas, Arkansas, and Mississippi, brought diamonds to Arkansas, and formed oil traps in other areas, Dr. Hugh D. Miser, of the Geological Survey, stated. Erupting eighty million years ago, the ancient volcanoes were discovered during drilling operations only since 1915.

New Mexico, a million or so years ago, had a volcanic lake in the Valles mountains similar to the present Crater Lake in Oregon, Dr. C. S. Ross, government geologist, reported. This crater, which is the largest explosive crater known, was seventeen miles long and thirteen miles wide.—*Science News Letter.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

On Growing More Conservative

Several of my friends have recently remarked upon my growing tendency toward conservatism. They seem to see signs of fundamentalism in my views of religion. One student, half jestingly, even accused me of “gettin’” religion. Where so many are taking notice of my deflection in the faith there must be some reasons, and I am wondering what the explanation can be.

That I have experienced considerable change in my doctrinal outlook, I will admit. So long as a person learns he changes. It is my privilege to read and study as I continue to teach. This gives a splendid opportunity to grow and improve along the line of religious thinking. It is doubtless, true, therefore, that my writings do reflect certain new insights I am gaining into the nature of the Christian faith. I do not count myself more conservative, necessarily, but I do know my opinions change. If these changes bring me into a fuller appreciation of the truth, then, I consider the achievement as progressive. One can be conservative and wrong as easily as he can be conservative and be right. It is progress, I think, to discover bigger truth regardless of the direction in which it happens to lead. Tennyson said: “I will follow knowledge like a sinking star.” And it is this following after truth that leads me to new insights. Some call it conservative, some call it liberal.

Advancing age is given as the common cause for conservatism. Generally there is something to this argument. One seasons as he grows older: his thinking is more sober. This, however, need not be the case with a person who reads and keeps up with advancing thought. And while I am no excessive reader, it is true that my work keeps me somewhat in line with new books and changing opinions in the field of religious thought. I do not, then, attribute my conservatism, if indeed it be that, to this source.

Here are two reasons for my recent stress on a more real and vital emphasis on spiritual religion. The first is the influence of certain books I have read. Fosdick’s “The Meaning of Prayer,” and Lewis’s “A Christian Manifesto,” did more to open my eyes to the fuller significance of the Christian doctrines than any other experience I can recall. After enjoying these books it dawned on me that most of us have been merely playing at this thing of Christian faith. The Sermon on the Mount along with all of the other good *teachings* of Christ I appreciated well enough, but it was by no means clear to me what the New Testament meant by the glorious doctrine of sonship with God. But I do not call this conservatism so much as a new achievement. It had never been explained to me just how and what was implied by the spiritualized Christ who actually dwells now in the human life transforming it into the divine nature of God Himself. Now I see that Christ *is* the gospel. He is available, near, real to every believer, lifting him up into actual fellowship with the Father. When I came to appreciate this profound fact all human philosophy and mere moralizing about religion fell into the background. Christ is still with us; man is not alone in the world. He is an heir of God and even an equal heir with Christ Himself. Here is the grandest truth I ever met. Beside it all other ideas are small. It is the sublime life of the gospel; the genius of our Christian faith. This newer insight came to me from reading, especially from “A Christian Manifesto,” by Professor Edwin Lewis.

Now the second reason for my new emphasis upon deeper spirituality comes from my conviction that the wild, radical social philosophy spreading over the country today is leading our people into dangerous grounds. Every time I see another “movement” started I run for a look at the Cross. Every time a politician propounds another nostrum for our sick world he drives me deeper into the gospel. Social salvation has been preached so long that one hardly hears a word of invitation from Him who said, “Come unto me and I will give you rest.” The political doctors have had their say, they have drenched the patient with every tonic, bled him, and administered every magic formula known, but still the social body is sicker than ever. All of this wild and distressing treatment in the face of increasing ill quite naturally turns me to the genius and the skill of the Great Physician. As Dr. Forlines declared here at the College last week, nothing now so endangers the life of the Church and the world as does secularism. But man still has a Savior. He needs to be told about it, and the only way I see of rebuilding society is by rebuilding the individuals in that society. Let all come into their glorious estate of sonship of the highest and society will be saved. Call it conservatism if you like, but I rather consider it a new understanding of the liberal truth.

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METHODIST BISHOPS ON LIQUOR AND WAR

Every thoughtful citizen is profoundly concerned over the attitude of the public mind toward certain great moral issues of the day. It is now a little more than four years since the repeal of national prohibition of the beverage liquor traffic. The results are apparent on every hand. Alcoholic liquor is being released in an unrestrained flood. Nearly every barrier that society had built by the struggle of a hundred years against the conscienceless liquor traffic has gone down in disastrous overthrow. The administration that stabbed the temperance movement of a century is doing nothing to curb the beast that it let loose upon the land.

The nation will not forget the solemn pledge of the President of the United States in proposing repeal that “by no possibility, at any time or under any conditions, at any place or under any circumstances shall that institution, the saloon, or its equivalent, be allowed to return to American life.” As a matter of fact, it has returned — nearly three times as numerous as before — and in a vastly more seductive form. More than a million girls are barmaids and in most states these places of sale are the rendezvous of men and women alike. This explicit pledge has become nothing but a meaningless scrap of paper, as well as numerous promises concerning the decline of taxes, the elimination of the bootlegger, the reduction of crime and the promotion of a program of real temperance. Everywhere the rapidly increasing volume of sales is accompanied by a mounting toll of drunkenness, accident, crime and damaged industry. By every test of the consequences, every system of license and so-called control now operating in this country is demonstrating itself an utter failure from the standpoint of reducing the liquor evil.

The bill of the American people for legalized liquors in the last four years has reached the enormous sum of $12,000,000,000, besides nearly as much more for the illicit traffic. The American Business Men's Research Foundation estimates its social cost in this period of time at $15,000,000,000 more. No such sum can be turned into drink without lowering the channel of every other business. The cost to society that the traffic entails is far more than any revenue that it pays. The heaviest drag upon American business, as well as the nation's moral progress, is the traffic in and use of alcoholic liquors.

The Methodist Church is the relentless foe of beverage alcohol. The Church long since exacted of its membership total abstinence from its use and espoused the cause of prohibition as a principle and policy of social action against the traffic, forbidding to its ministry and membership all complicity therein. We cannot accept the theory that the way to deal with a troublesome evil is to legalize it and go into partnership with it. Science is as irreversible as gravity that alcoholic liquor is a poisonous, narcotic, habit-forming drug. People have no more right to its beverage sale than they have to morphine. Civiliation must put them both in the same category and recognize the ravages. On these principles we take our stand and call upon all lovers of righteousness to unite with us in an unrelaxed purpose, not to compromise with, but destroy, the demon of strong drink in American life.

War strode over the world the other day like a devouring beast. No less than $600,000,000,000 worth of wrecked and wasted substance — the accumulation of the ages — was left lying in its wake. Ten million new-made graves swallowed up the flower of the world's youth. For a quarter century sorrow has sat in tears by millions of hearth-stones that had right to the love and life that God had given. Some who were accounted wise said it was a war to insure the world against future war. It has not done it. Lowering clouds are hanging over the world today and already they are breaking in a deluge of disaster upon several sectors of the globe. All the leading nations of the world are preparing for a threatened cataclysm and some are predicting the day for it to begin.

The world is staggering under the weight of war. Four-fifths of the various national budgets is expended for past wars or on the maintenance of present military establishments. Twelve billion dollars was appropriated by six or seven leading nations for military equipment last year. Our own government is in the race to possess the most formidable fighting machine that mankind has ever known. How destructive such implements may be made startles the imagination. Science can make the next war an almost universal holocaust. They are all but ready to send forth vipers of the air, under radio control, with no human hand upon the engines, that can rain poison enough upon London or New York or Tokyo to leave no man or woman or child or animal or insect alive. The greatest city of the world may become a morgue of the dead in a single day.

God never made the nations and appointed the bounds of their habitation for men to fear and hate and fight one another like beasts of the jungle. Civilization cannot stand up under the strain of it. It is high time for the Christian Church to rise in spiritual majesty and say, "Never again!" This whole hellish business must be done away. The exhaustion of the nations in war and preparation for war must stop. The underlying causes of ascribed inferiority and discrimination must cease. A world that has been organized for war must be internationally organized for peace. The Universal Church of Jesus Christ must lead the way.—*N. C. Christian Advocate.*

EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP EDUCATION SCHOOL

Our seventeenth annual summer school of Leadership Education got off to a good start Monday afternoon when more than 150 young people registered for study courses. This registration is in line with that of each of the past two years.

The outstanding feature of the choir festival on Monday evening was the appearance of the Junior Church Choir from the First M. P. Church, of High Point, under the direction of Miss Myrtle Davis and Mrs. Edwards. Rev. E. Lester Ballard, of Asheville, had charge of the program.

Tuesday was a full day with group worship opening the activities at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, of Greensboro, led the worship in a well-prepared and directed service on the theme, "The Abundant Spiritual Life." The keynote address was delivered by the dean of the school, Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, at 10 o'clock, on the subject, "Christianity in a World of Change." The remainder of the morning was taken with the meeting of classes and discussion groups. Part of the afternoon was filled with more classes and a directed recreational program.

For the Tuesday evening program, under the supervision of Rev. J. T. Bowman, of Thomasville, a group from Tabernacle M. P. Church presented a play, "Ba Thane," under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Lamb, who played leading parts. The play was well presented and enjoyed by a large attendance of registered delegates and visitors from High Point and vicinity.

GOOD BOOK FOR SMALL CHILDREN

A Child's Grace

Harold Burdegin, a well known English photographer, collaborating with Dr. Ernest Claxton, has produced a perfect picture book for children in *A Child's Grace*. The idea of the book came from hearing four children sing together Mrs. E. Rutter Leatham's verse:

"Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you for everything."

Dr. Claxton adds twenty lines to the above and Mrs. Burdegin so faithfully interprets the meaning of each phrase with some child experience that the book becomes both a prayer and an interesting picture book. It is published by E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc., 300 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

RELIGION IN LIFE

One of the most unfortunate concepts which still persists in our people's thinking is the traditional and superficial division of life into the sacred and the secular. Its origin, doubtless, is to be traced to medieval ecclesiasticism with its dualistic philosophy of things secular and things sacred from which either during or after the Reformation we Protestants have never fully parted. It is just this concept that compartmentalizes our religion, abstracts it from the common experience of daily life, makes it of the church churchly. Against this notion of abstraction Michelangelo had to inveigh, insisting that when he chose other subjects for sculpture than the apostles and saints of the church, his work was none the less religious.

Now whereas an expression of this analysis of life into the sacred and secular was, a generation or two ago, the disposition to look upon this world as "a vale of tears" and in sharp contarts to heaven which was "a land of pure delight" (i.e., a blunt separation instead of that blending which such phrases as the "kingdom of heaven is like leaven" or the "kingdom of heaven is within you" seem to suggest), this expression has largely passed away. But not without groaning, for there succeed it first cousins, present-day results of this "ghetto religion" which close up the foundation head of pure Christianity. I submit three of these expressions.

First, there is the intellectual aspect of this abstraction. No one can deny the tendency of the American people for several decades to completely secularize our educational institutions, those supported by public funds. While this may be absolutely necessary, the fact remains that education is one thing and religion another ("and never the twain shall meet"?). I myself have rejoiced, almost by way of concession, whenever I heard of a great student who could be both a leading scientist and a Christian. This phase of secularization is seen in the attitude of that science professor—his field I think is geology—who paradoxically opposed a professor in a theological seminary of his faith for attempting a reconciliation, as it were, of science and religion. When asked to explain this stand, the scientist replied: "You ask me how I, a man of science, can attack a theological professor for trying to introduce scientific methods into the study of religion. My answer is simple. I keep my science and my religion in two compartments with a high wall between. If the wall should break down and my science get over into my religion, goodbye to my religion." You see, this man like so many of us, failed to see that in all earnest pursuit of knowledge there is religion *per se*. But he preferred to confine his religion to an "ecclesiastical corner." If it be true that, knowing the truth, the truth shall make us free, is there not pure religion in the very pursuit of truth?

Note as a second aspect of this division of life into the sacred and the secular the divorce of the ethics of every-day living from the Christianity of the church. Religion by many has come to be looked upon as something exclusively of the church, a refuge from but irrelevant to the forum of life. The magnificent structures which it has reared with their stained glass windows and objects of sculptural beauty are all indeed necessary, they say, to man's esthetic appreciation. Likewise, the mystical sweetness of the litanies and the preaching of sermons (if they are the simple gospel and therefore free from any social implications) are important. All of this is so splendid when men have sought the refuge of sanctity in the church and are "far from the maddening crowd." But once outside, where the very atmosphere breathes differently, out there "where cross the crowded ways of life" . . . The classic example of this is that man of wealth who regularly at the biennial church conferences filled his chauffeur-driven car with bishops to drive them to the meetings yet was reported as saying that his religion was like a napkin which he unfolded each Sunday morning in church and which after the service he refolded and placed under the pulpit to await its use next Sunday. It could be of no value on realistic Wall Street. Indeed, he might have added, it would be in his way.

There is finally a third phase of this compartment religion which I think is largely responsible for the two above mentioned, and that is the practice of us ministers of defining Christian service wholly in terms of the institutional church. To "enlist" a member has come to mean in the thinking of many of our people regular church attendance, liberal giving to the church (the mooted tithe when possible), active participation in various church organizations. But what about enlisting the employer with regard to his employee and vice versa? What about enlisting the lawyer and the public servant as to the sacredness of the law and the public trust? What about enlisting the public school teacher and the pupil with regard to the sacredness of learning? We read in the Bible that when the multitudes, deeply moved by the preaching of John the Baptist, asked the great ascetic what they should do, he told those who possessed to give to those who possessed not the necessities of life; he told the publican to be just in his taxation; he told the soldier to avoid exploitation and violence. You see, "enlistment" to the great forerunner would be to "bring forth fruits of repentance" in all the walks of life.

Of all the tributes which have been and shall be paid to the memory of Dr. W. L. Poteat I hold that none could surpass the truth of this: He saw religion in life. Like him, it is for us to lift it from its "ecclesiastical corner" and place it in the arena of life, economic, political, social, cultural. Then we shall grasp the truth that *all*

"Earth's crammed with heaven
And *every* common bush afire with God."

—*William Wallace Finlator in Biblical Recorder.*

SPECIAL NOTICE

If it should be rainy and the campus too wet for use on the morning of June 30 then go to High Point College for the services.

Dr. G. I. Humphreys, President of the College, has kindly granted us the privilege of using the College auditorium and dining room in case of rain, and we are thankful for this.

We are hoping it will be a sun-shiny day so the services and the dinner may all be had on the campus at the Children's Home, but we cannot tell until the day comes. It certainly couldn't be held here today. So come, rain or shine, and splendid provisions will be made for your comfort.

A. G. Dixon, *Supt.*

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Liberty Hill S. S., Anderson	$ 6.00
Liberty Hill, Children's Home Day	5.00
Cedar Falls S. S., Richland	9.28
Bethesda S. S., N. Davidson	3.20
First Church S. S., Charlotte	4.50
Porter S. S.	2.00
Giles' Chapel S. S., Richland	3.50
Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	5.79
Shady Grove S. S., Connelly Springs	1.00
Center, Alamance	14.00
Fairview S. S., Glen Raven	12.25
New Hope S. S., Mecklenburg	2.00
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	3.50
Mrs. F. W. Parker, Eden, Halifax, Children's Home Day	10.00
Pleasant Grove S. S.	15.00
Baltimore S. S., West Forsyth	3.00
Fountain Place S. S., Burlington	6.49
Tabernacle S. S., Tabernacle	6.20
Glen Raven S. S.	5.08
Harris Chapel S. S., Vance	3.50
Pleasant Union S. S., Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Browers' Chapel, Richland	10.00
Mebane S. S.	6.00
Pleasant Hill S. S., Spring Church	1.75
Lebanon S. S., Spring Church	2.00
New Hope, Why Not	2.85
Lawndale Union S. S., Cleveland, April, May and June	24.89
Liberty S. S.	5.00
Pinnacle S. S., Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, May and June	4.30
Pleasant Hill, West Forsyth, for the quarter	5.50
Henderson S. S.	7.26
Fair Grove S. S., Haw River	.67
Men's Bible Class, First Ch., Thomasville, April, May and June	9.85
Love's Grove S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	3.24
Lebanon S. S., High Point	8.12

Clothing and Other Gifts

Mr. M. C. McDonald, West End, N. C., 50 bushels June peaches.

A friend, Cherry Valley, N. Y., a box of clothing for boys.

The girls of the Denton Daily Vacation Bible School, 9 hand-embroidered towels.

Last Call

This is our last call, through the HERALD, for Children's Home Day. A good program is in readiness and plans are about ready for a good day on June 30. The services will begin at 10 o'clock, and dinner will be served about 12:30 noon. We are hoping to have present a large crowd, with representatives from every church. Dr. C. W. Bates and Dr. N. G. Bethea will be our speakers. We thank them for their willingness to help, and we know all who come will enjoy them.

The children will sing several selections. Come with your dinner and let us eat with you.

Please Announce

Pastors and Sunday school superintendents will please announce this meeting next Sunday in all our churches. We thank you.

Recognition

Mrs. J. M. Stone has kindly promised that the mother who brings the largest offering on June 30 will receive recognition. We will gladly join in with this, and if there are several close to the top amount we will acknowledge them also.

Yours in His blessed service.
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

A VISIT TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Dear Christian Workers:

A short while ago I had the privilege to stand on the front lawn of our Children's Home and watch the children as Dr. N. G. Bethea made pictures and after the pictures were finished a group of the children gathered around Mother Dixon and myself and what a blessing came into my life those few minutes. Mother Dixon with all her mother love answering their childish questions with all kindness and patience and they really know how to ask questions, too.

I asked to be shown the little girl our Auxiliary clothes and Mrs. Dixon called the younger of the group. As I bent down to get acquainted she put her arms around my neck and said, "I'm yours and I love you." I never realized just how much those children mean to you and me before. As we near our home-coming shall we remember, "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me" and make our offering the best ever?

As we walk up to the window and place our show fare down, or spend our money for needless pleasures may we feel those chubby arms around our neck and hear them say, "I'm yours and I love you." This should not be an obligation but a privilege we should be glad to share in.

We have set a goal for our church to raise a dollar for every child in the home. In our effort to do this we have a large maple tree, resembling the one we were standing under, and on this tree a leaf for every child in the home. Our goal is to raise a dollar for each leaf. At this writing we value our tree at $35. This plan is being worked through every organization of the church and especially through the smaller classes in the Sunday school. The children are helping by sacrificing from now until the 30th of June.

Would like to challenge every Christian worker to really sacrifice and every church in our Conference reach this goal as near as possible.

Remember, they are ours and they love us.

Yours in His service.

GLADYS AMICK.

SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHOOLS OFF TO A GOOD START

We have just returned from three weeks in the field, having met with the youth of Indiana in a District Rally at Kendellville, and three excellent summer conference schools in Missouri, Hugo, Okla., and Iowa. Successful enterprises have also been conducted at Quinton, Okla., and at the Indiana Boys' camp. Next week's schools will be held in West Virginia, at Jackson's Mills, Weston, W. Va.; North Carolina, at High Point College; Indiana, at the M. P. Camp Grounds, Marion, Ind.; Commanche, Okla.; and the first week of the Illinois school at Lewistown, Ill. Practically all enterprises show an increase in attendance. A very high standard of work is maintained and the local conference leaders of these enterprises are doing a most excellent piece of work. In addition to these, Miss Alice Newsom, our teacher of children's workers, and Miss Lillie Foster, our teacher of dramatics, are rendering a fine service.

The following schools are to be held during the month of July:

June 27-July 3: Illinois (second week), Lewistown, Ill. Dean, B. F. Langdon.

June 27-July 2: Alabama, camp near Montgomery, Ala. Dean, Rev. A. H. Lynch.

July 4-9: South Carolina, Dunn's Chapel, near Columbia, S. C. Dean, Rev. J. C. Auman.

July 7-10: Virginia, Lowes Memorial church, Greeneville, Tenn. Dean, Rev. F. L. Gibbs.

July 10-17: Georgia, Clifton Camp, Decatur, Ga. Dean, Rev. C. E. Brantly.

July 11-16: Onondaga, Lakeview Camp, Lycoming, N. Y. Dean, Rev. G. W. Weaver, Th.D.

July 11-17: Indiana Girls' camp, M. P. Camp, Marion, Ind. Business Manager, Mrs. Greta Simmonds.

July 11-16: Arkansas (South), Haynesville, Louisiana. Dean, Rev. W. O. Lynch.

July 18-23: Arkansas (North), Five Oakes church, near Rector, Ark. Dean, Rev. D. G. Hindman.

July 18-24: Mississippi, Clara, Miss. Dean, Miss Betty Ridgeway.

July 18-24: Florida (South), Orla Vista, Fla. Dean, Rev. A. C. Watson.

July 25-31: Florida (North), Boyd, Fla. Dean, Rev. A. C. Watson.

July 25-31: North Mississippi, Hopewell church, Corinth, Miss. Dean, Rev. B. G. Whitehurst.

July 25-August 1: Maryland, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md., Dean, Rev. R. W. White.

July 31-August 6: Pittsburgh, "Kiski" Springs school, Saltsburg, Pa. Dean, Dr. H. H. Price.

Let's make July the best month ever for developing a trained leadership for our local churches.

F. L. GIBBS,
Executive Secretary.
Pittsburgh, (16) Pa.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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AN INVITATION FOR YOU

The women of the N. C. Branch of the M. P. church have received through me a most cordial invitation, from Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, secretary of the Woman's Section, Department of Education and Promotion, M. E. church, South, to attend the Missionary Conference and Leadership School at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 25-August 7.

These conferences are held under the joint management of Duke university and the Board of Christian Education with the cooperation of the Board of Missions of the M. E. church, South.

All who are willing to study are offered four courses in the July 25-August 7 Leadership School. Subjects of courses are: "A Survey of Methodist Missions," "The Relegions of India, the church in the city and "Christianity and World Peace." Registration for any of the above must be July 25, ground fee $3.00 per person, board and room extra.

Those who are interested only in the Conference program without a study class will enjoy the Missionary conference period, August 1-7. The daily schedule is from 8 to 12:30 a. m. including chapel period, mission classes, forums, etc., and at 8 p. m. Missionary addresses. The ground fee for one week is $2 per person, room and board extra. Rates at Mission Inn, Lake Junaluska, N. C., are $10 per week and up. Reservations to be made before coming to the lake.

I have about 25 bulletins describing these courses and the elect of Methodism who will teach, conduct forums and deliver addresses. I will be glad to send a bulletin to anyone interested enough to write me for it.

R. M. ANDREWS.

THE PASTOR'S CONFERENCE AND SEMINARY EXTENSION SCHOOL

By common consent of those attending, this was the best school that we have had in a number of years. Living in Woman's hall was restful and delightful; the fellowship was all that could be desired; meals served in the college dining room were excellent; the lecture courses were of a high order; class room work was up to the high standard always maintained by Drs. Forlines and Shroyer; the devotions during the last week were an added benediction; and the weather was ideal. It would be difficult to have a two weeks program of any sort where everything would work together more harmoniously and to the purposes of the occasion than was experienced during this school. The presence of the pastor's wives was a new feature. It worked to the delight of everyone. We want to see it continued. Ample money was realized to cover all expenses incurred by the directors in promoting the school, and the Seminary was paid $25 more than in any other year.

There were 66 persons attending the school. Of these, 19 took work for credits; the others sat on classes, many of them with strict regularity, though they did not take the work for credits. Twenty-four pastors, and 11 pastors' wives spent the time on Woman's hall, some for two weeks, some for only one week. Living in the dormitory provided something of the delightful fellowship that we had formerly when we met at the Children's Home and lived there during the week. And in addition, we have, in the present arrangement, the very excellent classroom lectures provided by our Seminary, that we did not have in the old order.

There are splendid possibilities in this pastor's summer assembly, and we look forward with confidence to larger things next year.

S. W. TAYLOR.

CALLING FOR CHILDREN'S HOME HISTORY MONEY

Mrs. R. S. Russell, author of the History of the Children's Home, asks that all who have sold copies of the history and have not sent her the money from the sales, please send her this money before June 30. All that she receives of this money before June 30 will go to the Children's Home offering on that day, and she is anxious to make a worthwhile contribution.

Even if you have not sold all the copies you have on hand she will appreciate receiving all money you have on hand. Anyone wishing additional copies may get them from Mrs. Russell at the Children's Home on June 30.

Address, Mrs. Russell, Box 1323, High Point, N. C.

SOME IMPRESSIONS OF THE PASTOR'S SCHOOL AT HIGH POINT COLLEGE

It was a privilege of several ministers' wives to be guests at High Point College during the two weeks of Pastors' School and live in the dormitory. The program was varied. During the morning if we desired we attended the classes, and heard the very fine inspirational teaching of Dr. Shroyer, and Dr. Forlines, of Westminster Theological Seminary. During the afternoon rest, fellowship and recreation was enjoyed. Each evening an inspirational address by some outstanding person was given in the chapel. Following this some form of entertainment was enjoyed in the living room at Woman's hall. In this way we learned to know each other better. On Thursday afternoon of the second week Mrs. J. M. Millikan, who has charge of Woman's hall, gave a tea for those who had lived in the dormitory during the school and several invited guests. A musical program was rendered and enjoyed by those present. The time spent together these two was most helpful, and the wish to express our sincere appreciation to those who made it possible for us to have this rare privilege.

(Signed) MINISTERS' WIVES.

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J. H. Allen, Conference Treasurer	200.00

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

I wish to express my appreciation to the directors of the Pastors' Summer School, to the instructors, and to the College officials for the wonderful opportunity of furthering my knowledge of God's word and methods of extending His Kingdom in this world. I feel that I have been greatly helped.

I have attended this school the last three years, but it is an evident fact that this session far exceeds the other sessions before it. It is my desire that this school be continued, and I pledge myself and efforts to make each session better each year.

EARL A. COOK.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Philadelphia, J. M. Morgan, Pastor, June 6.—It has been quite a while since this church has sent in a report, but we are still on roll and moving along in our own feeble way. Mr. Morgan has filled all his regular appointments with us, bringing each time a good inspiring message.

We have had some sickness and deaths among our people on this work recently, but we understand that these will come to us all at one time or another. Our deepest sympathy goes out to those that are bereaved; our hope for a speedy recovery to those that are sick.

On the fifth Sunday in May many of us were privileged to attend Home-coming day with the Mathews' Chapel congregation which we greatly enjoyed. We admire their new building and wish for them much success in the future. A Rally day service was rendered in the afternoon, each of the other churches putting on a short program. I'm sure all that were in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the day.

REPORTER.

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Hickory Grove, Guilford Charge, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor. — Although we haven't reported lately our Sunday school is still growing. We have gone over our 100th mark and still climbing upward.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment the past Sunday. We were very happy to have with us his wife and daughter. We hope that they can be with us more often.

We are still holding our prayer meetings every Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The attendance has been very good. The young people have been taking a very active part. The prayer meetings, we hope, will prove a great success to our coming revival. There has been some talk of changing the date of our revival this year. It has not been fully decided just when we will have it. Announcement of the date will be made later.

On the fourth Sunday of this month we are planning on having our annual Children's Day. The children will have charge of the morning service. Dinner will be served on the ground at 12 o'clock. Our pastor will then preach for us in the afternoon. We extend a cordial invitation to the public and we especially invite our former pastors. Everybody come and bring a full basket and join with us for the day.

BERNICE JONES, Reporter.

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Kannapolis.—This church is still making satisfactory progress. Sunday school attendance and offering is on a steady increase. All divisions are doing good work.

The Auxiliary has been active in looking out for the interests of the parsonage this spring. Many improvements and additions have been made including New Perfection cook stove and a new G. E. refrigerator. We are very proud of both and thank our friends for helping to secure these.

Expect to pay all claims in full and also pay debt on church.

D. T. HUSS.

Shoals, Pinnacle - Mt. Zion Charge. — We are busy preparing for the Shoals Township Sunday school convention, which will be held the third Sunday in June at Bean Shoals Baptist church. The Baptist and Methodist Sunday schools here are combining their program which will be presented at 10 o'clock at the opening of the convention.

The recently completed power line is how furnishing electric lights for our church. We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Owen, who have furnished lights for the church for several years.

Our revival meeting will begin the second Sunday in July with Mr. W. L. Harkey, of Lincolnton, as pulpit help. We ask the prayers of the Christian people that the meeting may be a blessing to the people.

We are glad to say Mrs. W. L. Matthews, Mrs. O. P. Caudle, and Mrs. C. W. Harvey joined our society at our last auxiliary meeting. We miss Mrs. Roy Hunt so much. She has been kept away on account of the sickness and death of her father, Mr. John Owens. We hope to have her in our auxiliary meeting again soon.

We are glad to see Porter A. Hauser, who has been in school at High Point college, in our Sunday school again.

Mrs. H. H. Bowen, who has been sick for some time, is slowly improving. Mrs. W. B. Moser is able to be out again. Mr. H. E. Kiger continues to be very sick. We hope for these people a speedy recovery.

REPORTER.

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Siler City Church, Rev. A. M. Smith, Pastor, June 20.—In the absence of our pastor, Mr. Smith, who was attending the C. E. convention in Charlotte, Rev. E. W. Hardin, a student of religion at Duke University, had charge of both morning and evening worship services. "Man's Thirst for God" was his subject for the morning, taking his text from Psalm 42:1. Mr. Evans Stone sang as a solo, "The End of a Perfect Day," with Mrs. C. E. Brady accompanist. For the evening service "Horses and Chariots of Fire" was Mr. Hardin's subject, using 2 Kings 6:17 for text. We were very fortunate in having Mr. Hardin with us, as he is a young man of sterling character and very consecrated. We hope he may be with us again some time.

The M. E. church, South and our church began a union vacation Bible school June 20 which will continue for two weeks. Two classes will be held in each church. Rev. C. Freeman Heath, pastor of the M. E. church, and Miss Sallie Smith, of the M. P. church, will be in charge, with Rev. E. W. Hardin, assistant pastor of M. E. church, as principal.

Banks Fox, Billy Brady, and Hubert Stone left Monday for High Point College, where they will attend the Leadership Education school as delegates from our church.

Misses Joy Holt and Mattie Jordan returned Sunday night from Charlotte, where they attended the 40th annual C. E. convention, held at Queens-Chicora College.

Circle No. 1 met with Mrs. I. H. Ellington Thursday night with 10 members and three visitors present; and Circle No. 2 met with Mrs. C. E. Brady on Friday night with six members present. Each circle reported a fine meeting and good programs.

Mrs. J. H. Fox is able to be out again after being confined to her home for the past two weeks. Mr. E. D. Woody was not able to attend church Sunday on account of illness.

Miss Merrill Smith, of Greensboro, has been spending the past ten days with her aunts, Mesdames J. A. Cooper and B. E. Fox.

MRS. J. A. COOPER, Reporter.

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Weaver's Chapel, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment the first Sunday. We had a large attendance and everyone enjoyed the sermon. We were very glad to have with us Mr. Williams; hope he will visit us again.

Several of our people have been sick. Mrs. N. E. Wilson has not been able to attend church or Sunday school for some time. We are hoping for her a speedy recovery.

We are very glad to report that Weaver's Chapel has raised its part of the charge's quota. The charge as a whole was 46 subscriptions. Weaver's part was 10, but we raised enough to get the Herald into 14 homes.

On the fifth Sunday Littleton church brought a program to Weaver's; it was very good and enjoyed by all.

The second Sunday in May a number of us attended the circuit rally at Hawkins Chapel. We enjoyed the good dinner and Dr. Pritchard's sermon too. It was very interesting to hear the reports of the stewards and Sunday school superintendents from the different churches, also the history of Hawkins Chapel.

BETTIE MAE KING, Reporter.

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North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, June 20.—On June 1 at 1:30 p.m. the Canaan Ladies' Aid met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbins, with 17 members present. The meeting was opened with a piano solo played by Mrs. Richard Primm. Mrs. J. D. Smith read the scripture lesson, and Mrs. Emma Clodfelter led the first prayer. The program was then carried out as laid down in the guide book. The society joined in singing "Carry Your Cross With a Smile." Mrs. Smith led in the responsive reading. Mrs. Era Zimmerman read the meditation. "The Goal and Prize of Life" was read by Mrs. Verta Hines. Mrs. Lucy Clodfelter read the closing meditation, and Mrs. Hattie Reece led the closing prayer. The closing hymn was "Take My Life and Let it Be."

The treasurer reported $53.72 in treasury.

There had been 34 sick calls made during the month and flowers had been sent to two sick ones.

The society was glad to have two visitors present. Mrs. Robbins served delicious refreshments. Since our last report the society served a supper at the church and realized a nice little sum.

Some time ago in reporting for the Bethesda auxiliary I failed to report all the new officers for the new year, so will give them now: thank-offering secretary, Mrs. R. O. Everhart; secretary of young people's work, Mrs. Ruth Everhart; secretary of literature, Miss Elizabeth Yokely; program leader, Mrs. E. A. Clodfelter; flower committee, Mrs. S. R. Waggoner; sick committee, Mrs. C. F. Barnes.

Since our last report a number have remembered us with good things to eat. They are: Mrs. C. W. Clodfelter, Mrs. Gurney Tuttle, Mrs. Van Mabe, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Swaim, Miss Bessie Swaim, Mrs. John Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Payne, Miss Annie Payne, Mrs. Paul Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Morris, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Reid, and Mrs. J. O. Everhart.

Yesterday Canaan church received two new members: Mr. and Mrs. Robah Mendenhall, who united by letter, coming from Bethany Reformed church. We are glad to have them.

The pastor is at home now after spending the past two weeks at High Point College attending the Pastors' school. He reports an interesting and profitable school.

MRS. W. H. NEESE, Reporter.

Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—The work at this church is moving on very nicely. Memorial services were held here the first Sunday in June. Prof. G. H. Enfield delivered the 11 o'clock sermon, using as his subject "The Never-Changing Christ." A picnic lunch was enjoyed by all present. In the afternoon the pastor made some remarks in honor of the dead, and special music was enjoyed by the girls' quartet of Center M. P. church and the Boy Scout quartet.

The young people's class is sponsoring "The Old Home Town" at Eli Whitney Saturday evening. They are planning on using this money to help make more Sunday school rooms for the smaller children.

Our revival meeting will begin the third Sunday in July with Rev. C. P. Morris as pulpit help. May we all be praying for a great revival.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. More are both on the sick list. Hope they will soon be better.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met last Saturday evening with Mrs. L. E. Guthrie. Much interest is being shown in the auxiliary since meetings have been held in the homes.

BESSIE COBLE, Reporter.

First Church, Henderson, T. J. Whitehead, Pastor.—The story is told of some people who, seeing many clouds, predicted rain; but a wise old negro standing near remarked, "No, it won't rain unless them clouds get together" We find it even so in our work for the church — we must "get together" to accomplish anything worthwhile.

From the splendid report to the Herald by our pastor, which we are sure was enjoyed by all, it seems the members of the Henderson church are "getting together," and we are expecting showers of blessings during 1938.

An interesting program was given on Mother's Day, at which time John Henry Falkner and John Mustian were received into the church. Alice Flowers was later admitted by letter.

The Mother's Day bulletins were very attractive, having the names of our mothers who have gone home and those who are with us inscribed on them.

The auxiliary held its May meeting at the church. Very interesting reports of the Branch meeting were given by Mrs. Burchette, and Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Whitehead. The auxiliary served a banquet to the Junior Order in May.

The young people of the church sponsored an ice cream supper at the parsonage Tuesday evening for the benefit of the boys and girls who are planning to attend the Leadership Education school next week at High Point College, June 20-25.

The Girls' Mission club held an outdoor meeting Thursday evening at the King's Daughters park.

The Philathea class met Tuesday evening, June 7, at the home of Mrs. W. T. Nuckles, with Mrs. Alvin Nuckles and Mrs. E. O. Falkner associate hostesses. Mrs. R. J. Daniel, vice-president, presided, and Mrs. Clyde Finch led the devotional exercises. The relief committee reported many flowers and trays sent and 32 visits.

Circles met June 13 with Mesdames S. R. Watson, W. H. Grissom, and T. J. Whitehead. They report a full attendance and are keeping their budget balanced. A committee has been appointed to plan a birthday party in June for the benefit of the Children's Home in High Point.

We are glad to hear of the improvement of Mr. Monroe Bowling, who has been ill for quite a while.

Mary Mitchell Baity, Nancy and Mabel Parham, Nellie Gray Kittrell, and Ralph Hight are home from High Point College.

We are thankful for all the young people, and while we who are older cannot run the race with them, yet we'd like to keep near enough to cheer them when they make good.

We are happy to have Misses Elinor and Mary Young and Margaret Hight with us again.

Mrs. W. C. Lynch of Edgefield, S. C., is visiting her father, Mr. G. B. Harris. Miss Mabel Harris from Westminster, Md., is at home with her father, Mr. S. R. Harris.

We are glad to hear that Mr. A. C. Amick, father of Mrs. T. J. Whitehead, is able to be at home after having been confined in a hospital for some time.

Mr. Whitehead preached a very impressive sermon yesterday morning on "Reaping What We Sow."

The Intermediate department furnished the music for this service.

Mr. T. P. Gholson taught the men's Bible class Sunday morning. The men's class will sponsor a picnic for the Sunday school soon.

ANNIE C. LASHLEY, Reporter.

Randolph Charge.—Our first special meeting for this year will be held at Bethany the third Sunday in July, with Rev. H. L. Isley of Alamance charge, as pulpit help. This church leads in finances this year and in other ways also. They have a fine Sunday school with Miss Swana Baldwin as superintendent. Miss Baldwin is finishing her A.B. course at High Point college this summer, and is one of Randolph county's best public school teachers. The church is fortunate in having one so well trained to handle the Sunday school and lead the large body of young people that attend. This church also has five young ladies that make up the board of stewards. So well are they doing their work that at the end of the first six months of this new year they had salary overpaid. This shows very clearly what the pent-up zeal of our young people will do when released. Misses Gracie Baldwin, Frances Ellis, and Alese Julian, all of Bethany, are attending the Young People's Training school at the college this week. These young folks are already interested church workers, and we feel that their efficiency will be greatly increased by having attended this school.

Bethel Sunday school is making fine progress. They have added three new rooms to the church since conference. This gives them a fine Sunday school plant of seven rooms, with Mrs. A. O. Adams as superintendent. Mrs. Adams is another one of Randolph county's leading public school teachers, and Bethel is in line with Bethany in having a trained teacher of experience to guide and help them in this very important work. Last Sunday, June 19, they had a very interesting Children's Day program, which was enjoyed by a large congregation.

Shiloh and G. Chapel are having good Sunday schools. Both these churches have re-covered and painted since conference. Shiloh has painted both inside and outside and is now touching up the pulpit.

The lawn party given last Saturday night by Mrs. C. C. Hemphill at her home near Julian was a success, and was enjoyed by a large crowd of young folks.

G. L. REYNOLDS.

Central Church, Asheboro.—Last Sunday, June 19, was "Joash Day" with this church, so appointed by our stewards. In an orderly and practically unanimous way, the people marched down to the chancel where the box was placed and deposited their offerings. They were not asked to make a "special" offering, but to increase their regular offering. This they did. Our treasurer, Brother John R. Brown, wore the smile of satisfaction when he came to church Sunday night. Brother Earl Henley, chairman of our board of stewards, and the other members of his board are very grateful to our people for their ready and generous response to this effort. The amount received was nearly four times the sum of the regular Sunday offering.

Despite the fact that the street in front of our church is torn up and being rebuilt, our congregations are good. This is especially true of the morning service, and it is gratifying that signs of increasing interest are manifest in the night services. On last Sunday we gave special recognition to our 11 high school graduates and our four college graduates. Of the 15, all were present but two. Beautiful corsages were pinned on the girls and boutonnieres on the boys. They attended the morning service in a body. They are a splendid group of young people, and it was a joy to us to give this recognition to them in this service..

"Flower Day," observed June 5, was a pleasing occasion with us. The flower committee made the church beautiful with many flowers. The sermon thought centered in this lovely setting. It is a most fitting thing to let God speak to us through that upon which he has lavished so much of heaven. After the service the flowers were taken to the sick and "shut-ins" of the church and community.

On next Sunday we will elect our delegates to the ensuing annual conference. The nominees are Miss Kate Hammer and Mr. Lacy Lewis. Our third quarterly conference will be held Thursday night, June 30.

On the fifth of this month Mrs. M. L. Gray departed this life, after an illness covering a number of years. During her last months she suffered much, but bore her afflictions with becoming Christian fortitude. She was one of our oldest members, and a good woman, and died in the triumphs of the Christian faith. The family has the tender sympathy of the pastor and congregation.

On the first Sunday in June, "Flower Day," we had the good pleasure of receiving the following persons into our communion: Mrs. Eva L. McCullers, Marguerite McCullers, H. L. Andrews, Mrs. H. L. Andrews, and Dorothy Alice Andrews. They have a cordial welcome into our fellowship.

Our church is well represented in the school of Leadership Education at High Point College this week. Ten of our young people are there. Quite a large group also went over to Charlotte last Saturday to spend the day in the C. E. convention. We have a fine group of young people, and they are quite active under the leadership of "Bill" Lewis, our young people's worker.

S. W. TAYLOR.

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Mitchell's Grove, Guilford Charge, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor, June 21.—Second Sunday our pastor filled his appointment with a very encouraging message, as he always does. We never hear him preach but that we feel strengthened and more determined to press on and live higher and also live so we may set up a higher standard of Christian living before others, that they may be inspired to greater achievements in life. We feel our last days should be our best days' work on earth, and to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. We were delighted to have Mrs. J. B. Trogdon and daughter, Miss Inez, worship with us also, and so glad Mrs. Trogdon has improved in health and hope to have them with us often.

Our C. E. society seems to be taking much interest in the work, and we hope much good will be the result.

Mrs. T. A. Williams and Mrs. S. M. Needham have our deepest sympathy in the passing of their father, Rev. Mr. Stimpson. He was a wonderful minister and will be greatly missed.

MARTHA PARSONS.

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Flat Rock Church, Flat Rock Charge, Rev. J. A. Burgess, Pastor.—We have not had a report in the Herald for some time now, but that does not mean we have been idle. Pastor Burgess has met his congregation regularly as usual with his unusually good and interesting sermons. He has been met by fairly good congregations always.

While the church's financial condition is not all that could be desired in every respect, we are glad to state that the debt on the church building was reduced to $200 on May 1. One of our own members advanced this amount and we were able to cancel the note. The Ladies' Aid society has assumed the responsibility of repaying him, and since May 1 has paid $25. The prospects are good for a larger payment this month.

Plans are now in progress for a dedication service the fifth Sunday in July.

Some of our Sunday school classes have organized and are working with renewed interest. Recently we have been having choir practice under the direction of Moyer Ayers of Summerfield, with Miss Frances Thomas at the piano. Practicing twice a week has made some improvement in the singing. The choir enjoyed a weiner roast just before practice Friday night.

MRS. IRA N. JOHNSON, Reporter.

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Gibsonville, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Children's Day was observed Sunday evening, June 5, with a program by the Junior department, under the direction of Mrs. D. M. Davidson, superintendent of this department. A pageant, "A Child's Quest for Christ," was the special feature. The program was inspiring and the characters' parts were excellently portrayed.

The annual banquet of the men's Bible class was held Saturday evening, June 4, in the Rotary hall. Mr. Claude Hill, president of the class, presided over the program.

Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Williams have returned from a two weeks' stay at High Point College, where they attended the Pastor's Summer School and Leadership Training course.

Sunday evening, instead of the regular service, 14 boys and girls from the Oxford orphanage gave a lovely program of music. Despite the inclement weather a large and appreciative congregation heard this group of well trained children.

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Mt. Hermon, Mt. Hermon Charge, J. R. Anderson, Pastor, June 20.—The work here is progressing slowly but surely.

The Woman's Auxiliary now boasts two circles, No. 2 having been organized recently with 16 members. This circle will meet Wednesday evening with Mrs. Linnie Bailey. No. 1 will meet Friday evening with Mrs. C. M. Neese.

The pastor preached a very good sermon, using Father's Day as his subject, and Luke 15:12 as his text. He stressed the importance of giving children an inheritance of a Christian father, rather than material wealth. He gave fathers much food for thought.

The vote for delegate to the annual conference was taken. Nominees are A. A. Sharpe and John P. Loy.

The revival meeting will begin the third Sunday in July, with an illustrated service for the children. The pastor, by the vote of the membership, will do the preaching. Mr. D. W. Milan will have charge of the music.

James Holt is in the Clinic hospital in Greensboro, where he is taking treatment for his foot, which was shot accidentally. Mrs. Mack Keck is in Wesley Long hospital, Greensboro, being treated for rheumatism. We are hoping for them a speedy recovery.

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Oak Grove, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, Pastor.—A vote will be taken next Sunday at our regular preaching hour for a delegate to attend our annual conference this fall. M. C. Ivester and J. L. White are the nominees. The votes will be counted at our next quarterly meeting, which will be held at Mt. Pleasant church July 9.

For the past two weeks Rev. and Mrs. Madison have been at the bedside of the former's mother. We were very sorry to hear of her illness. Even though the writer has not had the pleasure of meeting this good woman, we have all learned to love her through our pastor. May she be comforted by the presence of God, and may His blessings rest upon each member of her family during this time of sorrow.

We were indeed sorry to hear of the illness of Rev. R. S. Troxler, who was once a pastor of this charge. We are remembering him in our prayers.

Our pastor brought us another of his good sermons Sunday night. "I am the truth, the way, and the life," was his theme. Jesus explained to his disciples before his ascension that he would go and prepare a place, and come again and receive them. "And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas said, We know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus said, I am the way, and no one cometh to the Father except by me." This sermon was greatly enjoyed by all present.

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Rock Creek Church, Alamance Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday morning with a very inspiring message. There was a large congregation present.

Our attendance at Sunday school and preaching has been better this year than last, we are glad to say.

One of our members, Miss Hallie Wayne Hornaday, was married on the 11th of June to Mr. Staley P. Gordon. We wish them much happiness.

Our superintendent, Mrs. J. E. McPherson, has been absent from church since early spring on account of sickness in the family. We hope she can soon be present.

The missionary society of Rock Creek had an ice cream supper at Mr. J. L. Spoon's store last Saturday night. The collection was over $12.

There will be all-day service next Sunday at Rock Creek, Children's Day and Memorial day. Our pastor and other speakers are expected to be there. The Isley brothers quartet and a quartet from Siler City and other singers will be on the program. Every one is invited to attend.

BLANCHE HOLT, Reporters.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, June 21.—Our work here is in good condition. Great interest is shown in all departments. On the second Sunday night the primary department gave their Children's Day program, which was enjoyed by all present. The children are interested in working and are being trained in a very efficient way.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday and preached a very forceful sermon, using John 3:3 as a text, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Such a sermon furnishes facts that should be a means of strengthening a church, because upon these facts its progress and power rest.

Four members were received by letter Sunday; namely, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walker, of Second Reformed church, Lexington; Mr. J. B. Bailey, of the M. P. church, Denton; and Mr. J. Baxter Leonard, from Beulah Reformed church. We are glad to welcome these into our church.

June 30 is well in the minds of our people as Children's Home Day and we will remember them for that day. The M. P. conference is indebted to Dr. and Mrs. Dixon for they work they are doing. We cannot do too much for our Children's Home.

Next Sunday our prayer service will be conducted by the leaders of the primary department, with all the children of that department.

Continue to pray for us.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

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First Church, Lexington, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—Our attendance at Sunday school and church services is holding up very well at this time. Our pastor has been preaching some very stirring sermons on the sins of our day. During the month of June we are having a financial drive to balance our church expenses. This drive so far has helped very much in raising the needed funds.

The Children's Bible school created much interest among the young people. There were nearly 100 children present every day for five days. Certificates totaling 73 were given to children during the course.

The Christian Endeavorers enjoyed a weiner roast Monday evening. The Boy Scout troop has taken in two new members, making a full troop of 32 members.

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ASSOCIATION OF MINISTERS' WIVES IS FORMED

The ministers' wives attending the Pastors' Summer School, met in the College auditorium on Friday morning, June 17, 1938, to perfect an organization known as The Association of Ministers' Wives, of the North Carolina conference, of the Methodist Protestant church.

The object of the organization is to interest other pastors wives in the Pastors' Summer School, to improve the Fellowship between them, to create an interest in the improvement of parsonages and grounds, and to get a clearer, or more definite understanding of what is expected of us as ministers wives.

The officers for the year were elected and are as follows: President, Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, High Point, N. C.; vice-president, Mrs. E. O. Peeler, Concord, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. E. G. Cowan, Seagrove, N. C.

Nine ladies were present for the organization, and it is hoped that others will join us later.

Those who were present were greatly benefitted by the school and enjoyed the fellowship to the fullest extent, and all went away with a greater desire to serve God and our respective charges.

The executive committee will meet on Thursday morning, June 23, in the College auditorium, to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws.

This organization, we hope, will be a great help to the ministers of the Conference as well as to their wives.

MRS. E. G. COWAN, Secretary.
P. O. Box 35, Seagrove, N. C.

MARRIED

Huss-Smith

Mavin Huss, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. T. Huss and Nelson Smith were married on June 4 at Dillon, S. C.

Mrs. Smith was graduated at the Westminster high school, June, 1933, at the same time her father graduated from the Seminary; she received A.B. degree at Lenoir-Rhyne college June 1, 1937; taught in Bladen county schools last year and is to teach the coming year at the same place.

Mr. Smith attended State college and is a farm operator.

The couple will make their home at Tar Heel, Bladen County, N. C.

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King-Coltrane

James E. Coltrane and Lucile King were united in holy matrimony in the presence of immediate relatives in Grace church on Saturday afternoon, June 18, at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, pastor to the groom, heard the vows.

Miss King had as her maid of honor, Miss Ruth Harris, and Mr. Coltrane was accompanied by Rufus Reynolds as best man. The bride was escorted by her father, A. H. King. Wedding music was provided by David H. Witherspoon, tenor, and Mrs. Margaret Banks, organist. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. A. H. King gave a reception at their home, 300 Church street.

Mrs. Coltrane is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. King, and has made her home in Greensboro for about four years. Mr. Coltrane is a young attorney of Greensboro, and is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Coltrane, and a grandson of the late P. T. Gannaway, who was at one time president of Trinity College, now Duke University.

After a bridal trip to Niagara Falls and Rochester, New York, the Coltranes will be at home at 600 Fairmont street, Greensboro.

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Hornaday-Gordon

A wedding of beauty took place Saturday afternoon, June 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hornaday, of Snow Camp, when their daughter, Hallie Wayne, became the bride of Staley P. Gordon, of Burlington, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gordon, of Brown Summit, Rev. H. L. Isley officiating.

A program of wedding music was given by Miss Helen Coble, pianist, and Miss Mary Lee Foster, vocalist.

The bride entered on the arm of her father, by whom she was given in marriage, and met the bridegroom at the altar. The ring ceremony was used.

Her gown was chiffon of princess lines, featuring a court train of exaggerated fullness and length. The hemline was outlined with a band of starched satin, as were the V-neckline and the wrists of long full sleeves. The front bodice was fastened with a heart-shaped pin of pearl. Her veil of illusion fell in folds from a high coronet of valley lilies. She carried a formal sheath of calla lilies tied with a cascade of white satin. Her only other ornament was an old-fashioned gold locket, the gift of the bridegroom.

Her sister, Miss Elizabeth Hornaday, of Norfolk, Va., was maid-of-honor, and another sister, Miss Nellie Dace Hornaday, of Raleigh, and Miss Dace Gordon, of Brown Summit, sister of the bridegroom, were bridesmaids. The junior bridesmaid was Miss Ann Rudd, of Greensboro, niece of the bridegroom.

Mr. Gordon had his brother, Howard Gordon, of Greensboro, as his best man, and groomsmen were F. D. Hornaday, brother of the bride, and Dick Hardiman, of Charlotte. Graham White was junior groomsman.

Mrs. Gordon is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hornaday. She attended Virginia State Woman's colege, at Fredericksburg, Va.

Mr. Gordon is an alumnus of Elon College. He is connected with Tower and Grace hosiery mills of Burlington.

Following a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon will make their home in Burlington.

After the ceremony a formal reception was held at the bride's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon are both affiliated with the Methodist Protestant church, Mrs. Gordon being a member of Rock Creek church, Alamance charge.

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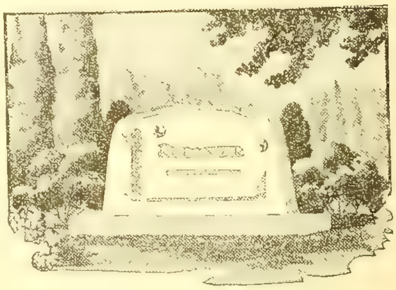

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Gerald Edward Linker

Gerald Edward Linker was born May 10, 1938, died May 24, 1938. Edward did not stay with us but 14 days, and God took him to be forever in Heaven.

He was the second child of Mr. Charles E. Linker and Mrs. Gertie Mae Burris Linker, of Concord.

Surviving are his parents, one brother, Billie Ray; one grandfather, Mr. J. Frank Linker; one grandmother, Mrs. Jessie Burris; and a large number of other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted at Love's Grove church, by the pastor, Rev. Earl A. Cook. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In Memoriam—Mary Jenkins Wilson

God in his mighty power saw fit to take from this world one of Weavers Chapel's former members—our "Aunt Mary" Jenkins Wilson to live with Him on high.

Aunt Mary you are missed so much there is a vacant chair that can never be filled. Your voice we loved so much to hear is silent.
"How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word."

We grieve for you in silence
But few eyes can see us weep.
And many tears are shed while others are asleep.

Aunt Mary God knew you were suffering when we thought you well, so He called you home to live with Him where sickness and sorrow is not known. God picks his flowers and never makes mistakes.

Her Niece,
NANCY WILSON.

Roxie Ann Shoe

Mrs. Roxie Ann Mason Shoe was born July 6, 1871; died May 8, 1938; age 66 years, 10 months and 2 days.

In early girlhood she was converted and joined Friendship Methodist Protestant church and lived a noble consecrated Christian life to the end.

On August 1, 1890, she was married to Robert H. Shoe, and to this union nine children were born.

Mrs. Shoe was very sick for several years of her life near the end, but she was patient and bore her burdens well, trusting in her Lord. She was a quiet, unassuming person, never desiring to occupy a high place in life, but contented to make an ideal home for her family, which she was successful in doing. She always stood firm for the best in every walk of life. These characteristics are exemplified in the noble family of boys and girls she reared to manhood and womanhood. Her home was a happy one, made so by her untiring efforts and Christian living which she daily exercised. She was a true companion and a devoted mother, a kind and helpful neighbor.

She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, seven children: Mrs. Lee Eudy, Mrs. Charlie Snuggs, Edna, Alvin, Emma, Hawley and Velna, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. John Bost, whom she reared and gave a mother's care and love. Two brothers, John Mason and Jim Mason; one sister, Mrs. Margaret Eudy; two half-brothers and two half-sisters, Watt and Joe Mason, Mrs. Pearl Rummage and Miss Sallie Mason; also seven grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Earl A. Cook, at Friendship church. Burial was in the church cemetery. The floral offerings were many and very beautiful.

Mrs. Martha A. Woody

Mrs. Martha Andrew Woody, wife of Joseph Woody, passed away May 28, 1938, being 60 years old. For a long number of years she was one of the loyal members of Sapling Ridge church, Alamance charge, and was active in church work until her health failed. Surely a good woman has been called to her reward. Brother Joseph Woody, her husband, and three sons survive: Floy, Newton, and Alton; also five brothers and one sister.

The funeral was conducted at Sapling Ridge on Sunday afternoon, May 29, the writer being assisted by Rev. Ed Harris, of the Friends church. It was estimated that the church held only about one-half of the people present for the last rites. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

May the Lord comfort and bless the husband and sons.

H. L. ISLEY.

Jane Curtis Walters

Jane Curtis Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Curtis Walters, was called home May 27, 1938. She was born June 5, 1930. She had been ill since the first of October, 1937, and had been a patient at Duke on several occasions during the period of illness, but was a patient at Wesley Long in Greensboro at her death. She had chronic nephritis. She is survived by her parents, Mrs. Walters, being the former, Louise Pinnix, a smaller sister, Carolyn and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pinnix, with whom the Walters' family reside on High Point road, Greensboro, and a number of uncles and aunts.

Funeral services were conducted at Midway Methodist Protestant church, Greensboro-High Point road, May 28, at 5 p. m. by Rev. J. R. Hutton, pastor, assisted by Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, of Grace church. The service was very sweet with Mrs. L. A. Crawford at the piano. She was Jane Curtis' music teacher and a trio composed of Mrs. W. A. Lamb and sons, Rev. E. A. Lamb and J. B. Lamb. The church was more than filled, a number of people not being able to get in. The numerous floral offerings were in charge of Girl Scout troop No. 12, Sedgefield. Mrs. Walters is leader of this troop.

Pallbearers were Herman Waynick, Jack Hiatt, O. C. Wall, Summerfield, and Jack Brooks, Siler City.

She was laid to rest in Guilford Memorial Park.

Jane Curtis was loved by all who knew her. Her cheerful smile and sunny disposition was not changed during her illness. She was never heard to complain during her illness about anything. She loved her God and asked to be baptized during the spring. This was performed by Rev. T. E. Strickland, High Point. She lived a life in less than eight years that it takes most people to live in nearly three score, by being so happy in life that we know that heaven is brighter because another child of God has gone to be with Him.

AN AUNT.

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A Scotsman from the remote Highlands paid his first visit to London. On arriving at Euston, a voice said. "Taxi, sir?"

Donald shook his head.

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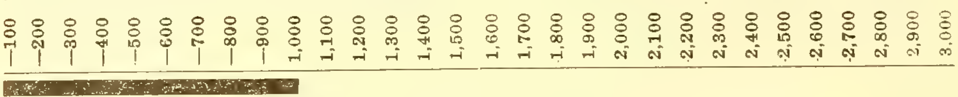

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Passing an old Negro's home in Rutherford county once, the old fellow was piling up a lot of cured or dry gourds. This question: "What you doing with those gourds?" This reply came: "Gourds gwine to be gourds 'fore this time next year, boss."

Not much ahead, Mrs. Burke, but 72 cents is 72 cents in the Herald office just now. That 72 cents puts you in the lead this time, and in fact every time you come you lead the way. But it was a narrow margin this time for there were several that came right up close. We thank you and the others who came so near to the goal for the week.

And wish you would look at subsidy. Liberty took the liberty to send in a good payment on this cause. Wonder if some other charges would not feel better if they would take the liberty to do the same thing? There is nothing to hinder from doing this, for there is no curbing of the liberty of any charge, pastor, individual, or organization from paying this up for their charge. Thank you Liberty! May your liberties increase in other things, also.

"Now is the time for all good pastors and charges to come to the aid of their editor" by getting the quotas of subscriptions and also to take the liberty to pay up the subsidy for the charge. Growing slowly, those black figures, but will they get grown entirely before it is too late?

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The Apostolic Benediction

The Love of God

By Dr. C. E. Forlines

And now may "the love of God be with you all." "God is love." He "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He "commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." He is "merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin." He has loved us with an everlasting love, and "we love him, because he first loved us."

"God is love." This is the shortest possible proposition. It contains but three monosylabic words. Yet it is the most important proposition in all literature. It contains the profoundest of all truths. This truth is the Alpha and Omega of all Christian teaching. Within this truth is contained the very essence of Christianity. It means that God is moved by a great desire to impart Himself and all good to other personal beings, and to possess them as His own in spiritual fellowship. This is His love.

Between God and man there is much in common. The heritic, Apollinaris, was not wholly wrong in declaring that the humanity of Jesus dwelt eternally in God. Neither was that other heritic, Socinus, wholly in error when he taught that there is some divinity in man. Man was created in the image and after the likeness of God. That means that there is something in man like unto something in God, and that in turn means that there is something in God like unto something in man. Both are persons, and both love. An understanding of personality in man is necessary to an understanding of it in God. Likewise divine love must be approached through human love.

Of human love we have some knowledge. It is passion and affection, a longing and a mighty sacrifice, all in one. It is equally a desire to give and a desire to possess. The apparent opposition of these two impulses accounts for the seeming contradictions of love. Yet the hunger and the generosity of love, the graving and the giving, the demanding and the sacrificing are not so deeply contrasted as they appear. Both are natural expressions of the high estimate which the heart sets upon the object of its affection. Love prizes its object so highly that it cannot rest without possessing it, and at the same time so highly that it cannot withhold any service or blessing, any gift or sacrifice.

There are in love three elements, self-assertion, self-impartataion, and self-discovery. Self-assertion is concerned with the worth of the lover. Every true lover seeks to enhance that worth. Hence it is that love is redemptive. He who really loves strives to improve himself because he wishes to give himself to the object of his devotion, and he wishes his gift to be of the greatest possible value. Self-impartation is concerned with the giving of the self thus enriched to the object of devotion. It is the nature of love to give, and to give of self. Self-discovery is the vicarious element in love. By it we enter sympathetically into the lives of others, and are made happy or suffer pain through our oneness with them. Thus it is that the love which affirms itself, and the love which gives itself, are completed in the love which finds itself in another, and brings that other into its own life. Such is our human love.

Divine love involves these same elements in infinite perfection. God's holiness is His self-affirmation. Because of it He is infinitely worthy. In giving Himself He gives a worthy self. God imparted Himself in the gift of His Son. He commended this element of His "love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." In beholding the life of His Son on earth He saw himself in the position of man. He is, thus, touched with the feeling of our infirmity. By this vicarious element of His love, God was "in Christ reconciling the world unto himself," and our life is "hid with Christ in God." The love of God, then, is compounded of perfect holiness, perfect self-sacrifice, and perfect sympathy. The love of God be with you all.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Naming Our Churches

In the past, in the small towns and even in cities where we had only one church it was possible for us to name the church after the town or city in which it was located. But with the coming of Methodist Union this will be more difficult for there will be, very likely, another church named after the town or city. This is one of the first things we will have to look after, for when the boundary committees begin to map out new combinations of churches into stations or circuits, each church will need a name. Therefore I suggest that our people begin to think about this matter at once. Our people in Asheboro have already solved their problem by naming their church the "Central." Wherever there is a Methodist Protestant Church and an M. E. Church, South, both called "First" it will be necessary for one to give way and to select some other name.

Third Quarter to End August 8

For the information of all who might be concerned I am suggesting that the third quarter of our Conference year will end with Monday, August 8. This will include the first Sunday in August and will give us just one more quarter of the same length as the one closing. Let stewards remember that the year is rapidly getting away and what we do must be done quickly.

A Sunday on Saxapahaw Charge

Last Sunday was spent with the two churches, Saxapahaw and Salem on the Saxapahaw Charge. The Saxapahaw Church where the 11 o'clock appointment was held is a Union church, owned jointly by the Methodist Protestant and M. E. Church, South. The building is of wooden construction but is large and roomy. The auditorium is ample for any ordinary needs and then several years ago rooms were built on either side of the auditorium near the rear and so arranged that these additional rooms can be made a part of the auditorium. Within the past few years a large building has been erected to the rear of the auditorium with rooms for the various departments of the Sunday School. The congregation last Sunday was fairly good even though the weather was somewhat threatening. It was a pleasure to be there and to speak to this interested group, some of whom were school mates of other days. The pastor, Rev. E. A. Bingham, and his interesting family seem to be alive to the needs of the Church and the people seem to be working with them splendidly. The parsonage is neat and well kept. The six acres of land which belong to the Church make it possible for the pastor and his family to have whatever form of exercise which appeals to them most. It was a pleasure to be in the home at the noon hour with all that that means.

The appointment Sunday afternoon was at Salem Church, some three miles rather northeast of Saxapahaw. Since I was here many years ago a new Church has been built and a fine grove of maples and other trees have been planted which makes an abundance of shade. Last year, I believe, a large, neat hut was built out some distance from the side of the Church. This is proving to be very useful, both for Sunday School purposes and for social features. One can not be in this church many minutes without getting the impression that it is a very live organization. The pastor is very much pleased with the progress which has been made here within the past few years.

Rev. R. S. Troxler Seriously Ill

The friends of Rev. R. S. Troxler will regret to hear that he is desperately ill in Duke Hospital at Durham where he has been for the past several weeks. Brother Troxler has been one of our most useful men and his critical illness brings great sorrow not only to his family but also to his many friends. In the meantime the Glen Raven Charge which he has served so acceptably is being looked after by those who can divide time with them. Dr. R. M. Andrews, Charles Coble, H. L. Isley and others have preached for them.

The Revival Season Is On

In many of our rural churches the revival season is on now. I am appealing to all of our people to put forth every effort to reach the lost of the community. This is the chief business of the church and if it fails here it fails miserably. Surely our people will be much in prayer for those who are holding revivals that there may be a great ingathering.

Week Day Appointments

It is my desire to visit just as many charges as possible. It is impossible to visit all of our ninety charges on Sunday. If there are those who can use me for quarterly conferences in the week days I shall be glad to be used. Where a church or a circuit can have a picnic or any kind of gathering I shall be glad to be present and to speak.

Pastors' Reports *(Continued)*

Mecklenburg, J. R. Short, pastor: Attendance 75%; three members received, salary not paid in full, part of A. C. Expenses paid, repairs on parsonage.

Anderson, T. M. Johnson, pastor: Attendance 60%, a gain, salary not paid in full, took offering at Young People's Day and at Easter, A. C. Expenses raised in full, more than half of College assessment paid, Fairview Church painted inside and out, grounds graded, trees and shrubbery set, four acres, "Lord's Acre" planted to cotton, sponsored by Young People; at Liberty Hill trees and shrubbery set.

Spencer-China Grove, Rev. Atlas Ridge, pastor: Attendance 70%, a gain, three members received, salary not paid in full, took Easter offering; China Grove will soon have Church building completed.

Appointments

Sunday, July 3—Guilford Charge: Vickery at 9:45 a. m., and Fairfield at 11 a. m.

Sunday, July 10—Shiloh Charge: Friendship at 11; Greer's at 3; and Shiloh at 8 p. m.

Sunday, July 17—Tabernacle Charge: Julian at 11 a. m.; Tabernacle at 3 p. m.; and Moriah at 8 p. m.

Sunday, July 24—Chase City at 11 a.m., and 8 p. m.

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A Christian Purpose

"We believe in a Christlike world,
We know nothing better;
We can be content with nothing less,
We cannot live without Christ
And we cannot bear to think of men
Living without him.
Christ is our motive
And Christ is our end;
We must give nothing less,
And we can give nothing more."
—*Selected.*

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"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God . . . and took on him the form of a servant.—*St. Paul.*

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Books Relating to the History of the M. P. Church

Now that we shall soon merge with the other Methodists it is most important that such books which relate to the history of our Church, and especially in North Carolina be preserved. If any of our readers have such a book or pamphlet, let me suggest that you send it to me to be placed in the College library at High Point. The College authorities will welcome them and this will insure their perpetuity. We are having bound the volumes of the M. P. Herald which are placed in the College library and think it would be fine to place with them such other literature as relates to the history of our Church. Please communicate with the Editor if you have such books.

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The Tent Religionist

The sawdust trail still attracts people of certain types. They have a flare for novelty; love jazz music and believe that religion to be real, must be noisy. Whenever a tent rises in their community, as some unknown man or woman announces his presence there, these people forsake the pastor they know and the Church they have attended for the tent or tabernacle. The tent preacher's stock in trade as a rule is, the denunciation of the Church and the pastors of the community; often declaring that the "'real gospel" is not preached by the local pastor, etc. Most of these wandering preachers make high claims for holiness, and although they may be ignorant of the Bible, often cause divisions in the churches, and exhibit great facility for getting money for themselves; they hold themselves up as the real apostle of holiness and the only true model for the people to pattern after. It matters not to them if the community be already over-churched, they go there just the same. But they rarely ever pitch their tent in a community where there are no churches or but few if any Church people. They invite opposition from pastors because they think this will make it appear they are being persecuted. They thrive on persecution. Another characteristic of many of these peripatetic preachers is they never wait for an invitation from the Church people to go into an over-crowded community. They seem to think they have the right and are called of God to go where they can cause most division among the members of the organized churches; and when they leave the community, they leave their adherents without a Church organization and without a pastor and so the last state of many of their followers is worse than the first. Their "holiness preacher" is gone and they are ashamed to go back to the Church they once attended.

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Is It a Sin?

All my life I have heard the question asked about this or that act, Is it a sin to do that? And we always got an answer; either it was a sin or was not a sin. But that answer may have been wrong as often as it was right, for so few people have gotten their conception of the nature of sin from the Bible. There is hardly a page in the Bible where the word sin is not found. And there is no record of a human life about which sin is not in some way connected. When then do people commit sin? What makes an act of ours a sin?

The earliest record of sin is in Genesis: the sin of Eve and Adam. What was it about their act that made it a sin? It was disobedience to a known command of God. They were not to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and of evil. Whatever that was, they were not to do it. But they did eat of it and in doing it they sinned. That is, they sinned when they disobeyed. And so we get a well-known definition of sin—the transgression of a law. So those who transgress a known law of God commit sin.

There is another way people sin. The sin of omission, of failing to do the will of God. "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not is sin." In this instance a person may sin and yet not do anything. He can remain perfectly idle and commit sin. The sin of missing the mark, of failing to realize the purpose of God in the life. The man with the one talent did not destroy the talent, he just failed to properly use it. So people often sin when they fail to act or to speak. Their silence, their inactivity becomes sin to them.

Again, the Bible represents sin as wrong intention. One may plan an evil and never find an opportunity to realize it and yet commit a sin. He has not violated a statue, broken no law; but he has sinned in his life because he had a purpose to do wrong. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Evil in purpose, he is an evil man. Covetousness is a well-known sin of this character. So is hatred, lust, malice. These sins may be carried around in the heart and never ripen into full fruitage and yet be grievous sins. To hate without a cause is regarded as murder.

Is it a sin? It is a sin if it transgresses a law of God. It is a sin if one intentionally fails to do the will of God in his life. The sit-down striker in the Kingdom of God is a sinner. He may not have spoken an unkind word, never cheated any one, never misrepresented a cause, nor did a harmful thing against one and yet commit the sin of failing to the good he knew he could do and which he knew ought to be done because it was the will of God in his life. Is it a sin to gamble? What is the intention of the gambler? Is it not to get that which he has no right to have? Then the intention makes it a sin. And so all such acts may be judged by such a standard.

METHODISM AS A SOURCE FOR SOCIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

By Sydney Walton, C.B.E., M.A., B.Litt.

Wesley's were at the glowing heart of that central principle—Jesus is the lover of my soul. When an age, a nation, a government (if I dare hope it) discovers that, social transformation follows—social revolution, if you will. Perhaps it is the supreme discovery, the most tremendous of all revolutions.

Methodism has been criticised for concentrating on the soul and forgetting the factory; and some who were born in Methodism have forsaken it because of the criticism. This criticism is false; but even if it were true, is not the redemption and exaltation of the soul the spring from which the most wholesome social legislation must come? If the very essence of Methodism, of the "Nonconformist Conscience," is the man for whom Christ died is no cheap thing, but grander and more precious than the whole realm of nature, is not that a social conception which must "possess the sun's very power to summon forth the sweetest potencies in the bosom of the earth"? Surely it is a truth as tremendous as the tides of the sea, as fierce as fire, as puissant as a cyclone, though it work in gentleness of persuasion.

Think of its implications in regard to war ("What are a million men to me?" exclaimed Napoleon); in regard to vested interests of property, priestcraft, Russia and Germany and Italy, Spain and China; prisons, the persecution of the Jews, minorities everywhere; in regard to India and Africa, education, the dream of "joy in widest commonality spread," the joy of sharing in the sacraments of beauty whose bread is broken unto us by poet and painter, by prophet and builder. The wonder and sovereignty of the soul of man in the sight and desire of God is one of Methodism's keynotes, one of its spiritual and social splendors. It is the privilege of our pulpits to proclaim that truth which, though half Europe be intent upon crucifying it, must and will prevail.

There is the other truth, though really the two are one—

When to the new eyes of thee all things
by immortal power
To each other linked are
That thou canst not stir a flower
Without troubling of a star.

It is the truth that the world is one, a single brotherhood, a community, a commonwealth. "The world as a parish"—Wesley built better than he knew when he fashioned that most famous phrase. Science has made it a parish.

I need not dilate on the marvels and miracles which have become commonplaces in fifty years. The jubilee of the pneumatic type, for example, is being celebrated this very summer. Curious and paradoxical as it may appear, even Mars himself has thundered forth the truth that modern war cannot really be isolated. In war the world is a parish and all in some degree must suffer. "Where are now thy frontiers? Thy frontiers are the horizons." And trade and economics insist upon the oneness of the world.

I am in agreement with Mr. H. G. Wells when he declares that we must prepare to become world citizens or we perish. It can be said, I think, that in one aspect and interpretation the present discontent and distresses from which the world is suffering are due to the reluctance of statesmen, of nations, to take the world-view. They persist in clinging to the belief that the parish, their parish, is the world; and yet the very steel with which they will fight for these parochial ends and boundaries can only be made with materials drawn from many countries. "Patriotism is not enough"—even for the breakfast table, the market place, the factory. "Christ for the world we sing." "I look upon all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, that in whatever part of it I am I judge it meet, right and my bounden duty to declare, unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of salvation."

Methodism proclaims the dignity of the human soul in the sight of God ("the soul of man counts most with God") and the brotherhood of all the sons of men in "the Love of the Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep, and in that life and death unlocked the heavenly doors." Man, for whom Christ died, is no cheap thing, "not grain for guns, not bread for battle, fodder for cannon." Man is God's chosen, and eye hath not seen nor hath ear heard the measure of that glory which can be man's, which can be the heritage of all mankind, through Him who loves us. Let our hearts be warmed and replenished anew with that high faith.—*The Methodist Recorder* (London).

Tithers of Mint

Notwithstanding our Lord condemned most soundly those tithers of mint, of anise and cumin who were omitting the weightier matters of judgment and mercy; there are yet in the world people who are ready to accept the form of religion while denying its spirit; they exalt the ceremony above life. They will make the observance of an ordinance more important than rendering Christian service. Water baptism by a particular mode or the observance of the seventh day as the only day of rest as absolutely essential to salvation as they declare it.

JOURNAL MONEY

It's pretty late in the year to call attention to it; but there are several pastors who have not yet remitted for their Journals. I still owe Brother Reiner $80.00. There is enough out to pay that in full. Will those who have not sent in their Journal money please do so, so I can pay this bill. Thanks.

C. W. Bates, Secretary.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Is Your Religion Primitive?

According to Binder's definition of religion, we call for spiritual help in only those areas of life where we have a felt need. Religion is a search for completion, and the search goes on when and where we feel incomplete. Binder goes on to say that at its lowest religion is a search for physical comfort and an effort to avoid destruction. But at its highest religion means a desire "to come into full harmony with the ultimate cause of all things, intellectually, emotionally, and volitionally."

Thus we see that a primitive religion is for physical purposes. It is employed in the area of felt need, and with a primitive people, that felt need is a physical one. Where men feel their incompleteness, there will they apply religion. At one stage of culture the need is physical, therefore the religion of that level of experience will be physical—that is, it will be called upon to satisfy physical wants.

In the days of Job and before, it was thought that material prosperity was given as a favor from Jehovah. The righteous would be blessed, the wicked would come to want. The Book of Job is a contest between the two schools of thought. One contended that suffering is always a sign of sin. The other, represented by Job, argued that man is not righteous for pay, but because goodness was its own reward. Communion with God is pay enough, regardless of material results. Job's religion, far ahead of his day, was not primitive, but exceedingly progressive. It was spiritual. Job was worshipping God for the satisfaction he found in it—not for pay. Early in the argument the question was asked: Will a man serve God for naught? The whole Book of Job is the answer. No, man will not serve God for naught, but he *will* serve Him for the sheer joy of the worship. So far as *physical* pay is concerned man will serve God for naught. But high religion asks not material things, but it asks for God Himself.

Here then is the difference between primitive and high religion. One seeks the gifts of God, the other seeks God Himself. One asks for health, good crops, big pay; the other takes these things as incidentals and longs for fellowship with the Eternal Himself. These physical things are good, but they cannot satisfy the soul that craves union with the Divine.

To be sure, we see many people even yet who look upon religion as a way to get material blessings. To this extent their religion is primitive. Already we have more gifts than we deserve, and it is an ungrateful soul that does not acknowledge it. What real religion wants is spiritual life. Religion is not to keep away suffering, but to supply grace for the suffering as we, through faith, accept the acts of Providence and enjoy fellowship with the Highest at the same time. Religion is for the soul and not the body. And when one only calls for religion in times of sickness and famine, his is a primitive religion.

The lofty privilege of the Christian is to accept sonship with God. Being, then, a child of God Himself, the soul "delights itself in fatness," troubles can be endured, and the spirit here and hereafter, dwells with the Father, its safe and happy home. "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations."

It was this high religion Jesus came to bring, and it was this that Paul so loved to preach. It is our unspeakable gift, too. No wonder the Scriptures never tire of telling of the "riches of glory in Christ Jesus." It is more than tongue can tell, more than mind can comprehend, and more than man deserves. It is the gift of love. And God is love. Such is not primitive, but high religion.

"Should Thy mercy send me sorrow, toil, and woe;
Or should pain attend me on my way below,
Grant that I may never fail Thy hand to see;
Grant that I may ever cast my cares on Thee.

"When my last hour cometh, fraught with grief and pain;
When the dust returneth to the dust again,
On Thy truth relying through the mortal strife,
Jesus take me dying to eternal life."

JOSHUA: A CHOICE OF LOYALTIES

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, June 3, 1938

By Rev. O. L. Easter

Lesson Text—Joshua 1:2-6; 24:14-21.

From the more direct messages that we have had in our past quarter of lessons from the New Testament we now turn to the great annals of the Old Testament from which we can get messages equally as challenging although they will of necessity be less direct. From the lives and struggles of those great characters of other days we can gain much power and helpfulness both from their failures and their successes. We can profit by their success in copying their policies and by their failure in avoiding of the course of lessons dispell from our minds any idea that might lead us to think that this Old Testament study is not pertinent to our modern religious and social problems. That old saying which has it that "there is nothing new under the sun" has it aright in regards to the workings of human nature and it is human nature and humankind with which we are concerned here. The rudimentary factors behind human behavior both now and of old are basically the same, differing only in means of expression caused by environment. Take for instance the problem that is becoming so alarming in America of the professional racketeer. We look upon it almost as one of America's original contributions to the modern crime problem of the world, but if it be of any comfort we can shift the world's gaze back so far as the days of Abraham for its counter-part — the process of Jacob in getting the birthright from Esau the rightful owner. What has our modern kidnappers basically over the brothers of Joseph?

Therefore with our perspective unchanged and in light of the New Testament truth we will turn to this most human page in Hebrew history of Joshua and his people possessing the Land of Promise. Abraham had received the promise years before; Moses placed them in position to enjoy it; and it is the task of Joshua to bring the promise to fulfillment by really possessing the land. His was the major task, for the major problems of spirituality and morality. Moses had met with great hardships and danger in the wilderness, and so had Joshua as a servant of Moses; yet in the land of "milk and honey" were found the most dangerous hardships that threatened defeat.

The Roman empire met and conquered some very formidable enemies in battle, but it took only the "milk and honey" of these victorious conquests to bring about her downfall. It is just such an enemy that is challenging the Children of Israel in this lesson and it takes the strongest leadership and wisdom of Joshua to divest the pending defeat of Israel. When he had gone with Caleb and the other spies to spy out this land years ago he was not frightened by those giants the others had feared, and had felt as grasshoppers beside them. But now the greater giants of heathenism, idolatry, moral decoy, were raising their ugly heads and were threatening to defeat even the power of God with His people. This land for which they had not labored was fast becoming the usurper of the Lord's power over Israel. Rallying to this danger Joshua called together the leaders of Israel before Him and rehearsed to them the mighty acts of Jehovah in their behalf, and also their tendency to forsake the Lord. Then he gave forth the trumpet call to his people—a call for decision: "Choose ye this day whom you will serve . . . as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Here is a demand for a choice of loyalties between "God and mammon."

Can we not see in Joshua's problem our problem today? Our great nation of America surely has felt the providential hand of God upon her history in so much that she is called a "Christian nation" and who of us can not see that many giants like those of old are stealing our land from God. Influences foreign to our ideals and to Christian progress are rooting themselves into our social life and we who believe in the "God of our fathers" are hopefully praying for another Joshua to rally us against these foes.

In our church life we have no greater foe than that of paganism relative to that of Canaan. There is compromise on many fronts of the church with the foreign elements of the world, and when the crisis comes we are binding ourselves as a church with our powder wet by the elements of sin in our midst. To this weakness is added another weakness like it—a lack of decision by both clergy and laity upon the issues of righteousness. The forces of evil do not ignore the power of God that is ours for the asking, but they mobilize all their power for the purpose of enticing us to forget and deny that power. For when they can then their warfare is accomplished. When, however, the leaders of the church of Jesus Christ become fully willing to say with Joshua "as for me and my house we will serve the Lord" then we shall see many giants that now make us appear as grasshoppers driven out and the Kingdom of God come in our midst.

"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide;
In the strife of Truth and Falsehood, for the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each its bloom or blight,
Parts the goats upon the left hand and the sheep upon the right,
And the choice goes on forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.

"Then to side with Truth is noble when we share
Her wretched crust;
Ere her cause brings fame and profit, and 'tis
Prosperous to be just.
Then it is a brave man chooses, while the
Coward stands aside;;
Doubting in his object spirit till his Lord
Is crucified,
And the crowd make virture of the faith
They had denied."

—*Lowell.*

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APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

I wish to express my appreciation to the directors of the Pastors' Summer School, to the instructors, and to the College officials, for making this school possible, for all ministers of the North Carolina Conference, and for all who wish to attend. I have attended this school the last three years, but it is an evident fact that this session far exceeds the other sessions. It is my desire that this school be continued and I pledge myself and efforts to make each session better each year.

H. W. BELL.

MONEY FOR CRUSADE

All money raised for the Fellowship Crusade should be sent to Mr. J. H. Allen, Reidsville. He is the Annual Conference Treasurer; you should give the name of the church and the pastoral charge which sends it.

OUR STORY PAGE

VACATION AHEAD

Sue had stayed after Scout meeting to help Miss Sanders, the captain, put away some supplies. She was very quiet as she worked. This surprised Miss Sanders as Sue was usually jolly and talkative.

"You don't look very happy, Sue," she remarked. "It seems you would, with vacation only two weeks away."

"That's just the trouble," answered Sue. "I'm not going to have any vacation."

"Why Sue!" exclaimed Miss Sanders, "you're not going to summer school, are you?"

"No, I mean I'm not going anywhere. I have to stay home all summer," she complained.

"Oh," said Miss Sanders thoughtfully, "but you can still have a vacation."

"But it won't be any fun," objected Sue. "I most always have gone to camp. Now mother says we can't afford any trips. We had a fire at our house this spring that did a lot of damage."

"Yes," sympathized Miss Sanders, "I remember. Your mother burned her hands trying to save things, I believe."

"Yes, and of course I feel sorry about that. But I did so want to go to camp," mourned Sue.

"What do you like best at camp?" asked the captain.

"Oh, there are so many things. I like nature-study and camp-fire cooking. Swimming and tennis are my favorites. Then I shall certainly miss the council fires and stunts."

"It does sound good," agreed Miss Sanders, "but most of those things can also be done at home."

"Oh, but it wouldn't be the same!"

"No, not the same but equally enjoyable. Let's consider each thing you mentioned and see how it can be carried out. Take nature-study. Here in the city you have a wonderful opportunity. The parks are filled with birds, squirrels and various plants. Then there are opportunities for excursions into the country."

"But what about instruction?"

"Why not teach yourself? You can get helpful materials at the libraries."

"I believe I could do that," responded Sue. "Perhaps I could earn a merit badge."

"I'm sure you could. You should be able to earn one in cooking, also. It is almost as much fun to cook at home as over a camp-fire."

"I already know how to cook some. I'll get mother to let me cook a whole meal. If only there were some way to manage the swimming. I won't be able to afford to go to the pools much."

"Here is some good news for you, then. I happen to know that over at the East Pool they are looking for a girl to watch the small children's pool. You have your junior life-saving badge. I am sure that you can obtain the position. In return, you will get a season's ticket and free diving instruction."

"Oh, how wonderful!" cried Sue. "I'll see about it tomorrow. I do believe I'll be able to do everything I do at camp. The tennis will be easy to manage. Perhaps I can forget about the rest."

"That may not be necessary. Sue, there must be some other girls who are staying home."

"None I know very well. Judy, Beth, and Jill are going as usual."

"You know, Sue, I've been thinking lately that it's too bad that you four always stick so close together. You are missing a lot by not becoming acquainted with the others. I've noticed Lysa, the new girl, looking at your group with wistful eyes."

"Why," said Sue in surprise, "I have thought I'd like to know her. But I didn't know how."

"Why don't you find out at the next meeting what girls are going to stay home," suggested Miss Sanders. "Then you can meet and form a club."

"Oh, that will be fun! Miss Sanders, you are lovely. I would never have thought of this myself."

"Yes, you would, if you had given yourself a chance. But you were like most of us; you were too busy thinking about what you couldn't have instead of what you might do. Now I'd like for you to do one more thing. Write out what you consider the objectives of a vacation, whether at home or away."

Sue was busy for a while. When she had finished her friend asked her to read what she had written.

"I believe that a vacation should help one to:

1. Build good health through plenty of outdoor exercise;
2. Learn something new;
3. Make new friends;
4. Participate in varied activities;
5. Establish new enthusiasm that will last through the next year."

"That is fine, Sue. I'd like to read that to the girls next time."

"Thank you so much, Miss Sanders, for helping me. I can hardly wait for vacation to begin!"—*Elizabeth Mooney, in The Girls' World.*

THE NICHOLSON REUNION

All the descendants of Green Nicholson, the elder, are invited to attend the family reunion of this branch of the Nicholson family August 29 (Sunday) at the home of Mr. John Boon, three miles south of Mebane. A program is being prepared for the occasion beginning at 10:30 a. m.; picnic dinner at 1:30 p. m.

"The face of all the world is changed, I think,
Since I heard the footsteps of thy soul."
—*Mrs. E. Browning.*

Life is a great school, in which you are constantly learning what to do and not to do, how to plan and execute better.—*Grenville Kleiser.*

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QUARTERLY MEETING, MAPLE SPRINGS

The Maple Springs Auxiliary would like to know by July 10 how many luncheon plates to prepare for July 14 at 35 cents per plate.

The luncheon committee requests that all who are planning to attend the meeting please notify Mrs. T. L. Speas, 226 Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem.

If you will not know that you can attend until July 14, they will do their best to take care of you, but they would greatly appreciate knowing by July 10 if you expect to be there.

All who have guide books for this year are requested to bring them to the quarterly meeting so we may use our theme song, "Forward Through the Ages."

JAPAN TODAY

Japan today is an empire of ninety-one million people—sixty-eight millions living on the islands, which comprise Japan proper, and the other twenty-eight million living in her provinces. The total area of Japan proper approximates the combined areas of Georgia, North and South Carolina. And yet the population of Japan is almost ten times that of these three states. What increases the density of her population is the fact that only about fifteen per cent of her land is tillable. There are about 2,500 people to every cultivable mile — twelve times the ratio found in the United States. About sixty-five per cent of her population live on farms. For each farm family there are only two and a half acres of land. Four acres are considered a large farm. While the soil of Japan has not been praised for its natural fertility, the islands have been brought to a state of high cultivation by the thrift and industry of the people. Some of the land is made to produce two and even three crops a year. All of this helps us to realize Japan's dire need of territory and the enormity of the task of trying to sustain her large and rapidly increasing population with her limited natural resources.

Japan's rapidly developing industrialization has brought with it scores of perplexing problems. For the support of these industries she needs great quantities of coal, iron, and other minerals, and yet she is practically without these great natural resources. Her coal reserve is 118 tons per capita, compared with 27,501 tons per capita in the United States, while her total amount of iron would supply our blast furnaces only six months. "Japan's total output of oil is only seventy per cent of the output of the United States in a single day." (Christian Herald).

Japanese have three leading religions — Confucianism, Buddhism and Shintoism. The last of these is the only one indigenous to Japan, and it is not so much a religion as a cult of patriotism. And yet the principle underlying this cult is the ruling spirit in Japanese life today and is responsible for Japan's extreme nationalism and seemingly ruthless ambition. Willard Price, a student of Japanese affairs, writes in a recent article given the Reader's Digest: "Those who see Japan only as a greedy aggressive nation, bent upon conquest of her own material advantage, miss the real character of Japan. Her crusade is essentially religious and spiritual." Then he goes on to remind us that every child in the empire grows up believing with every fiber of his being that "Japan is the only divine land, that her emperor is the only emperor, that her people are the only divine people; therefore, Japan must be the light of the world." Yes, they believe that the islands themselves were begotten of two gods and are therefore favored lands, totally different from the rest of the earth; that all of their emperors are descendants of the Sun Goddess, Amaterasu, and that the earliest inhabitants of Japan were gods, from whom is descended the present race. And believing all these things the Japanese feel that they are sent to save the world and that world peace can come only through Japanese sovereignty. It seems strange to us that a people so intelligent and so progressive should still have faith in old religious myths which to us are so impossible. But we are told that in recent years their belief in Japan's divine mission has grown stronger and stronger.

There are in Japan today something over a half million evangelical Christians. This, of course, is a very small per cent of her population and yet, as has been said, "Japanese Christians weigh more than they count." Mrs. Foy Johnson Farmer, in "At the Gate of Asia," tells us that during a former conflict between Japan and China, Dr. Kagawa, Japan's great Christian leader, wrote a letter to the Chinese Christians in which he said: "Pardon us, pardon me especially, that our Christian forces were not strong enough to get the victory over the militarists. But the day will come when we shall be strong enough to do this and when both nations will be harmonious and peaceful in the name of Christ." Surely those of us who are Christians must look at Japan today with feelings of compassion and pray for the day to hasten when she will realize that her "divine mission" can be performed only as her people accept Christ and work for the spread of His Kingdom.—The Missionary Record.

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Two crack golfers had sliced their balls into the rough. They searched for them a long time without success.

After a quarter of an hour or so, a kindly old lady who had been watching the search came up and spoke to one of them.

"Excuse me," she said, "but would it be cheating if I told you where they are?"—Ex.

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"Why did you turn out for that truck? According to the traffic rules you had the right of way."

"Yes," answered Mr. Chuggins patiently, "but the truck had the right of weight."—Ex.

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"Pardon me for walking on your feet," said the polite passer-by.

"Oh, don't mention it," retorted the equally polite victim. "I walk on 'em myself."—Ex.

LETTER TO THEOPHILUS

Dear Theophilus:

Though nineteen hundred years have passed since Dr. Luke wrote to you his account of the doings and sayings of the remarkable Jesus of Nazareth, acclaimed the Messiah, it is still our privilege to report further the great works of the Living Christ that are being done in the world today.

I am just now in the midst of a Leadership Training School at High Point College. The important thing that our professor is holding before us is the fact of a growing conception of Jesus Christ. The Gospel of John, a book written some years later than Dr. Luke's letter to you, is now regarded as perhaps the most valuable of the four Gospels, because of its mystical revelation of the Divine nature and power of Jesus. That is what the world is most interested in today. That is what the world most needs to understand today. the DIVINE POWER OF JESUS.

We are studying a course called the Life and Teachings of Jesus. We have noted with interest the way in which Matthew has presented Jesus as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Then our textbook gives us an understanding of Jesus' own method of presenting Himself and teaching the truth. Teachers today are studying and imitating the methods of Jesus as the greatest teacher of all time. His use of the parables in his teachings about the nature of God and the Kingdom of God, his clear, natural, picturesque style of speaking to his hearers, his ability to teach successfully profound spiritual truth to simple, unlearned peasant folk—these are all marvels of pedagogical art.

I am overjoyed to report this to you, Theophilus. There is an entire chapter of our text-book devoted to the question, "What is Righteousness?" The Father in heaven must rejoice that men are still hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Then there are two whole chapters devoted to the "Christian Disposition." O Theophilus, how sorely needed has been this study among some of the grouchy, proud, unloving, hypocritical, so-called Christians! Of course we are taught that a Christian should have love—the greatest thing in the world—and humility—the most becoming virtue in the world; and we are taught that above all things we should, as Christians, be pure in heart and sincere in spirit, free from all hypocrisy and double-mindedness.

So you see, Theophilus, we are striving to learn more of the truth about Jesus Christ, to increase our conception of the wonderful Savior of the world, and to live in the world as Christians in such a way as may glorify our Father who is in heaven.

And so glorifying in the supreme gift of eternal life and in the daily kindnesses and mercies of His continued grace toward us, we await with joy the rich rewards of His approaching Eternal Kingdom. Praise be to God and to Saints now in glory.

And to you, most excellent Theophilus, farewell.

CHARLES C. SHARPE, Jr.
High Point College, June 24, 1938.

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Joe: "Let me give you a piece of advice."

Sam: "What's the matter with it, that you are willing to give it to me?"—Ex.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

West Forsyth Charge.—Our first special meeting will be held at Stony Knoll the first Sunday in July. Rev. J. L. Trollinger of Winston-Salem, N. C., will be the pulpit help. Our meeting at Baltimore church will be held the second Sunday in July, with Brother Trollinger also as pulpit help. Former pastors, friends and associates are invited. We covet your prayers.

G. B. FERREE.

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West End, Greensboro, Dr. N. G. Bethea, Pastor.—The children of our Sunday school gave us a splendid program Children's Day. Our offering amounted to around $13.

On the first Sunday night of June, the Young People's C. E. society installed their new officers. They are as follows: B. Z. Routh, president; Verla Mae Leonard, vice-president; Aileen Routh, secretary; Mrs. Douglas Fuquay, treasurer; Nellie Routh, chairman of prayer meeting committee; Ray Routh, lookout committee; Evelyn Leonard, Margaret Coley, and Sue Thomas, social committee; Elizabeth Parks, missionary committee. These young people are active in C. E. and church work. We are sure our society will make great progress under their leadership.

The State Christian Endeavor Convention held at Queens-Chicora College, June 16-19, attracted several of our members. During the convention an award was made to our Young People's society for handing in the best report of the year's work. One of the highlights of the banquet which was held on Saturday night was the presentation of little Nancy Sandifer, our "C. E. Mascot," and Nellie Routh, "Miss N. C. Christian Endeavorer." The theme of the convention was "Christ for the Crisis." convention was "Christ for the Crisis," and the entire program was centered around evangelism. During the convention there were between 20 and 25 Christian Endeavorers converted. This convention was one of the smallest the state has ever known but probably the most inspirational. Those who attended the sessions were deeply touched, and it was a mountain top experience for all of us.

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Mt. Lebanon Church, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor, Randleman, N. C.—Our revival began on the second Sunday in June and closed Wednesday evening, June 22. Rev. C. G. Isley assisted the pastor. We feel that the people missed some good sermons by not hearing Rev. Mr. Isley. His messages were received with interest. Wednesday evening we were happy to receive into the church 13 new members, one rededicated himself, and two came by letter.

A large per cent of the members are engaged in public work, and there was only night services, but there were large crowds each night and seemed to receive the words of the preacher with great interest. We hope to have Rev. Mr. Isley to come our way again and preach for us, as we think we had a successful revival.

A Sunbeam band and young missionary society was organized this month, with 25 members. This meeeting will meet twice a month at the church, under the direction of Miss Esther Brady, Miss Helen Jarrett, and Miss Rozelle Smith.

A large per cent of our Sunday school attended the home-coming at New Salem Sunday, June 26.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. Mr. E. F. Jarrett, our superintendent, is truly doing his part. After Sunday school plans were laid to finish the Sunday school rooms. The rooms are needed badly to take care of the classes.

Rev. C. L. Spencer is really giving us some good sermons, and helping us so much in our Wednesday night prayer services.

MISS ROZELLE SMITH, Reporter.

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Union, Halifax Charge, Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., Pastor, June 20.—The first district rally was held in our church the fifth Sunday in May. Our pastor brought us a good sermon for the morning service, and in the afternoon Miss Blanche Hardee gave a very interesting talk on "What Your Auxiliary Means to the Church." Miss Ethel Harrison gave a splendid talk on High Point College. The entire program could not be carried out, due to the absence of some of the speakers.

We were disappointed because there was no other charge represented, however, we were glad to have each one who was present, and hope to have the first district rally meet with us again.

On the third Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Howard filled his regular appointment, and as usual, preached a very inspiring sermon. We were glad to have Mr. Sterling Wheeler worship with us.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. N. B. Whitley, June 22. Mrs. Curtis Lewis, our president, is on the sick list. We hope she will soon be well again.

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First M. P. Church, Danville, Va., R. L. Vickery, Pastor, June 26.—With the coming of hot weather our attendance at Sunday school and church has slackened considerably. Even though it is a little uncomfortable indoors, we feel more refreshed after a service than we would in the sun, so come on out, see the results for yourselves, and don't let old Summer Slump get the best of you.

The Christian Endeavor society attended Vesper services in a body at the Jefferson Avenue Christian church last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Kenneth Potee, an Indian missionary, gave a splendid talk on missions in India, which was well worth listening to. The Christian Endeavorers also had the privilege of enjoying a weiner roast at the home of Miss Nadie Spain, at Ringgold, Va. Although we all entered the house drenched and dripping with rain, we had a doggie time in the kitchen, and all got back without getting stuck or skidding much. Miss Catherine Forbes got all minds off the rain by either trying to get them married, or getting them to sing the blues away.

Circle No. 1 of the Ladies' Auxiliary met at the home of Miss Ora Whisenant, June 20. They are doing quite a bit of helpful work, one of the projects being to supply the church with flowers. Circle No. 2 met at Mrs. Alice Allen's home and made plans to visit Hilltop Sanatorium and carry a Sunshine bag to Mrs. Doris Burrell, who is a patient there. While at this meeting, Mr. Ira Elliott was introduced to members of the Green family, and he convinced us that we were greener than we thought, because no one could perform the antics he did.

A series of Wednesday night prayer services is being conducted by the young people in the church. Mr. Fred James was leader a week ago, and Mr. Mahlon Elliott is leading this Wednesday's service. We all enjoy talks from the young people, and are so happy to see them really interested in serving our Master and doing their part in carrying on His work.

Mrs. Lillian Elliott, who has been vacationing in Canada, has returned home and is gradually regaining her health. We are looking forward to seeing her walk back into the church well again. Lowell, Willie Mae, and Junior Vickery, and R. J. Wells, Jr., are also recovering from the measles. We have been missing all of them, and shall be glad to have them among us again.

We wish all the happiness and success possible to Mr. and Mrs. Garland Tanner and Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Lewis, newlyweds of this month. Mrs. Tanner was formerly Miss Doris Stowe, and Mrs. Lewis was Mrs. Courtney Mahan Ferrell. May God's richest blessings always rest upon them throughout married life.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

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First Church, Burlington, Dr. F. W. Paschall, Pastor.—"Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth." Psalms 26:8. How often it is, when we enter the church to worship, we feel so discouraged and bewildered, but when we enter into the worship and listen to the wonderful messages of Dr. Paschall, how we are lifted! Our pastor's messages yesterday were both full of inspiration. The morning sermon was "The Compassion of Jesus," and the evening sermon was "One Thing Is Needful."

Our attendance has been good in spite of the hot weather. All organizations seem to be running along very smoothly. We have not got the "summer slump" yet. Let's keep it up, church members. The order of worship has been changed for the 11 o'clock service and it seems to be working very nicely.

Our pastor will be at Brown Summit this week assisting Dr. C. W. Bates in a meeting. Revival services will begin in this church the first Sunday in October. We urge all our members to plan, pray and work.

The Baraca class held their regular monthly business meeting and semi-annual election of officers in the hut Friday evening, June 3, with about 40 members present. New officers were elected as follows: C. C. Hargrove, president; C. C. Durham, first vice-president; C. C. Bayliff, second vice-president; Prof. H. G. Self, teacher; Geo. C. Smith, first assistant teacher; J. G. Rogers, second assistant teacher; H. W. Wade, secretary and treasurer; A. M. Wagoner, assistant secretary and treasurer; L. A. Braxton, press reporter. After the business session, refreshments were served and an enjoyable social hour of songs and other entertainment was participated in by those present. The class is expecting to accomplish much under the leadership of the newly elected officers.

The Baraca class is a wide-awake class, and right now I want to take the privilege of thanking them for giving up their class room to the Philatheas. It was very fine indeed. Their class room was very modernly and comfortably equipped, but yet they were willing to make a sacrifice in order to help someone else. Our Beginners' department has enlarged so that it was necessary to give them a larger room, so the Philatheas kindly gave up their class room to the little ones, and the Baracas in turn gave up their class room to the ladies. It is a very fine spirit all the way around, and I am sure their classes will progress just the same, and probably just a little later something will be worked out for them.

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New Salem, Randleman Charge, C. L. Spencer, Pastor, June 21.—Sunday school attendance seems to be increasing considerably. Although we haven't reached the 100 goal which we are hoping to reach, we had 91 present last Sunday.

Rev. C. G. Isley, pastor of Albemarle church, who is assisting our pastor in revival services at Mt. Lebanon church, was present and preached for us Sunday afternoon. We all enjoyed his message.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Henry King and Mr. W. M. Hayes, of Greensboro, worship with us Sunday; also Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hayes and family of Richmond, Va.

Next Sunday, June 26, we are planning our annual home-coming and Children's Day services. The Greensboro boys will be with us and furnish special music throughout the day. Everybody is invited to come and spend the day, also bring a well filled basket and eat a picnic lunch together.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. M. C. Henley is very ill in Moore Hospital. She underwent a serious operation yesterday morning. We trust that she will soon be well again.

MRS. R. F. WARD, Reporter.

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First Church, Thomasville, Rev. J. T. Bowman, Pastor, June 27.—We have not had a report in the Herald recently, but that is no indication that we are not still on the way.

The attendance at most of our services yesterday was very encouraging, especially at the C. E. meeting and the evening service. Rev. Paul Warner, missionary on furlough from Japan, was with us at the evening service. Those who were absent were certatinly great losers, for he brought us a most interesting and inspirational message on "Our Responsibilities to the Japanese Empire."

We feel that we were very fortunate to have him visit us and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the service.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday evening, June 21. Much interest is being shown by the women in the auxiliary. It would be hard to find a group of women more willing to cooperate than are the women of our organization. We are very proud of the opportunity and the privilege to serve our church, and through it, our Master, by working in this organization.

Three of our young people attended the Leadership Training School at High Point College last week. They are going to tell us about their experiences there next Sunday evening.

Our beloved Sunday school superintendent, Mr. D. R. Connell, is still unable to meet with us in our services, but we are rejoicing because of his returning health and look forward to the time when he will have recovered sufficiently to worship with us again.

Mrs. F. E. Elmore had the misfortune to fall recently and break her arm. We have been missing her and hope she will soon be with us again.

MRS. W. A. LEONARD, Reporter.

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Chapel Hill Church, Davidson Charge, Rev. C. L. Grant, Pastor, June 20.—It has been some time since our last report, but this church has not been sleeping. The church is very active trying to do a better work than ever before.

The Sunday school attendance has improved greatly in the last few months. We are still asking for others to come and join with us in the Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock, also in all other activities of the church.

Yesterday was our regular preaching Sunday, at which time our pastor brought us a good sermon, using for the scripture lesson 1 Cor. 15:57, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." From this verse he stressed the point of improving our way of living, so that the youth of the land might have a better chance to become Christians and live lives of service for Jesus.

The vote was taken for delegate at this service, the delegate chosen being Mr. Lowe Lomax, of Pine Hill church, and Mr. Wade Surratt of Chapel Hill church.

The newly organized Ladies' Auxiliary of this church met for its second meeting with Mrs. A. C. Harris as hostess. Nine of the 12 members were present. The auxiliary is young, yet it is active, for we have good cooperation in the work. At this meeting the auxiliary voted to raise money to buy new song books for our church, this being another move for improving our church services.

We ask an interest in the prayers of the Christian people, that we may continue on for things much higher in the spiritual life than ever before.

MRS. VANN SURRATT, Co-Reporter.

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Kernersville-South Winston Charge.—We are pleased to report that attendance in most of the services of the five churches on this charge has been good for the summer months. Our revival meeting at South Winston church was well attended, and the preaching was unusually good. Rev. B. A. Culp, of the First Methodist Episcopal church, Winston-Salem, did the preaching throughout the meeting except the third Sunday morning, when Rev. J. L. Martin, of Union Ridge church, delivered the message. We had a good meeting, but have not received any members yet. We expect to receive some members later.

The revival meeting will begin at Ai church next Sunday, with two services, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The services will be held each night at 8 o'clock during the week. No service next Sunday night. Rev. D. I. Garner, of Mebane, is the engaged help for this meeting.

This pastor and family have been the recipients of a nice pounding which was brought to the parsonage on the night of June 8 by members of the Kernersville church. The articles were too numerous to list, and consisted of various good things, such as flour, sugar, lard, coffee, eggs, vegetables, bacon. Other similar gifts have been received before and since the night of the pounding. We appreciate very much all these gifts, and thank each giver. Our aim is to render better service in the future.

The circles of the Ladies' Aid society of the Kernersville church will conduct a booth at the Fourth of July celebration in Kernersville next Monday. The proceeds of the booth will be added to the present funds of the society with which remodeling of the church building is expected to be made.

We are pleased to report that Ai church has painted the exterior of the building, at a total cost of $60. The improvement adds much to the beauty of the building.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

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Pleasant Grove, Rev. Fred R. Love, Pastor, June 28.—On Sunday morning, June 19, it was our privilege to have with us Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard. Dr. Pritchard brought us a very inspiring message. We are always glad to have Dr. and Mrs. Pritchard with us.

The Sunshine Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Stuart Payne. Mrs. Joe Murphy conducted the devotional. A very interesting meeting was held and several visitors were present.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. W. H. Newby on Wednesday afternoon. A large number were present and Mrs. Wallace Kennedy was in charge of the program.

Mrs. Rob Kennedy's condition remains the same in the High Point hospital where she is receiving treatment.

Misses Hilda and Kathryn Kennedy, members of our Sunday school, attended the Leadership Training School at High Point College last week.

ALICE KENNEDY, Reporter.

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Calvary, Greensboro, R. C. Stubbins, Pastor.—Our revival came to a close Friday evening, June 15. Many helpful messages were delivered by Rev. J. A. Vache, rector of St. Andrews' Episcopal church, who was the help in the meeting. The music was directed by Edward Robbins.

The enrollment at the Bible school, conducted during the revival, totalled 100. The school, under the direction of the pastor and Mrs. W. F. Parker, cradle roll superintendent, consisted of the cradle roll, beginners, primary and junior departments.

Sunday, June 12, was observed as "Baby's Day." Four infants were christened. An interesting program by the cradle roll department was directed by Mrs. W. F. Parker.

A very effective Children's Day service, under the direction of Miss Frances Bialock and Miss Sarah McCulloch, was held on the third Sunday evening. Part of the Bible school work was presented.

Miss Viola Gaines, Miss Norma Lee Daws and Miss Martha Kirkman represented Calvary at the Leadership Training school held at High Point College last week.

Rev. T. F. McCulloch has been physically unable to attend church services for the past two Sundays. He has been greatly missed and we hope he will soon be with us again.

Mrs. Stubbins left June 18 to be with her mother who is sick, near Enfield. We hope she will soon be well again.

MRS. HOWARD R. NEECE, Reporter.

Community Church, Thomasville. — Last Sunday we were honored by having as guest speaker for the morning service, Rev. Paul F. Warner, returned missionary from Japan. He is a teacher in our Noagaya school, Noagaya, Japan. He spoke on "International Relationships and Our Christian Attitude Toward People of Other Races." Everyone enjoyed his talk and we hope to be able to have him with us again before he returns to Japan.

We had two girls from our church to attend the High Point College Leadership Education school and they reported a very good school. They were Misses Alice Ruth Myers and Bessie Allyn.

Our third quarterly conference will be Wednesday night of this week.

We are planning to have a part in the picnic lunch at the orphanage Thursday, June 30. Our ladies are trying to see all the members to get a penny for each year. This is to go to the orphanage.

Of interest to a large circle of friends was the marriage last Sunday evening of Miss Lela Maude Boyles to Mr. Hilton Theodore Smith, of Greensboro. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents. She has been an active member of our church for several years and we wish for Mr. and Mrs. Smith a long and happy life together.

MRS. HOWARD B. GREEN, Reporter.

Haw River Circuit.—Since the last report the following has happened:

The retaining wall for the cemetery at Friendship church has been built. Five trucks and 15 of the brethren made it possible for this work to be done in a day, and from all reports they must have worked like the folks who rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem. (They didn't let me know anything about it or I might have been a sort of Nehemiah.) It has certainly added a great deal to the appearance of the grounds.

Midway church was all spick-and-span for the beginning of the special meeting Sunday. The painting of the woodwork was finished last week; and while the brethren were busy cleaning up the grounds and the cemetery, the sistren were tidying up the inside of the church.

And so at Mizpah, except that the brethren cleaned up the grounds last week and the women folks plan to clean up inside this week, ready for the beginning of the special meeting this coming Sunday. We are expecting a very fine improvement to be in place by Sunday, part of it already done. I'm supposed to keep it a dark secret; so I shall have to refrain from telling what it is and who made it possible until Sunday.

The meeting started Sunday at Midway with a better attendance than last year. Brother Paschall came for the afternoon service, and was with us again last night. We had a very stormy night, but in spite of it a goodly number came out, and we had a fine service.

The folks at the parsonage attempted to give the high school graduates on the charge a party at the parsonage last Saturday night. A number came, but a storm, and the fact that some were working in town, kept the others away. Those who came reported a good time. (The preacher did not get to enjoy it due to the fact that he was in bed with a sick headache.)

Friendship church lacks just one item of having all conference claims paid. Fair Grove finished up the College apportionment last Sunday. Midway is almost out on this item. The pastor's salary is some behind; but no more than is to be expected at this season of the year.

The Auxiliary met with Mrs. Willie Hopkins last Thursday; the first time it has met outside the parsonage since it was organized more than a year ago. Three of the churches were well represented. No one came from the other one. A very interesting and enjoyable meeting is reported. (I always get around about time for refreshments. That part of the meeting I very much enjoyed.)

Friendship church has just been called upon to give up one of its members, and another who, while not a member, was so much interested in the work of the church and taught so long in its Sunday school that she seemed one of us. The first. Brother J. M. Weatherly; the second, Mrs. D. R. Hopkins. The families have the sincere sympathy of the pastor and the membership.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, T. H. Vickery, Pastor, June 26.—The time is drawing near and it will soon be time for our revival meeting. Let us not forget to be preparing as each day goes by.

Rev. Mr. Vickery brought us a splendid sermon which everyone enjoyed. He had with him two of his friends. Hope they will come back whenever possible to be with us.

We have a new member to come by letter: Mrs. Sam Bryant has brought her letter from a Baptist church to unite with us. We are indeed glad to have her come into our midst.

We have had two of our members to get married: Miss Vivian Killingsworth was married to Mr. Richard Wasson on May 28. Miss Oree Page to Mr. Sandell on June 26. We wish for these young people the best of luck and happiness all through life.

SARA SIMPSON, Reporter.

Hollister, Halifax Charge, June 28. — On Sunday morning our pastor, Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., filled his appointment with a splendid message, as he always does. We never hear him preach but what we think his sermons are good and inspiring. There was a larger congregation present Sunday morning than usual to hear him preach. There were in the congregation several visitors from other churches and communities. We are always glad to have visitors. After listening to such a splendid sermon, I am sure we were all blessed by attending this service. At our next appointment which is the second Sunday evening we will cast our votes for delegate to the Annual conference. The nominees are Mr. F. M. Taylor, of Bethesda church, and Miss Blanche Hardee, of Eden church.

The attendance at Sunday school increases nearly every Sunday. A special offering was taken at Sunday school Sunday for the Children's Home. Several of our people are planning to attend the Home-coming Day service at the Children's Home Thursday.

A Bible school was held here during the second week in June, with Mr. Sterling Wheeler as instructor and teacher. Mr. Wheeler taught the book on the "Life of Christ," by Lee. We were very sorry more of the people on the charge did not attend the school. We enjoyed hearing Mr. Wheeler's messages, and to those of you who did not attend, you missed some wonderful messages on the "Life of Christ." Our pastor was present each night and conducted the devotional services which was enjoyed by all. Mr. Howard and other members of the charge attended the Leadership school at High Point College last week.

ASSISTANT REPORTER.

Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Dr. T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—The Children's Day program was a great success Sunday night. We are proud of the way our children are being trained and the splendid way they respond to that training.

Misses Esta Compton and Thalia Foster, our two girls who attended the Leadership Training school in High Point last week, reported a grand time as well as being much benefitted by it.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Houston Poole who recently lost her mother, Mrs. Dave Gordon, of Pelham.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Byrd and children, formerly of here, but now of Waycross, Ga., recently visited the former's sister, Mrs. W. R. Harrison and family.

We were sorry to learn Mr. W. M. Compton was on the sick list last week. Hope he is well again.

Mrs. Hiram Anders, the former Miss Sara Messengale, has been removed from the hospital at Hendersonville, N. C., to her parents' home here. She is still in a very serious condition following a critical skull fracture received in a motorcycle accident on the Hendersonville-Brevard highway on June 10. Mrs. Anders is a beloved member of the Willing Workers class and has a host of friends who are hoping and praying for her complete recovery, if, it's the divine Master's will.

Best wishes to all Herald readers. We covet your prayers.

MRS. LOTTIE H. WADDELL, Reporter.

State Street, Lexington, O. C. Loy, Pastor, June 27.—The work of our church is going on nicely. The attendance has kept up unusually well until recently; due to the fact that whooping cough is in full sway among the children and several are visiting or on vacation.

The Philathea class held its regular meeting with Mrs. B. H. Leonard, with a large number present. The orange social was enjoyed but did not raise the treasury very largely on account of scarcity of seeds; some of the oranges contained very few.

The revealing party was conducted a different way. We usually keep our heart sisters' name for three months and then exchange gifts; although this time each one drew a name and exchanged gifts by describing the name and others guessing the name by the description.

The class decided to have their next meeting with the teacher, Mrs. J. B. Leonard, for the annual picnic. The husbands are especially invited and a large crowd is expected.

The auxiliary meeting was held at the home of the writer last Tuesday night. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Harkey. The devotional was led by Mrs. C. H. Forcum. An interesting reading on China and Japan was given by Miss Helen Harkey.

Mrs. Loy suggested that we use the sunshine and rain bags for July. Every member will take one and drop in a penny each day for whatever it calls for.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

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WHAT DRINK DOES

The Testimony of Drinkers' Relatives

I know what the prohibitionists think about liquor. To them it is a drug, a narcotic, a poison, a chief cause of lawlessness and death on the highways, and of a serious problem in caring for the families of drunkards.

I know also what most of the drinkers I have talked to think about liquor. I have asked them frankly to tell me what pleasure they get out of their drinking, what unhappiness if any, and whether or not they would advise me to start using alcoholic beverages. Most of them feel that they themselves are in no danger, but that many of their friends are. They consider drinking a practically harmless social habit for those who can "handle" liquor, but "God have mercy on you if you ever get to liking the stuff." All I have talked to, with but two exceptions — both saloonkeepers — have advised me to leave liquor alone, stating that there is nothing to gain by its use, and there might be much to lose. But even the testimony of the two saloonkeepers who advised me to acquire the liquor habit was counterbalanced by the testimony of three others who advised me to leave it alone, one even admitting that he did not drink the stuff himself.

Again, I am acquainted with what the liquor interests say about their product. They declare it to be the indispensable source of all the social graces, of health and longevity, of revenue for the nation, of prosperity to business, and of respect for the law. Some, in fact, would have me believe that alcohol is practically synonymous with the tree of life mentioned in the Scriptures.

But the testimony of highest value, I believe, comes from those who are in intimate contacts with liquor and its effects over a long period of years, those who have the opportunity to give an unbiased study to the problem. Desiring to secure such testimony, I have spent the last few days visiting some of the families of heavy drinkers, jotting down what they told me. I pass it on for what it is worth, believing that the testimony can be verified by anyone who cares to investigate it anywhere in the world, by interviewing in a similar manner the relatives of drinkers.

This is what they said, in their own words:

A Farm Woman

"I have had two brothers and a sister-in-law drink themselves to death. Please don't ask me to recall the horrible details of what drink has meant to my family. If I did, I could not sleep tonight. All I can say is that liquor is the greatest curse that ever came upon the human race. It makes demons out of men and women. After a person has drunk for a while, you wouldn't even know that he is the same person. Yes, his character changes; but I was thinking in particular of his facial features. Bloated face, bleary eyes, destroyed brains. Oh, why do they let them sell the stuff? Please don't make me go into that nightmare again!"

Daughter of Former Customs Official

(Father in jail at time of interview for stealing liquor):

"We've done everything for my father that we can think of, but he seems gone beyond hope. We've had him at the Stanford Clinic for a cure; but while he was there, he sneaked out and got his drinks just the same. After he lost his job in the Honolulu customs service, my husband and one of my brothers got him a job paying $250 a month; but he could not keep it. We took him into our home and tried to straighten him out; but we just couldn't keep him here any longer with the children.

"I know about his trouble with the officers, but we can do nothing. After all, he is a grown man, and if he doesn't care about himself or his family any more than to get into such circumstances, he will have to get out as best he can. My husband is through doing for him. I have recommended that he be committed to the hospital for alcoholic cure at———. No one else can do anything for him."

Wife of Mail Carrier

(Husband heavy drinker for last six years; has been holding job, wife declares, only because the postal officials grew up with him, and hate to discharge their former companion):

"God only knows what I have gone through on account of liquor. I am living with him only because of the man I married, not because of the man I have now. No one could have had a better husband than I did during the first few years of our married life. We used to take our social drinks together until he began to like liquor too well. Now he comes home a demon instead of a man. Often he starts cursing as soon as he reaches the door, and calls me every vile name that one can imagine.

"Several times he tried to kick me, once he tried to strike me with the floor lamp, and another time he tried to kill me with a chair. Once as I fled from the house he followed me and knocked me unconscious with his fist. He tried to finish what he had begun by choking me, but my mother succeeded in pulling him off. Some of the neighbors called the officers, and that so frightened him that he has not since tried to kill me. Twice he left me, stating that he was going to kill one of his sisters; but I called up the officers and had them meet him before he got there.

"His health is completely ruined; and even when he is comparatively sober, I am unable to detect a single ray of manhood, of spirituality, or of love left in his make-up. All his finer sensibilities and emotions seem to have been burned out of him by alcohol."—"Signs of the Times."

THE REYNOLDS ANNUAL REUNION

Members of the Reynolds families are making extensive arrangements for the annual reunion to be held at Tabernacle Methodist Protestant church, nine miles southeast of the city on the Greensboro-Sanford highway, as announced by Rufus W. Reynolds, Greensboro attorney who is the president of the "Reynolds Reunion association." Attention was especially called to the changing of the meeting date, which will be Monday, July 4, this year. This clan has had its gathering for many years at this same location but always met on the third Friday in July, but due to the fact that it is more convenient for the majority of the Reynolds and their friends, the program committee saw fit to make a change and make July 4 the permanent date in the future for the association.

The principle address will be delivered by Bryce R. Holt, assistant district attorney of the United States middle district court of North Carolina. Mr. Holt resides in this city. Mr. Holt will be introduced by the Honorable William H. Hunter, judge of the Circuit Court division in Greensboro, N. C. The devotional for the morning will be led by Rev. Roland C. Stubbins, pastor of Calvary Methodist Protestant church. Also on the morning program Charles H. Robertson, Internal Revenue Collector, will speak.

President Reynolds appointed the following to serve on the program committee: John O. Reynolds, of Burlington, chairman; Rev. George L. Reynolds, of High Point, N. C.; Claude and Arvel Reynolds, of Guilford county, and Kemp and Floyd Reynolds, of Greensboro.

Mrs. Howard R. Neece is chairman of the music committee.

The president of the association will call the meeting to order promptly at 10:45 p. m. The program will include in addition to the address and other short talks, some special music and then the business session. The committee has been fortunate in securing one of the most popular brass bands in the state to furnish the band music. Dinner will be served in picnic style at 12:45 p. m. in the church grove. In case of inclement weather it will be served in the church hut. All friends of the Reynolds family are requested to be present with baskets filled with picnic food. The committee is making plans for the afternoon program to be an entirely out-door recreation.

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Professor: "What is ordinarily used as a conductor of electricity?"

Student (all at sea): "Why-er—"

Professor: "Wire. Correct! Now tell me what is the unit of electric power?"

Student: "The what-sir?"

Professor: "Exactly, the watt. Very good; that will do."—Ex.

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Wee Dorothy saw a rooster flop his wings and crow. "Funny old bird," she remarked, "he spanks himself, and then cries about it."—Ex.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Mrs. W. P. Bodenheimer

On June 6 Mrs. Effie Teague Bodenheimer, a life long member of the First M. P. church, High Point, passed away. Mrs. Bodenheimer was only 51 years of age, apparently in good health, at her usual place in church the preceding day, and therefore her sudden death came as a very great shock to her many friends.

Since the death of this good woman I have heard many say that there we have another example of the fact that the good die young. Although I do not subscribe to such a belief. I believe that I do know that in the death of Mrs. Bodenheimer a good woman has passed away. Her loyalty and devotion to her church was second only to her devotion to her home. She did not advertise her righteousness but she lived it. In my mind she represents the type to whom Jesus was speaking when He said, "ye are the salt of the earth." The Christian home will miss this Christian wife and mother, and so will the church of which she was a part.

Surviving are her husband, W. P. Bodenheimer; one son, William; one daughter, Mrs. Lewis Chamblee; six brothers, Carson Teague, of New Jersey; Homer Teague, of Winston-Salem; Hunter, Lester, and Lewis Teague, of High Point, and Earl Teague of Mt. Airy; one sister, Miss Gertrude Teague, of High Point; and one aunt, Mrs. A. L. Ellison, of High Point; also one nephew, Harold Teague, should be mentioned who has lived in the home for several years.

Funeral services were conducted from the home by her pastor, Rev. J. C. Madison.

J. C. MADISON.

C. L. Gray

On Friday, May 27, the people of High Point and especially the members of the First M. P. church, were saddened by the death of C. L. Gray. When a good and useful man passes we always wonder from whence another shall come who can adequately take his place.

Mr. Gray, who was 70 years of age, was the son of J. Armenius Gray, the son of Rev. Alson Gray, one of the first Methodist Protestant ministers in this state. The Gray family has been prominent in the M. P. church in this section and the service rendered the First church at High Point by C. L. Gray is beyond evaluation. He was loyal and liberal in his support and at death he was a member of the Board of Stewards and also of the Board of Trustees.

Not only in the church but in his daily life Mr. Gray was constant in his fight for the right. He spent most of his life as an officer of the law and was twice chief of police in this city. As an officer he was greatly respected by the public as one who took most seriously his trust and responsibility. His circle of friends was very wide and even those brought to justice by him respected him.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, Mrs. Ray Jackson Gray; one son, Dr. C. L. Gray, Jr., now doing his interne work at Duke hospital; one sister, Mrs. J. B. Spencer, of High Point.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday, May 29, by Dr. P. E. Lindley and J. C. Madison.

J. C. MADISON.

Mary Louise Hudson Gray

Mary Louise Hudson Gray was born August 17, 1862. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Hudson. The parental home was near Farmer, N. C. It was there that the deceased was born and reared.

In October, 1880, she was united in marriage with John Simeon Gray, with whom she lived happily until his death, which occurred June 2, 1915.

There was born into the Gray family seven children: three sons and four daughters. Arthur, Sarah, and Mrs. Ervin Cox preceded the mother in death. The surviving children are C. G. Gray, of Carthage; Miss Belle Gray, of the home; J. G. Gray, of Asheboro; and Mrs. Robert Lloyd, of Asheboro. There are also nine surviving grandchildren.

The religious life of Sister Gray began in her early years, when she professed faith in Christ and united with New Union Methodist Protestant church, located in the community where she was brought up. When she and her family came to Asheboro to live she transferred her membership to the Central Methodist Protestant church. This transfer was made in 1921, March 27, during the pastorate of the late Rev. L. W. Gerringer. Her membership remained here until her death, on June 5, 1938.

During her last years Sister Gray was kept from church because of her afflictions. But she never lost her interest in the church and in spiritual things. As the years advanced and she grew more frail in body, she seemed to grow strong in her faith and her devotion to God. She was a good woman, an affectionate mother, a friendly neighbor, and a sincere Christian. She was a long and a patient sufferer. It was human for her to want to get well and remain with her family. But she was resigned to the will of God. She ofttimes gave assurance of her trust in Him. She came to her "grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in its season." And now she is not, for God took her.

The funeral service was held at New Union church, the writer being assisted by Rev. H. A. Parker, pastor of the Asheboro Friends church. The body was laid to rest under a covering of flowers by the side of her husband in the church burying ground.

We extend deep sympathy to the family in the breaking of this earthly tie, and also comfort in the assurance that they do not weep as those who have no hope.

S. W. TAYLOR.

T. J. Aaron

T. J. Aaron, son of the late John Henry and Sally Ashby Aaron, was born January 26, 1874, in Virginia. At an early age his parents moved to Davie County, N. C. After having lived there for some time Brother Aaron came to Lexington, N. C., and established his own home there. On June 12, 1938, he was called from his earthly home to take up his eternal abode in that Celestial home prepared for those who are faithful servants of the Master.

Brother Aaron was united in marriage to Miss Essie Shoaf April 8, 1909. To this union was born seven children: Lila, Thomas, Hoyt, Alma, Glenna, and Melva Jean Aaron, and Mrs. Clyde Hege. All of which, with their mother, survive to mourn their loss. He is also survived by four brothers, W. H. Aaron, Lexington; L. C. Aaron, Fork Church; James Aaron, Spray; and E. L. Aaron, Salisbury; and three sisters, Mrs. John Everhart, High Point; Mrs. J. F. Lanier, Welcome; and Mrs. Frank Redwine, Route 2, Lexington.

Brother Aaron was a good man and loved by those who knew him. He was a member of the State Street M. P. church of Lexington. He was faithful to his church, and a noble servant of the Great Master. His passing is a great loss to us but a great gain to him. We sorrow because of the parting, but rejoice in the hope of a great day of reunion when the great day of our Lord shall come.

May the merciful Father comfort those bereaved and sustain them in these hours of sorrow, is our prayer.

Funeral services were conducted in the Reids M. E. church by his pastor, Rev. O. C. Loy, assisted by Rev. C. E. Ridge, pastor of Shiloh charge, of the M. P. church. The body was laid to its final resting place in the cemetery of the Reids M. E. church.

O. C. LOY.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Way

Mrs. Mary Ellen Way was called to her eternal home on June 8, 1938. She had lived here for nearly 81 years. Though her health had been failing for some time, her physical death was rather sudden and unexpected.

Mrs. Way was a good Christian woman. She loved her church. She attended the services when her health would permit. She supported the church and lived a good Christian life. She had a beautiful testimony. She often talked of the hope and assurance which were hers through Christ. She could truthfully say, "Why fear death? It is the most beautiful adventure in life."

Mrs. Way had an abiding love for and a prayerful interest in her children. She lived for them and in their experiences. If they were troubled, she was troubled. If they were burdened, she was burdened. If they were in sorrow, she was too. She simply lived for them and in their experiences. She lived a Christian life before them and tried to lead them in the way of righteousness. It is much to her credit that one of her sons is now an active minister in our conference.

Mrs. Way believed in and practised prayer because she loved fellowship with God. Her home was a place of prayer. It had the atmosphere of prayer. She always wanted her pastor, or any minister who called, to have prayer with her. She was much in prayer herself and though some of her prayers were not answered during her life time, yet she died in the faith that they would be answered.

May the God of all comfort shed abroad His love in the hearts of the bereaved and bring continually into their lives His peace.

FRED W. PASCHALL.

Mrs. Josie Willeford

Funeral services for Mrs. Josie Willeford, 65, was held Thursday morning at Roberta Methodist church and burial at Concord cemetery.

Mrs. Willeford was the wife of the Rev. W. H. Willeford, well-known evangelist of this county, who passed on some years before. She died at the home of a sister, Mrs. W. M. Kiser, near Concord. She leaves to mourn her loss three sisters, Mrs. W. M. Kiser, Mrs. Laura Dees and Mrs. F. E. Menius all of the county, survive, together with one brother, Preston Starnes, of Albemarle; three half brothers, Zeb Starnes, Roe Starnes and Clive Starnes; and one half-sister, Mrs. Ada Clay, of Mecklenburg county.

"Aunt Josie" was loved by all who knew her, her cheerful smile and sunny disposition was not changed by her illness, she was never heard to complain during her sickness about anything, as she loved her God and was ready to meet Him.

The funeral was conducted by Q. L. Joyner with the Rev. Ross, of Concord, assisting.

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A little boy was saying his go-to-bed prayers in a very low voice.

"I can't hear you, dear," his mother whispered.

"Wasn't talking to you," the small one answered firmly.—Ex.

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Aunt Hetty: "Sakes alive! I don't believe no woman could ever have been so fat."

Uncle Hiram: "What you readin' now, Hetty?',

Aunt Hetty: "Why, this paper tells about an Englishwoman that lost two thousand pounds."—Ex.

MARRIED

Cline-Beaver

A marriage of much interest to their host of friends is that of Miss Annie Cline and Joe A. Beaver, on Saturday, June 25, at 6 o'clock, at the Roberta parsonage by the pastor.

Only a few close friends witnessed the ceremony.

The bride wore an attractive costume of white, with accessories to match. Her corsage was white lilies of the valley mixed with pink roses.

Mrs. Beaver is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ivy Cline, of Concord. Mr. Beaver is the son of C. A. Beaver, of Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Beaver will make their home in Concord. Their many friends extend to them their best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous life together.

Q. L. JOYNER.

Martin-Motsinger

A very simple but impressive wedding was solemnized at the Methodist Protestant parsonage in Kernersville Saturday, June 25, 1938, at 10:30 a. m., when Miss Ruth Martin, of Belews Creek, became the bride of Wesley C. Motsinger, of Kernersville, Route 2. The ceremony of the Methodist Protestant church was used, the writer officiating. Only intimate friends of the couple were present for the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ella Martin and the late W. R. Martin, of Belews Creek. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Motsinger, of Kernersville, Route 2. He is a graduate of Draughon's Business college, Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Motsinger will reside at the home of his parents in the Pine Grove section of Forsyth county. Their many friends wish for them a happy life together.

C. B. WAY.

Montgomery-Jackson

At the West End parsonage, Sunday morning, June 19, at 8:30, Charles Jackson and Doris Montgomery, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the writer officiating, this being a quiet affair witnessed only by a few friends.

Mr. Jackson is employed by Melts Bakery and his bride is from the country, her parents living on Route 4, Liberty road.

These young people will make their home in Greensboro after their return from a few days' bridal tour.

The best wishes of their many friends follow them for a happy and prosperous journey through life.

N. G. BETHEA.

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"Every time I have an argument with my girl I enter it in a small diary."

"Ah, I see. You keep a little scrapbook."—Ex.

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"Why are ye comin' home with your milk pail empty?" demanded the old farmer. "Didn't the old cow give anything?"

"Yes," replied the hired boy, "nine quarts and one kick."—Ex.

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"Are you going any farther west?"

"I planned to," said the foreign visitor. "Is there any danger from Indians?"

"Not if you keep out of the way of their motor cars."—Ex.

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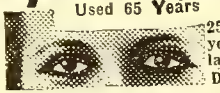
Teacher: "Now tell me what were the thoughts that passed through Sir Isaac Newton's mind when the apple fell on his head?"

Boy: "I guess he felt glad that it wasn't a brick."—Ex.



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We are hoping for good offerings this week at Home-Coming, and we fully expect good offerings from churches and communities which planned for it. God bless every one of you.

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Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF OUR CONTINENT

The two most interesting and contrasting spots in North America are unquestionably Mount McKinley, in Alaska, which reaches 20,300 feet above sea-level, and Death Valley, in California, which is 300 feet below sea-level, the lowest spot in North America, just as Mount McKinley is "tops."

In 1849, a party of emigrants entered this arid California plain, which we named Death Valley because this group of people died before they were able to find their way out. Death Valley is 150 miles long and from 10 to 35 miles wide, not large at all, but one of the most dangerous and uninviting of the earth's places. In summer, the temperature is often 160 degrees, 120 at midnight. Because the valley yields the richest supply of borax, men must live and work there. Only the most sturdy constitution can endure the heat and the hardships; only the most ingenious minds in engineering history could have devised the railway, and solved the other major transportation problems under such circumstances.

A unique community building houses the Death Valley workers, but in summer the common practice is to sleep in the running water of streams, with stones for pillows!

In the old days, fights and violence were common in Death Valley. Now, science has entered Death Valley, as everywhere else, and as far as possible, the men are given the benefits of every modern convenience. Death Valley Junction is quite a modern civic center, and the superintendent's cottage in the heart of Death Valley is comfortable and neat, with two sizeable palms growing in front, and a number of shrubs ornamenting the road alongside the cottage, looking as green in November as the average trees and shrubs look in May. Three million pounds of borax are sent out of Death Valley every year.

Mount McKinley National park, situated in south-central Alaska, was created by act of Congress in 1917, and today has been enlarged to contain 3,030 square miles. A vast wilderness, with the majestic Mount McKinley enveloped in snow two-thirds of the way down from its peak the year round, with hundreds of ice-capped peaks, great glaciers, and foothills which sweep down to valleys where stand spruce forests innumerable. This has become one of America's most admired beauty spots, "tops" in more than mere altitude. Birds and animals are numerous here. 86 different birds, 26 kinds of mammals, mostly caribou and mountain sheep. Because of poor eyesight and a great curiosity, the caribou in Mount McKinley National Park are the easiest of all the animals to observe, even from automobiles. They have made trails throughout the region by which they may be followed. Many, however, trace a herd by observing battered willow trees—battered because the caribou have used them to rub the velvet off their horns. The Alaska moose, large as a horse, largest of all the park animals, is common here. Toklat grizzly bears are the most popular animals to visitors, although they are comparatively rare, due to miners, who killed many Toklats, claiming they destroyed the mine caches of food, no matter how well concealed the supplies were. There are Tundra brown bears in the territory, but rarely can the tourist see them because they stay largely upon the distant treeless tundra. The Government experts doubt whether there are more than 50 tundra brown bears in the park now. White Alaska mountain sheet, grazing together in herds of hundreds, are the handsomest game animals of this region. Foxes, wolves, coyotes, marmots, lynxes, beavers, minks, otters, snowshoe rabbits and squirrels are familiar in the parks, and the more vicious types are dangerous, but only when annoyed. The surf bird is Mount McKinley's aristocrat; its nest has been seen only once, in 1926. It was located on a rocky ridge 1,000 feet above timber-line. Twice each year, it traverses the Pacific Coast of North and South America, since it winters in South America. Many bird experts spend years searching for the nests and eggs of this distinguished bird, and only after 150 years was this single nest discovered in 1926.

There are 74 miles of paved automobile roads within this northern resort now. Saddle-horse trails are plentiful; fishermen find this park a veritable paradise; plane rides are popular, enabling people to see so much in a short time; tent camps are offered for accommodations, where guests are made very comfortable.

To many of the visitors the most fascinating thing is the sunshine in the summer at Mount McKinley. Lasting for more than 18 hours a day, on June 21, the longest day in the year, the sun is clearly visible and shining from mountains, at midnight, and photographs by the hundreds are "shot" for the novelty of it at the midnight hour. In Fairbanks they usually have a mid-night sun festival, frequently including a midnight baseball game, which attracts thousands of tourists. The sunshine is unusually brilliant, transforming the mountain peaks into riotous domes of fiery color. The Alaska midnight sun is unforgettable, seen from Mount McKinley, the top of North America.—Bess Day Wilhelmus, in The Ambassador.

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The popular young lady was trying out her French on her table companions in the dining hall, so it happened when a certain gallant asked her if she'd have sugar she said, "Oui."

"What do you mean by 'we'? asked the gallant.

"O, u and i," replied the young lady.—Ex.

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A drill sergeant was drilling the recruit squad in the use of the rifle. All went smoothly until blank cartridges were distributed. The recruits were instructed to load their pieces and stand at "ready," and then the sergeant gave the command:

"Fire at will!"

Private Lunn was puzzled. He lowered his gun.

"Which one is Will?" he asked.—Ex.

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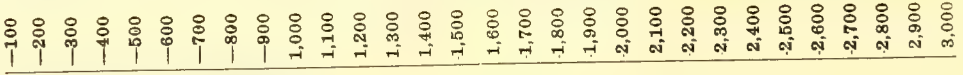

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Mill Grove	80%
Fountain Place	73%
Cleveland	70%
Midway	68%
Liberty	66%
Pleasant Grove	64%
Reidsville	61%

To First Church, Lexington, goes the honor of having sent in the largest amount on subscriptions this week, though it was by the "skin of your teeth," Brother Mabry, for there were two or three after your scalp; and had it not been for the odd cents, they would have been even with you. But then I suppose that you would have been entitled to honorable mention anyway, even if you had tied, for subsidy has helped to untie several "knots," and as your charge made a payment on that also, the temptation would have been to give you a little more credit, unless the others had already paid up on that. That is not my rule. I am just mentioning this so that we may, or some may, attach more importance to this that it takes to keep the paper going, for the subscriptions alone do not do it.

Flat Rock charge comes up with another subsidy payment. If you keep this up, Burgess, you will have your charge in the bold figure line before long. But you are not doing it for that, I am sure. I know you too well for that. It is because it is a plain duty.

Our Conference Treasurer, Professor Allen, almost takes our breath this week by such a big payment. Thanks to him and to those who made it possible by raising Annual Conference Expense.

Then, too, if you will look at the "Subscriptions Received" column you will see that there was a pretty good list sent in this time. The conference years is two-thirds gone, and we have only gone just a little way over the one-third mark in subscriptions. A little more boosting on the part of all, a little harder work on the part of Herald Agents and Pastors, a liberal mind on the part of the membership of each charge, and the thing will be done for which we sigh. Come on, let's quit sighing and do the thing.

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Shelby-Caroleen	18	2½	....
Shiloh	65	10½	***20.00**
Siler City	22	13½	5.00
Spencer-China Grove	7	1½	....
Spring Church	35	6	....
Tabernacle	40	12	4.50
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The Apostolic Benediction

By Dr. C. E. Forlines

The Communion of the Holy Spirit

Grace leads to love, and love opens the way to communion. As grace is through Jesus Christ and love is of God, so communion is with the Holy Spirit. He is the immediate Agent in the communication of God to the soul. It is he who convicts and converts, assures and inspires, equips and strengthens. His abiding presence in the soul is the result of accepted grace and realized love. The end of redemption is realized in the conscious communion with God through the Holy Spirit.

Communion is the sharing of common tastes and sympathies, common joys and sorrows, common aims and aspirations, common feelings and hopes. Perfect communion involves perfect oneness between two, so that what the one is the other is, what the one feels the other feels. It is not one giving and the other receiving. It is both giving and both receiving. It is both speaking and both listening. It is not one loving and the other beloved. It is both equally loving and both equally beloved. It is standing face to face, walking hand in hand, seeing eye to eye, feeling heart answer heart.

Human life is in constant need of such intercourse and fellowship. A life of solitude is maddening. For his whole satisfaction man needs various fellowship — with those above him, on whom he depends; with those beside him, with whom he is equal; and with those below him, whom he helps. This necessarily involves differences and inequalities. If we had nothing in common, there could be no fellowship. If there were o differences, fellowship would be worthless. Hence it is that no two of us are exactly alike. Some are young, and some are old; some are sick and some are well; some are rich and some are poor; some are learned and some are unlearned. Talents are not equally distributed, but every one receives according to his several ability. There are diversities of even spiritual gifts.

The Christian fellowship is one great body composed of many members. And these members differ one from another as do the members of our physical bodies. They are not all of equal rank and they do not all perform the same function. Some are apostles, some prophets, some teachers, some evangelists, and some administrators. If, however, they are blessed with the communion of the Holy Spirit, they constlowship. If there were no differences, fellowship the fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control, ripen into full perfection.

But, alas, in all too many cases, we are unable to find these fruits of the Spirit. We find, instead, deadly strife, bitter rivalries, unholy contentions, black envyings, and petty jealousies. Let this not be so with you.

To this end may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Calendar

Third Quarterly Assembly --------------------------------
Annual Conference, Calvary, Greensboro -----November 9-14
Payments to be made on: A. C. Expenses, January and February; High Point College, March, April; Church Extension, May, June; A. C. Debt, July, August; Superannuates, September, October.

To Fill Appointments on Glen Raven Work

On account of the continued illness of Rev. R. S. Troxler, the pastor of the Glen Raven Charge, an effort is being made from week to week to find temporary supply for the charge. Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. W. F. Ashburn will preach at Fairview Church. Some one has been asked to fill the appointment at Glen Raven Church Sunday evening but I have not had a reply yet, so I cannot say just now who will preach there. But I do promise the charge to make an effort to get some one to fill all the regular appointments.

A Few Words About the Uniting Conference

Knowing that there is a great deal of interest in the place for the Uniting Conference of Methodism which will be held in April of next year, I will say that the committee on entertainment met in Evanston, Ill., last week and received invitations from a number of cities. A small committee was appointed to visit the cities which want the Conference and to report back to the full committee which will meet in Cincinnati on August 30 at which time the place for the Uniting Conference will be chosen.

The Third Quarterly Assembly

When the first quarterly assembly met in February, it was voted to have a third assembly this year. Next week I hope to be able to announce the time and place for this assembly. It will be held on Monday and at some place convenient for the Conference as a whole.

The Annual Conference Debt Fund

Attention is called to the fact that the months of July and August are set aside by the Annual Conference as the time for the payment of the assessment for Annual Conference debt. This has been the time for this item for the past several years and the fact that we have been raising something on the debt from year to year has helped considerably. Let every pastor and every charge do their best this year.

A Sunday on Guilford Charge

Last Sunday was given to the Guilford Charge, Rev. J. B. Trogdon, pastor. The 9:45 appointment was at Vickery Church while the 11 o'clock hour was spent at Fairfield. In this section of the state Sunday morning was an old-fashioned rainy time. It was not just a fog nor a sprinkle but a downpour. But the people did not seem to be afraid of it and they came right on anyway. I did not get to see the Sunday School in action at Vickery except as they began to assemble for classes just as we were rushing out for the next appointment. But there must have been some seventy-five or a hundred present. As this was my first visit to this Church I do not know how to compare the attendance Sunday with that at normal times. During this Conference year the auditorium has been considerably enlarged by the building of an addition across the rear. A platform has been erected in the new building for the pulpit, also one has been built for the choir. I am not certain as to how much if any of the new building will be partitioned off for Sunday School rooms. The arrangements at the present time place the minister quite a good distance from the congregation, however, when the work is completed I hope this will be remedied.

Hurrying over to Fairfield Church, we found the Sunday School just finishing its work. After a brief intermission a fine congregation assembled for services. As this was the last service of the day we did not have to hurry through. One of the favorable things about this Church building is that the congregation cannot get very far away from the minister. The Sunday School rooms at the front of the auditorium are cut off by partitions and the main Sunday School building is to the rear of the pulpit, so it is a very satisfactory place in which to speak. Two new Sunday School rooms have been built this year. The congregation here was very appreciative of the efforts to help them and it was a privilege to be present as well as at the other Church.

This is Brother Trogdon's first year with this people but he seems to be getting into the work splendidly. The people speak highly of his efforts, both as a pastor and a preacher. In as much as he and I were brought up in the same Church and have known each other all of our lives, it is especially pleasing to me to find him getting along well. I trust they may continue to have success and that they may finish a good year. Fairfield Church is the home Church of the Rev. Alson Gray who labored most diligently for our denomination in its early days. His remains rest in the cemetery here. It was too rainy to do so last Sunday but on other occasions I have stood by his grave with bared head and thanked God for such a noble soldier of the cross.

Appointments

Sunday, July 10—Shiloh Charge: Friendship at 11 a. m.; Greer's at 3 p. m.; and Shiloh at 8 p. m.

Sunday, July 17—Tabernacle Charge: Julian at 11 a. m.; and Tabernacle at 3 p. m.

Sunday, July 17—Moriah at 7 p. m.

Sunday, July 24—Chase City at 11 a. m.; evening appointment pending.

Sunday, July 31—11 a. m., Flat Rock, Flat Rock charge, in Dedicatory services.

A SPECIAL TO OUR PASTORS

Please turn to the Editor's report on subscriptions for this week. It may interest you. This week we are showing the smallest income since June 20, 1936; not since the present Editor has been getting out the paper have the receipts been so small. We know this is a lean season for Church papers as well as for preachers, but we hope the season will be very brief, for a few weeks of this financial dearth would dry us up entirely.

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Forgetting God

I forgot my Lord in the summer time,
Just the time I was needed most.
I was not away, but on each Lord's day
I just failed to be at my post.

I forgot my church in the summer time,
As I lazily lay in bed.
While the faithful few had my work to do,
I was spiritually dead.

I forgot my dues in the summer time,
When he needed them most of all,
While my cash was spent, I was pleasure bent,
Just off duty for God till fall.

I forgot my class in the summer time,
But the devil did not forget;
Working day and night, he kept up the fight,
He's a go-getter, you can bet.

I forgot my soul in the summer time
Got along without spiritual food;
While my Lord on high sent me blessings, I
Showed Him naught but ingratitude.

If my Lord should come in the summer time,
When from duty to God I'm free;
Wonder what I'll do when my life is through,
If by chance, he should forget me.

—*Jos. E. Harvey.*

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Drs. Taylor, Pritchard and Mrs. J. Norman Wills have returned from Evanston, Ill., where they attended meetings of the Committee to find a place for the Uniting Conference and the Commission on Church Union also met.

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The Editor congratulates Judge Lewis Teague in winning the nomination for Congress in the Sixth Congressional District. We believe Judge Teague will be faithful to the trusts committed to his hands as Congressman, if elected, and we believe he is competent to fill that high position in a manner satisfactory to his constituency. All power to you, Judge.

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President G. I. Humphreys will leave Saturday for Europe. The members of the Board of Trustees are giving him this trip. We hope he will enjoy seeing the old world and remain in good health while away.

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Christian Fellowship

Fellowship implies comradeship growing out of a common interest and similar ideals. Christian people have fellowship with one another regardless of social, educational or racial differences; even the rich and the poor have fellowship because of their similar spiritual aims and interests. We enjoy fellowship in a Christian service oblivious of the different personalities participating in the worship. Our soul responds to the appeal of the music, the Scripture, the sermon. When a sermon is spontaneous its spontaneity links all who worship there with a kindred spirit into a common fold. The one shepherd gathers all into one fold.

The Futility of Straddling Vital Issues

However much one may dislike being different from the masses by standing up for measures which the multitudes do not endorse; it has been because there were those in the past who did that very thing that the trend of civilization was changed to higher levels. Pericles did more to immortalize the Grecian race than the acts of hundreds of thousands of its peoples whose major purpose was to conform to the past. It only took a dozen or more men to give imperishable vitality to the Jewish race. And less than a dozen outstanding men in the beginning of our Republic launched our Ship of State upon the sea of equal rights to all. Could you imagine Moses or Washington bidding for popular approval by side-stepping some vital issue? It takes the modern politician to do that sort of thing.

When Theodore Roosevelt sent his voluminous message to Congress on trusts in 1901 in which he carried favor with both factions Mr. Dooley in his inimitable manner satirized it thus: "The trusts are heejous monsthers built up by the inlightened interprise 'ive the men that have done so much to advance progress in our beloved country. On wan hand I wud stamp thim undther fut; on the other hand, not to fast." Here was a masterful appeal by a great politician to the trust builders and to the trust busters. Now such straddling of important matters is called diplomacy. And did the straddler never trample under foot ethical values in his efforts to win both factions to his support it would not be so reprehensible. But our laws are often made and too frequently administered by straddlers; Mugwombs; men with a Janus face looking both ways, or with "an ear to the ground" to detect the course the multitudes go before they declare their way. They are really traders in ethical and economic values which are not theirs to bargain. Skilled to a knowledge of human responses, they give no concern to their moral value. Take such high-sounding phrases as "suspended judgment," "the balanced mind," "the neutral position," "the man of great poises," are they not usurping places entirely too high in our esteem lest they become our ideals? That host of neutrals in the grand stand of the world, watching men die for freedom with no more concern than Caesar felt when Gladiator perished before his eyes, are bidding for our approval; wanting to be called wise, far seeing, when in truth they may be nothing more than cowardly foolish; pushing on to succeeding generations important issues which they themselves ought to settle.

If we as Church people shall compromise with known evil; if we are to make a feint of being wise by refusing to decide important questions and shall leave them for succeeding generations to wrestle with; if our leaders are to become more concerned with finding positions of higher honor than a place of greater usefulness; if we shall take the present day politician as our example of leadership and trample under foot that which has come down to us as a sacred heritage, what's the use of trying to perpetuate the Church as an organization? In what way can the Church challenge the world to seek its courts and to kneel at its altars in penitence and pledge allegiance to its ideals if the Church people shall be no different from those who have never taken its vows?

The Sour Heart

We suppose all people, as they get up in years, and as experiences multiply and deepen, are tempted to be bitter, resentful and prejudiced. The psalmist speaks of a time when his heart was sour; it was in a ferment. Disappointments, discontent, sickness, failures in business, loss of friends; there are many things which happen to us in four or five decades and unless we are very guarded we will permit them to rankle our spirit, to make us partial to some and prejudiced against others. Make us sour. We greatly pity those whose latter days are unhappy and whose conduct is bad because of a sour heart. How fortunate is that one who can forget the unpleasant things people say and do and forgive their malice toward him. For the sour heart affects the owner of it more disastrously than it does any upon whom it seeks to vent its wrath or unkind deeds.

The Grace of Accepting Responsibility

Responsibility is not a popular word. People do not seek after it and compel it to abide with them. There are thousands of words in common use which have greater appeal to the majority of us than responsibility. And yet it is a most vital word to human progress. It refers to our state of being responsible, of being accountable for the faithful discharge of a task or duty; and that is not so pleasing. And yet without this attitude in at least a part of us the human race would drift like a herd of shepherdless sheep. There are tasks which somebody MUST perform else our civilization will break down. The responsibilities in the home, the state and the church, call for loyal people to take up some burden as their very own and carry it on through life. If there is to be home, then it means some one will provide for it; if there is to be a Church, then some one must assume the tasks required to keep it stable and to make it grow. Do you have the grace to serve the Lord in whatever capacity He shall call you?

The Eternal Flame

Moffitt's translation of Prov. 20:27 reads, "Man's conscience is the lamp of the Eternal." This flame lit by the Spirit of God becomes the guiding star to us along the pathway of life. None can get on well without it, and he is very foolish who refuses to walk in the way it lights for him.

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Some men are slow to correct their mistakes. They are like little Johnny who exasperated his teacher by constantly saying: "I have went." She told him to stay after school hours and write out "I have gone" fifty times. Next morning she found a note from Johnny saying: "Dear teacher, I've written 'I have gone' fifty times as you asked me to do, and now I have went home."—*Grenville Kleiser.*

CALEB: LIFE-TIME DEVOTION

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, July 10, 1938

By Rev. O. L. Easter

Lesson Text—Numbers 13:26-33; Joshua 14:6-15.

Golden Text—"Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." Numbers 13:30.

We have many outstanding ways of rewarding and honoring the outstanding individuals who appear in our midst, but those heroes like Caleb who plod along from day to day with a life-time devotion often go unsung by us. When men like Joshua can command the sun to stand still, or like Moses can open up through the sea a highway for our feet we find it more than easy to thrust their names in our halls of fame. They of course are rightfully due our honor, but I am one who believes that we are often guilty of leaving many of our great heroes unnoticed for the lack of the spectacular in their heroism.

Here was this man Caleb; he had gone with the spies to search out the land of promise. He had also stood alone with Joshua against the other ten men to say that with God on their side the minority becomes the majority so "let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." And thus from that point on to this point of his old age Caleb stands with his spirit of courage and optimism as a living monument to the host of Calebs that have ever plodded their humble way behind God to possess the lands of promise. As we well know, but for these faithful ones our leaders would not go far in their campaigns, for without exception with every life that we choose to put high upon the ladder of success there will be many other lives for that one to stand on for support.

Thus in the work of the Kingdom of God, be it possessing the promised land or teaching a Sunday School class or preaching the gospel of Christ, much depends upon the plodding courage and optimistic support of the humble Calebs in our midst. Often when a soul-stirring lesson has been taught or sermon preached, to the teacher or the minister geos all the honor and praise when in reality they are ready to confess that much of the credit is due those faithful ones before them whose eager faces and courageous backing has held up their hands for the victory. Some of the strongest pillars holding up the Church of Jesus Christ today are made up of the lives of those like Caleb whose very lives are devoted to the tasks that fall within the scope of the love of Christ. Many of these tasks in the Kingdom of Christ which must be done can never be spectacular nor glorious within themselves.

It is worthy indeed for the educational institutions to recognize the place of Christianity in the true development of society and bestow honorary degrees upon outstanding ministers in recognition of their devotion and contribution to this development. But what about those faithful Calebs in millions of our Churches today that we choose to call sextons or janitors who do the less glorious tasks of the Kingdom? How many gracious services of true worship would be lost in the confusion were it not for the prodding devotion of these to their work? Only the minister who has served a Church in which there was no such person can truly bestow the degree of honor that is deserved. The minister who has thus had the task of sweeping clean both the Church building and the lives of his people and who has had to go into the pulpit to stir the fires of religion in the souls of his people with his hands black from making the fire in the stove can like Moses and Joshua bestow with a sincere heart the reward of gratitude and sympathetic interest. In the words of Paul then we can say what shall I say more, "for the time would fail to tell of Gideon, of Barak, and of Sampson, and of Jephtha, of David—(and of the board of stewards, of the choir leader, and of the countless three talent and, yes, one talent Christians) who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness . . ."

Thus we may say then, that there must be a unity and a balance between the preaching of the word and the ministering of the word; or in other words, there must be a Joshua to lead and a Caleb to follow with a life-time devotion. Therefore let us ever cherish them both and give to each a hero's reward.

> "Doth God exact day labor, light denied?"
> I fondly ask. But patience, to prevent
> That murmur, soon replies, "God doth not need
> Either man's work or his gifts. Who best
> Bear his mild yoke, they serve him best. His state
> Is kingly: thousands at his bidding speed.
> And post o'er land and ocean without rest;
> They also serve who only stand and wait."
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> —*John Milton.*

COAL IS STILL POWER KING; CHEMICAL CAREER AHEAD

Coal is still power king and is the energy source upon which the future must rely, despite the relative decrease in its use that has occurred in recent years.

Natural supplies of oil and gas and the electricity that comes from water power will not in future years supply our needs. Technical experts look forward to the day when coal will supply us not only with the bulk of our power from central stations but with superior synthetic fuels, such as gas for heating, liquid fuels for internal combustion engines, and smokeless solid fuel for home heating.

Inevitably an end to flush production of petroleum and natural gas will arrive, not suddenly but gradually and steadily, a survey made by the Ontario Research Foundation shows. This will be due both to enforced conservation measures and to changes in the economics of the industry. Synthetic manufacture of oil and gas from coal will become more economically justified with increased cost of natural oil and gas. Relatively less coal will be burned raw.

Even now figures show that almost a third of the bituminous coal produced in America is processed. A single coking plant near Pittsburgh consumed one per cent. of all the coal mined in the whole world.

Processing of coal, taking out the rich chemicals that dye our textiles, make our medicines, supply raw materials for industries, creating gaseous and liquid fuels, and leaving coke for metallurgical and other uses, will inevitably become one of the largest of our industries.—*Science News Letter.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Attaining the Religious Level

Why do some services seem so vital, spiritual, and effective while others never seem to stir you nor bring the sense of devotional victory? Why do some impress you and others do not?

These are good questions, because a great many programs miss the mark, prove ineffective, and fail to attain that level of mystic feeling we call "the presence of God." You can go to many services and never feel that you have been anywhere. You leave with the vague notion that you would not have missed anything by staying at home. There just seems to be something lacking. The weather may be fine, the sermon logical and sound, but all the same, you never attained the feeling that the hour was an indispensable event. In such a service the experience never reached the religious level. But making it reach the religious level is no easy job.

Several things are necessary for attaining the religious level. One is a suitable place for the worship. Of course, it is possible to have a good service in a poorly prepared room, but such is the exception instead of the rule. Ordinarily the building means much. It should be clean, dignified, attractive. There ought to be symbols, pictures, or some kind of objects to help build sentiment and atmosphere. Don't depend altogether on the sermon for the spirit of worship — the room itself must contribute its part.

Then, the people ought to be seated close together and near the speaker. Spiritual atmosphere grows thin across spaces of empty benches. For best effect never leave unoccupied pews near the front. Empty benches in the rear won't matter so much, but those in front kill the service.

Again, intense concentration is necessary. No service can attain the religious level while folks are whispering, turning around, looking at their watches, or smiling across the aisles. The leader will sense inattention at once, and it destroys the spirit of worship. Most of our programs suffer terribly from this lack of intensity. People insist on holding back and not giving themselves to the service. They seem to be afraid that they will surrender themselves up to the spirit of the occasion; hence they sit far back, pick up song books, wiggle and twist — anything to keep from yielding to the service — the very thing they ought to want to do.

Reverence on the part of the leader is another essential. The audience tends to catch the feeling of humility from the pastor. He must, therefore, possess a noted amount of it if the hearers are to get their part.

Finally, the order of the service is important. The program ought to be planned so well that each item fits its place. Each event is to follow easily, naturally in its order. This will help produce the sense of unity. It will build up the service into a complete, logical whole, leading to a fitting climax. Every step in the service is to be taken for a purpose, each item carrying the main impression on toward a certain aim, helping in this manner to attain unto the religious level.

So, just going to Church is no guarantee that one has worshipped. There is to be intensity, concentration, self-surrender, humility, and unity of purpose in order to worship. "All of one mind," if you please — then we may achieve real, vital worship. This, then, we term the religious level.

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BROTHER J. W. FRANK WRITES TO THE EDITOR

10 Hon Cho, Tokuyama, Japan
June 14, 1938.

Dr. R. M. Andrews, Business Manager,
Methodist Protestant Herald,
Box 1817, High Point, N. C., U. S. A.

My dear Brother Andrews:

From the label on the M. P. Herald I see that my subscription will expire July 15. I enclose a check for $3.00 to extend my subscription for slightly over a year. I find the paper interesting and helpful. I expect to continue to read it. But I presume that it will be merged with the *Advocate* eventually. It is rather thrilling that I am to be back in the fold with my Methodist Protestant brethren without having to jump back over the fence.

Mrs. Frank and I have always been happy in our service on the foreign field. This is especially true at this time. We are the only missionaries in Yamaguchi Prefecture, with eleven counties and a population of a million and a half. In this prefecture the Methodists have four self-supporting churches, four aided churches, two chapels, and four other preaching places. We have 727 full members and 321 probationers and special members—1,048 in all. I am not officially connected with the self-supporting churches, except that I am nominal pastor of one of them, due to the fact that the Japanese preacher is not an ordained man nor member of the Annual Conference. However, it has been my privilege to preach occasionally in these churches. Our regular force of Japanese workers is nine men and three women evangelists, or Bible women. But one of the pastors has just died and another entered the army the first of this month. We have several well-trained kindergarten workers not included in the twelve referred to.

I enjoy preaching rather regularly. However, I have other duties, such as accounting, auditing, collecting statistics, etc.

One very interesting feature of my work is newspaper evangelism. The office is in my study. A young man, member of Conference, is appointed to work with me. We reach people who do not live within reach of churches by sending religious publications, by loaning books, and by correspondence. A number of conversions and baptisms have been reported from time to time. Our territory covers four prefectures, with a population of several million. We publish one of the papers which we send out.

Our love and greetings to any who may be interested in us, especially to your family and to the Henderson friends.

Yours frankly and fraternally,
J. Wesley Frank.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE SEMINARY EXTENSION SCHOOL

I desire to express through the M. P. Herald my appraisal and appreciation of the Seminary Extension School, recently held at High Point College, in High Point.

It is an evident fact, that the School this year far exceeds any school held thus far for our ministers in North Carolina, this was evidenced by the far greater number of the ministers registering for the school, and the greater number taking the work for credit, some of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, ministers were registered for the entire course, and some others sat in on the classes at different times during the school.

This school far exceeds any that it has been my privilege and pleasure to attend, and meant more to me than any of the others.

The arrangement of the classes and courses this year, which was different from any previous years, meant a great deal more to many of the men, of course there were disadvantages, as well as advantages, but to my mind the advantages outnumbered the disadvantages.

Then, too, the presence of a number of the good ladies, the wives of a number of the ministers at the school, and in the classroom, was an added attraction, and meant much to the ladies, as most of them attended the classes and took notes the same as the ministers, and enjoyed the school to the fullest extent.

The course of lectures in the evenings during the school were of a very high order, and were well worth attending, and the devotional services, held each evening during the last week of the school were splendid, and were enjoyed by all present.

It is the hope of the ministers attending the school, and it is the desire of the members of the Board of Directors, to have a still better and larger school for next year.

I should like to here and now, pledge my entire support, and efforts, and influence, to make our next school bigger and better.

Yours, for a larger and greater school next year, and we can, so come on brethren and let's make it so.

E. G. Cowan.

Seagrove, N. C.

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TOWERS REACH SKYWARD TO START RADIO WAVES

Babel's Tower, we are told, was started by ambitious sons of men who wanted to reach the sky. It ended in frustration and a confusion of tongues. Modern towers of science reach higher than the builders of Babel probably ever dreamed of going, yet their modest ambition is only to give unconfused tongues a good jumping-off place for long journeys, beneath the sky. KDKA's new tower was run up to 718 feet by its daring riggers before they called it a day; its voice goes round the world.—*Science News Letter.*

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The friends of Mrs. T. A. Williams will be glad to know that T. A., Jr., who has been ill for sometime is slightly improved.

OUTSTANDING INSTITUTIONS

By Wm. H. Neese

(An address delivered on Easter Monday, 1938, at Eagle Hill old-time exhibition)

Ladies and gentlemen:

I shall endeavor to point out to you, briefly, a few of the many outstanding institutions within our great American republic that have had a significant part in making ours the great nation that it is. I shall place major emphasis on one superlative landmark, that does not belong exclusively to us, and to our country.

The first American institution that I mention, is the public school. According to Winston's Encyclopedia, the first permanent school was founded more than 300 years ago. From the city of Boston, Mass., in 1625 A.D. to now, this one institution has grown and multiplied to such an enormous extent that every child in our nation, whether urban or rural, may have ample opportunity to learn the fundamentals of human knowledge. Schools of a higher order, throughout the years, came into being for our aspiring youth. In 1930 the United States Office of Education, listed 831 colleges, professional schools, and universities. I shall not attempt to appraise the value of our schools as an institution. To venture such an attempt, would lead us far in the direction of infinity.

The next public institution that came into being here in the United States was the postoffice. The earliest mention of a postoffice in the colonies, was in the year 1639, just fourteen years after the founding of the first permanent school. The postoffice as an institution, like the school, has no alternative, and therefore is indispensable to our nation's continuance and growth.

Passing on hurriedly, I mention next the bank as one of our essential institutions. The first bank of the United States was chartered by Congress in the year of our Lord 1791. The bank and the postoffice may vie with each other as to which one shall stand supreme in importance.

The early settlers came here more than 300 years ago, to establish a republic, without a king and to build a church where they could worship God unmolested and according to the dictates of their own consciences. From the very birth of this nation to now, church buildings of every description, from the little brown church in the dale, to the many magnificent and majestic cathedrals dot hill and plain, town and city. Communities are rare indeed, that are so isolated as not in reach of a church.

Perhaps I may be preaching to some who are not specially interested in all, nor even in any, of the institutions mentioned. You may not be interested in the school. As for the postoffice Uncle Sam will take care of that. Some may be like this speaker—no money to bank—therefore no special interest in the bank as an institution. Perhaps you are not lined up with the church, and don't care to hear it discussed. I shall not discuss any of these today. I am to speak of another institution, out of which these others have sprung, and without which neither of them could long endure.

The one institution that antedates and excels all others, is the family home. When God in the grey dawn of ages past, formed and brought together the first human pair, and decreed that they twain should be one flesh, the first domestic home was established. Since that time uncounted millions of human beings have circled around, and crossed the hearthstone of this one institution that still survives. Each one of you ladies and gentlemen are tied up with home—tied, not in the sense of restraint or involuntary servitude, but bound by affection and love for the dearest place, and for the most endearing personalities in all the world to you.

Some days ago I was visiting in a modern hospital, where many patients were being cared for. Not even the most palatial home in town could approximate the care and attention given to each patient. My attention was drawn toward a lad of ten or twelve years of age, who was the victim of a broken limb. He was passing the time in an interesting way. For awhile he would play his highly prized harp, then he would whistle, and then he would sing. All of a sudden, like a bolt from a clear sky the corridors of the hospital vibrated to the matchless strains of music set to the immortal words of John Howard Paine: "Home, Home, Sweet, Sweet Home; Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

Henry Van Dyke was in the old world when he wrote "America for Me." I take a few lines from his poem and fit them to the individual home.

> "London is a *man's* town, there's power in the air,
> And Paris is a *woman's* town, with flowers in her hair;
> And it's sweet to dream in Venice,
> And it's great to study Rome;
> But when it comes to living, there's no place like home."

In the ideal home there is love, there is affection, there is power, and there is a pull that even to old age retains its grip. In the latter years of my teens, my father occupied an old homestead, where a large family of sons and daughters were born and reared. These sons and daughters had gone out to different communities and established homes of their own. The father and mother in the meantime, had broken camp, and gone Beyond.

One beautiful Sabbath afternoon, in early summer, these sons and daughters of the old homestead, came back for a draught from the spring of their childhood days. On the fair face of one of the group, I observed a pallor, and a tear. But why a tear on such a lovely day, and amidst so lovely a scene? I could not then understand. But in the passing of the years, scenes have changed, new and trying experiences have touched my own life, and I can now understand better the pull at the heart strings as I look back to the home fireside of years long gone by. The ideal old home and the original founders together, make an attractive and a magnetic combination. Visitations at the old home are rewarded with smiles, with kisses, and with everything great and good. The final climax in bestowments upon their sons and daughters is next to a divine benediction. It is little wonder that the ideal home of our youthful days pulls at our hearts and loosens the tears when we go back to the old place. The ground upon which we walk is sacred to us, and the atmosphere round about seems charged with the spirits of those who long ago founded for us a home on sacred soil.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am pleading today for the ideal home; for the type of home that has a magnetic pull, and that has an irresistible power over sons and daughters who next under God, give it their love and their devotion. Whenever a young man and a rosy-cheeked maiden meet at the altar, and plight their troth each to the other, and further declare the same by joining hands, they are duplicating the work of God in laying the foundation for a new home. No higher honor can come to these in future years, when sons and daughters rise up and call them blessed.

Home makers may build their house on the bleak and barren wastes of the desert sand; or by a gently flowing stream, in a fertile valley; or on the mountain peak, where wind and storm, cold and heat, do their worst; the house may be of logs, tied together with clay, and capped with thatch. The furnishings may be simple, and scant may be the fare. On the other hand, the house may be an elaborate combination of brick, cement, and steel. Its furnishings and its fare may equal that of kings. There's money to spend and money to lend. In either of these two extreme types, and in between, either can be, but neither will be "Home Sweet Home," unless congeniality, devotion, loyalty, and love, bind the family together into one inseparable whole. I love to think of heaven and the home over there and I often wonder what it will be like. The ideal home on earth is, no doubt, a sweet foretaste of heaven and home beyond.

The destiny of our race, the destiny of our nation, as well as the destiny of all our institutions, depends, under God, upon the family life of our people. Let us, therefore, resolve on this gladsome Easter day, to rededicate ourselves to the task of making the home to which we belong, an ideal *Christian* institution, and thus, the world becomes a better world, because we made our supreme contribution to it, namely: An Ideal Home.

A TASK FOR "THE THINKER"

Beverage alcohol is a depressant rather than a stimulant; a poison rather than a food; a narcotic drug capable of acute or chronic poisoning of the user. It has habit-forming possibilities. Its anesthetic character drugs the higher centers of control, releases the inhibition brakes, and creates a false sense of safety and well-being known as euphoria.

Beverage alcohol tends to decrease resistance to infection and disease, to impair health, to increase mortality, and to contract the span of life expectancy.

Beverage alcohol tends to increase human hazards, by slowing down reflexes and reactions to brain control in an age of high speed and split second decisions. Small quantities blur vision at the outer edge of the eye's retina, thus impairing ability to see objects or motions at the side. It lessens ability to distinguish colors, such as appear in traffic lights and railway signals. It shares responsibility for the slaughter and injury of both innocent and guilty in traffic accidents, and swells the death toll of chronic alcoholism and other devastating maladies.

Beverage alcohol contributes to crime, delinquency, poverty, immorality, degradation and numerous anti-social forces.

Beverage alcohol tends to weaken reason, undermine will power, decrease self-control, impair judgment and lessen skill and endurance.

Beverage alcohol tends to poison conduct and society. It acts as an opiate on character and on Christian idealism.

What is the common sense attitude toward such an evil? The answer largely rests with those who are willing to think, for they alone can illuminate the way for others. "The Thinker" is an imperative necessity.—*Ernest H. Cherrington in The Voice.*

FOURTEEN POINTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

1. Every book in the New Testament was written by a foreign missionary.

2. Every letter in the New Testament that was written to an individual was written to a convert of a foreign missionary.

3. Every epistle in the New Testament that was written to a Church was written to a foreign missionary Church.

4. Every book in the New Testament that was written to a community of believers was written to a general group of foreign missionary churches.

5. The one book of prophecy in the New Testament was written to the seven foreign missionary churches in Asia.

6. The only authoritative history of the early Christian Church is a foreign missionary journal.

8. The language of the books of the New Testament is the missionary language.

9. The map of the early Christian world is the tracing of the journeys of the first missionaries.

10. Of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus, every apostle except one became a missionary.

11. The only man among the twelve apostles who did not become a missionary became a traitor.

12. The problems which arose in the early Church were largely questions of missionary procedure.

13. Only a foreign missionary could write an everlasting gospel.

14. According to the apostles, missionary service is the highest expression of Christian life.—*William Adams, in "Missionary Review of the World."*

WHAT ALCOHOL WILL DO

"Alcohol," says an exchange, "will remove stains from summer clothes."

This is true, but it also removes the summer clothes, the spring, autumn, and winter clothes—not only from the one who drinks it, but from the wife and family as well.

It also removes the household furniture, the eatables from the pantry, the smiles from the face of his patient wife, the laughter from the innocent lips of his children, and the happiness out of his home.

As a remover of things, alcohol has no equal!

"Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity!"

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puttteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also."—*J. H. Wigington.*

EVANSTON MEETING

The joint meeting of the commission on Methodist Union was held in Evanston, Ill., June 30-July 1. The entire membership of the Methodist Protestant commission was present, and a large number of the commissions of the two other churches.

One could not escape the earnestness and thoughtfulness with which the meeting approached its tasks. There was also a spiritual recognition that gave significance to the occasion. The commissions felt that they were charged with tremendous responsibilities. They faced this fact in the fear of God, and in a beautiful spirit of brotherhood.

Much work, looking to the final consummation of Union, was done at this meeting. The major part of it was the forming of committees whose duties it will be to harmonize and combine disciplines of the three churches, and to provide for the unification, co-ordination, and correlation of the various boards and educational interests of the three churches, and all other matters involved in bringing the three churches into one organic whole. The following committees were set up for that purpose: Ministers, Membership and Temporal Economy, Ritual, Missions, Education, Superannuates, Permanent Funds, Conferences, and Publishing Interests. The committee on Missions is the largest, having twenty-five members. The ratio of membership on that committee, as to the three churches, is 10-10-5. On the other major committees the ratio is 7-7-4 and 6-6-3.

The members on these committees were chosen by the respective commissions. Our group is distributed as follows: Ministers, Rev. Frank Shaffer, West Virginia; Dr. J. E. Butler, Arkansas; P. M. Ellis, Ohio. Membership and Temporal Economy, Dr. L. B. Smith, Maryland; Rev. S. W. Taylor; Hon. Nate Williamson, Mississippi. Ritual, Dr. C. E. Forlines; Mrs. H. W. Maier, Ohio. Missions, Dr. J. W. Hawley, Pittsburgh; Dr. J. W. Haddaway, Maryland; Rev. G. C. Weaver, Onondaga; Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger, Ohio; Mrs. J. W. Shell, Pittsburgh. Education, Dr. E. A. Sexsmith, Maryland; Dr. F. W. Stephenson, Pittsburgh; Dr. J. L. Greene, Maryland; Judge Lewis E. Teague. Superannuates, Dr. E. C. Makosky, Maryland; Rev. C. R. Greene, Iowa; Rev. L. E. Bee, West Virginia. Permanent Fund, Judge Harry Shaw, Pittsburgh; Hon. Harry Gilligan, Maryland. Conferences, Dr. J. C. Williams, Ohio; Rev. F. B. Hanna, Illinois; Ely Miller, Ohio. Publishing interests, W. C. Perkins, Pittsburgh; Dr. Roby Day, Eastern; Dr. R. L. Shipley, Maryland; Mrs. W. C. Hammer.

On the committee to choose place for holding the Uniting Conference, our Church is represented by Dr. J. E. Pritchard, Dr. J. S. Eddins, Alabama; Judge Harry Shaw, Hon. Murry Benson, Maryland; and Rev. Frank W. Lineberry, Indiana. Drs. Straughn and Broomfield are members of the Executive Committee of the joint commission. Rev. Chas. Bragg, Michigan, is our representative on committee on Rules and Organization of the Uniting Conference. Rev. Fred C. Clarke, Indiana, represents us on the Public Meetings committee of the Uniting Conference. The size of these committees range from eight to twenty-five. Their importance is evidenced in the fact that they cover the entire range of problems involved in the Union.

A final meeting of the joint commission is to be held in Jackson, Miss., January 24, 1939. At this time all of the above-named committees will make reports, and their reports will be completed for submission to the Uniting Conference, which is scheduled to meet April 26, 1939.

Methodist Union is orderly and rapidly heading toward a complete consummation. S. W. Taylor.

BISHOP VINCENT'S SUMMARY OF THE METHODIST CREED

1. I believe that all men are sinners.
2. I believe that God the Father loves all men and hates all sin.
3. I believe that Jesus Christ died for all men to make possible their salvation from sin, and to make sure the salvation of all who believe in Him.
4. I believe that the Holy Spirit is given to all men to enlighten and to incline them to repent of their sins and to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. I believe that all who repent of their sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ receive the forgiveness of sins. This is justification.
6. I believe that all who receive the forgiveness of sins are are at the same time made new creatures in Christ Jesus. This is regeneration.
7. I believe that all who are made new creatures in Christ Jesus are accepted as children of God. This is adoption.
8. I believe that all who are accepted as the children of God may receive the inward assurance of the Holy Spirit to that fact. This is the witness of the Spirit.
9. I believe that all who truly desire and seek it may love God with all the heart, soul, mind and strength, and their neighbors as themselves. This is entire sanctification.
10. I believe that all who persevere to the end, and only these, shall be saved in heaven forever.—*Zions Herald.*

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OUR STORY PAGE

PETER'S PEBBLES

It all happened when grandmother came for Peter's tenth birthday. There was a bad moment for him when his mother told grandmother about Saturday mornings.

"Peter's usually a pretty good boy," his mother explained, "but on Saturday mornings he is terrible."

"How's that?" inquired grandmother.

"Well, I usually have about five things I want him to do before he goes off to play—five little things any boy would be glad to do for his mother."

"And Peter makes a fuss?" grandmother inquired.

"Why, yes!" exclaimed his mother, "but how did you know?" Grandmother laughed.

"Come here, Peter, and I'll tell you a little story about the Peter who became your father." He loved grandmother's stories, especially those about his father as a little boy.

"When your father was about your age," grandmother began, "we lived on a farm, as you know, and he too, had chores to do, especially Saturday mornings when there was no school. He fed the hens. He carried in wood for the kitchen stove, because we didn't have gas or electricity in those days. He went to the spring house and started the pump so we could have water in the kitchen, and he did other things."

"Did he like to do them?" asked Peter.

"Well, I think he didn't mind them so much as he hated to do them before he went off to play. What a fuss he used to make!"

"That's just like my Peter," chimed in his mother.

"What do you think we did about it?" inquired grandmother.

"I don't know," said Peter.

"We decided, Peter and I, on a little plan which I think you might try. We gathered some smooth pebbles down by the spring house. Every Saturday morning my Peter put as many pebbles in his pocket as he had things to do. Nobody told him when he should do them but when he did one of them, he took a pebble out of his pocket and threw it away."

"But there are some things that have to be—" Peter's mother started in when grandmother interrupted.

"Do you like the idea, Peter?"

"Oh, yes, if you mean that I can do my chores at any time that I want tomorrow."

"That's it exactly," returned grandmother, "and when a job is done you simply throw a pebble away."

"Did dad like it that way?" asked Peter.

"Yes, but he found out something too."

"What did he find out?"

"He found out—no, I won't tell you. You try it and see if you find out the same thing."

Thus it was that Peter was in the yard early the next morning with five smooth pebbles in his pockets. He took them out.

"This one's for feeding the chickens, that one for the store, this for brushing the walk, that for my room and this one for weeding the garden," he counted before slipping them back into his pocket. "And I can do the things any old time today." He looked about him. What should he do first. None of the fellows were about yet. Peter took out the pebbles again.

"Oh, I guess I'll feed the hens," he decided. "Might as well get one pebble out of the way, then I'll only have four left." The hungry hens came running toward him which made Peter laugh at their haste.

"Don't be so greedy," he said to them, "suppose I decided not to feed you until tonight!" After the hens were fed Peter decided to go over to Bill's house. He found that Bill wasn't out of bed so, since he was half-way to the store, he went all the way.

"Only three pebbles left!" he shouted up the stairs to his mother as he put the groceries on the kitchen table.

On the way into the house Peter noticed how untidy the front walk looked with leaves scattered about. From the kitchen closet he took the broom, and soon he was able to throw another pebble away.

"Two more pebbles, only two more pebbles," sang Peter. He looked over to the vacant lot where the gang played ball. No one was in sight. He went in and upstairs to tell his mother there were only two pebbles left and they would soon be gone, too."

"Might as well make it only one," he decided as he looked into his bedroom which he was supposed to keep picked up. He snatched his pajamas from the floor and hung them in the closet. A handkerchief went into the basket for soiled clothes. In his bookcase he arranged the books grandmother had given him for his birthday. He tidied up his desk where a model airplane he was making had messed it up. Then he threw the fourth pebble in the waste-basket and went into the room where his mother was making the bed.

"Only one pebble left, mum," he announced, drawnig the pebble from his pocket and showing it to her.

"Why, Peter!" exclaimed his mother smiling in the way Peter liked. He looked out the window and saw the gang was gathering to play baseball for the afternoon.

"Guess I'll play ball now. Goodbye, mum." He ran downstairs and out the front door. Bill saw him and called.

"Hey, Pete, come on over!" Peter fumbled the last pebble in his pocket thankfully.

"In a few minutes," he called back as he ran around to the back of the house where his task of weeding waited. He pulled the weeds with care until he had a good job done. It only took about fifteen minutes. He took out his last pebble and threw it for a "homer" into the hen yard.

"Now for some baseball," he said as he brushed the dirt from his knees. "I've got the whole day to do as I please." Suddenly he knew that was just what his had had found out, too. "Play ball!" he shouted as he swung the bat and laughed up into the sky. His conscience was clear.—*William Brooks Brown, in Junior World.*

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

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Rockingham S. S.	2.00
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Stony Knoll S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
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Pleasant Grove S. S.	13.00
Rehoboth, Granville	5.00
Creswell S. S.	6.00
Whitakers S. S.	5.00
First church S. S., Lexington	3.00

Birthday Offerings for June 30th

Baltimore S. S., W. Forsyth	10.00
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	5.00
Liberty Grove S. S., Mt. Pleasant	2.12
Pine Grove S. S., Siler City	1.30
Mr. W. L. Jones, for Zoar S. S., Mecklenburg	1.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Weaverville	1.50
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	2.36
Mrs. W. S. Crowson, Charlotte church, Richland	1.00
Friendship, Fallston	25.00
Young Ladies S. S. class, Gibsonville	5.00
Stony Knoll S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Kannapolis S. S.	26.00
Center, Alamance	8.00
Efland, Orange	62.10
Mothers of Rock Creek, Alamance	13.00
Liberty S. S.	13.06
Julian, Tabernacle	6.00
Reidsville	10.35
Welch Memorial, High Point	13.50
Mr. J. A. Tussie, High Point	1.00
Misses Martha and Josie Parsons, Mitchell's Grove	2.00
Mr. M. G. Farrell, Kannapolis	1.00
Primary Department, First church, Burlington	2.25
First church, Thomasville	10.00
Shiloh, Shiloh	24.75
Shiloh, Greer's Chapel	3.25
Shiloh, Friendship	20.00
West End, Greensboro	17.00
Graham	83.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Hollister, Halifax	2.97
Union Ridge, Forsyth	10.00
Mt. Carmel, Forsyth	8.00
Moriah	8.00
Grace, Greensboro	17.50
Community Church, Thomasville	24.13
First Church, High Point	21.00
First Church, Albemarle	8.00
Bethesda, N. Davidson	6.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Burgess	1.65
A Friend	5.00
Mrs. Callahan	1.00
Flag Springs, Why Not	3.00
Mrs. J. E. Pritchard	.50
Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Asheboro	5.00
Mrs. Vista G. Mansfield, Friendship, Mt. Hermon	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Kirkman	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dixon	1.00
Mrs. C. F. Clapp	.10
Miss Mary Wills McCulloch, Calvary	5.00
Woman's Bible class, Asheboro	1.00
Mrs. H. A. Garrett, Friendship, Mt. Hermon	1.00
Mr. A. L. Lemons	1.00
Lincolnton	3.00
Bess Chapel	11.18
Stony Knoll, W. Forsyth	3.00
Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, Asheville	5.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Denton	5.00
Siler City	10.46
Chestnut Ridge, Orange, mothers and S. S.	7.00
Melton's Grove, Rockingham	1.00
Mrs. Mable W. Russell, sale of history	15.30
Woman's Auxiliary, Henderson, additional	1.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Enfield	12.00
Pleasant Grove	35.00
Chapel Hill, Davidson	3.00
Creswell S. S.	4.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Hebron, Orange	3.40

We are thankful to everyone and to every group which contributed to make this report possible. The dear Lord bless every one of you.

Clothing and Other Gifts

The Asheboro Sunday school, 300 Dixie cups of ice cream for home-coming day. They were thoroughly enjoyed. We thank you. See note elsewhere.

Yours in His blessed service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

NOTE: Look over the above list and see who worked on the job. There are about twelve or fifteen churches which deserve special mention. Look them up.

We call special attention to the two highest. The Graham church stands first with $17 from the Auxiliary before June 30, and the church on June 30 with $83, making an even $100 for one of our smaller churches. And Efland, on Orange charge, a village church, has sent in two checks since June 30, totaling $62.10. A few others did well. Are the people in other churches poorer than in these few, or was it the difference in the plan worked?

Faithfully,
A. G. DIXON.

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INDECISION AND INACTION ARE FOES TO PROGRESS

When you are in doubt about an important course of conduct take time to consider it thoroughly. Cultivate a judicial mind and weigh all sides of the matter. Form your conclusions slowly and deliberately. Be prudent in your decisions. It is well to think and plan before you act, but once the way is clear to you, go forward with promptitude, resolution, and confidence. Definite daily steps in the right direction will bring you at length to the desired destination. A progressive life demands initiative, effort, and purpose. The law is use or lose. Today's opportunities will probably never come to you again.—Grenville Kleiser.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Joseph C. Thompson

Joseph C. Thompson, son of Jerome Thompson and Mrs. Nancy Payne Thompson, was born in Alamance county, June 21, 1897, and passed away at a Greensboro hospital June 22, 1938, at the age of 41 years and one day. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen S. Thompson, three daughters and five sons, as follows: Misses Frances, Peggy, and Betty; Joseph, Ned, Ray, Hal, and James, all of the homeplace. Also four sisters and two brothers; viz.: Mrs. W. A. Blalock, of Greensboro; Mrs. H. H. Parsons, also of Greensboro; Mrs. A. C. Wilkerson, and Mrs. Tom Jones, of Graham; W. H. Thompson, Spencer; and O. C. Thompson, Greensboro. His mother, Mrs. Nancy Thompson, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Blalock, in Greensboro, also survives. Besides these there are other relatives and friends who join the family in mourning his departure.

At the time of his death he lived near Julian, where he and family were highly esteemed by neighbors and friends. They were regular attendants at Sunday school and church at Shiloh. The floral display at the home of his sister, Mrs. Blalock, Greensboro, where the body was carried from the hospital, was very large and beautiful. The many who went in and out at the home before the body was removed to the church for the funeral spoke highly of the esteem in which he was held by those who knew him.

At 1:30 p.m. the funeral procession left for Mt. Hermon church in Alamance county. Here we found a large assembly waiting, and the pastor of Shiloh church, assisted by Rev. R. C. Stubbins and Rev. Mr. Cook, of Greensboro, spoke the last funeral rites over the body of this deceased father and husband. Then the grave in the cemetery of this historic church received his lifeless body and will hold its dust until that glad resurrection morning when the dead in Christ shall rise to meet the Lord in the air.

May the God of all comfort sustain and keep this bereaved mother and these children. G. L. REYNOLDS.

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Lewis Weavill

Lewis Weavill departed this life June 8, having lived 67 years. "Uncle Luke," as he was generally known, had been in ill health for many months. He was patient in his afflictions, and strong in faith. He was a member of Canaan church, from which the funeral was held by the writer. A large crowd gathered to show respect to a man who had lived and died in the Christian faith. The widow and one son, Arthur, survive.

WM. H. NEESE.

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A little boy, just returned home from his first day at school, was asked how he liked to go to school. He replied: "I like to go and I like to come, but it's the staying I don't like."—Ex.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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ANNOUNCING NEW CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICTS

Due to the resignation of Mrs. F. W. Paschal as Chairman of Districts of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work, it has become necessary for me to appoint her successor.

Although the Executive Committee regrets very much that Mrs. Paschal felt that she mmust give up this work, we are unanimous in thinking that Mrs. C. W. Bates, with her knowledge of the work and her ability as an organizer, will be a very fine Chairman of Districts.

I am happy to announce that Mrs. C. W. Bates has accepted the office and is now Chairman of Districts of the N. C. Branch. She will very probably have some splendid plans to present to the quarterly meeting at Maple Spring church, July 14.

We hope for a full attendance of District Chairmen at this meeting.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS,
President, N. C. Branch.

July 5, 1938.

DID YOU EVER HEAR OF THESE FOLKS?

Did you ever hear of a man who lost his job because he was a total abstainer?

Did you ever hear of an insurance company that offered reduced premiums to booze addicts?

Did you ever hear of a woman saying, "My husband would be the best husband in the world if he would only drink"?

Did you ever hear of a chauffeur who could drive his car with more safety if he took a snort of alcohol before starting out?

Did you ever hear of a railway engineer who stood better with his employers if he patronized the saloons?

Did you ever hear of an Arctic explorer who stocked up his supplies with liquor in order to keep warm?

Did you ever hear of a child who complained because his daddy did not come home half soused?

Did you ever hear of a man who objected to his daughter marrying a man because he was not a booze addict?

Did you ever hear of a woman complaining because her husband spent too little time in the groggery instead of spending his evenings at home?

Did you ever hear of a murderer on the gallows declaring that his abstinence practices led him to his predicament?

Did you ever hear of a man who beat his wife and thrashed his baby because he was sober when he came home?

Did you ever hear of a house owner who charged high rentals because a saloon had been set up next door?

Did you ever hear of a banker who threw up his hat with joy because a snake-hole was opened close by?

Did you ever hear of a mother who consented to her daughter becoming a bar-maid in order to help civilize the dump?

Did you ever hear of a preacher delivering a better sermon because he was half-shot?

Did you ever hear of a gink who boasted that he "could drink or let it alone," and who actually let it alone?

Did you ever hear of a "moderation society that advocated total abstinence"?

—W. E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

HOW TO CHOOSE GOOD HYMNS

The Christian Endeavor Topic for July 17, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, July 11—Select Scriptural hymns, Ps. 100.

Tuesday, July 12—Select hymns that fit the topic, Gen. 28:10-22.

Wednesday, July 13—Select hymns that lead to worship, Eph. 1:15-23.

Thursday, July 14—Build around great Christian ideals, Eph. 1:15-23.

Friday, July 15—Sing about God's care for us, I Pet. 5:6-11.

Saturday, July 16—Sing of the cross, Gal. 2:20-21.

Scripture Text—Psalm 92:1; 19:14; I Cor. 14:15

Often one hears the expression "our religion is a singing religion," and so it is. or at least should be, but if our singing is indicative of the kind of religion we have in many of our churches, we had better beware. The music department of our church has long been known as the "war department," but the trouble isn't always with who is going to play the piano, or do the solo work, but it is oftentimes in the choice of hymns.

Somehow we don't realize the place and importance of the worship part of our church service, nor do we realize the important part that good hymns play in making this service truly a worship service.

The first step in selecting hymns for our worship service is distinguishing between a hymn and a song. To be a true hymn, both the words and the music must put one in a worshipful mood. Many times a beautiful poem is ruined by singing it to cheap jazzy music and vice-versa.

The poem is the most important thing about the hymn. It is usually written first and then the music written to fit the poem. Most of the hymns we will want to use can be sung to any one of several tunes. Thus if you find one hymn with words that just fit your need but do not know the tune you can often find some tune that you know to use with the chosen words.

A hymn—words and music—that would be perfect on one occasion will be entirely out of place on another occasion. One hymn will be just suited for a singing convention that will be entirely out of place in a worship program on prayer.

The three most important things to take in consideration in selecting good hymns for use are:

The Occasion: "Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross," is a perfectly good hymn but it wouldn't make a good funeral hymn. Nor would "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" be so good for an Easter service.

The Theme: "Onward Christian Soldiers" would be out of place if your worship theme were "Prayer" just as much as "Sweet Hour of Prayer" would be if your program were built around the theme of "Onward to Victory."

The Worshiper: The need of the worshiper is the most important thing to consider. The hymn should minister to his heart. He might be broken-hearted and in search of a healing ministry. He might be fearful and seeking courage. Whatever his need, that need is the most important thing to consider.

Great hymns are like great literature of any other kind—they live. If you can find a hymn in only one edition of only one song book you had better leave it alone. Old hymns are usually good but don't mistake the fact that while you may have been using a hymn for ten years in your local community, you may be the only people that have ever heard of it, and while a hymn may be new to you it may have stood the testing of the world for a century.

In too many sections people want to sing what I will call "dying" hymns instead of "living" hymns. They want to gain their reward when they die but they don't want to be reminded that they should live a Christian life. What we need is a "living religion" instead of a "dying religion." Something that will tell us how to live now; something that will lead us to true worship as:

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful minds,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

or

I would be true for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave for there is much to dare.

instead of

I am tired of this life with its troubles, and strife,
So I'm going to move away, (I'll move away),
To the home of the blest in the land of sweet rest,
I am going to move some day (some happy day).

CHILDREN'S HOME HISTORY

We want to thank each one who so readily responded to our call for booklet money for our Home-coming offering.

Also we wish to thank every one who has helped in this work. Now, you have a good many more, so do I, all expenses are paid. We are reducing the price to 25c. We plan to use all money raised from this project in putting some conveniences in the kitchens. You can help. Please sell what you have and if you don't have any, order some. Twenty-five cents in the Home is better than booklets in our closet. Won't you take them out?

Pastors, please notify your workers in each church of the change in price. Thank you,

MABEL RUSSELL,
Box 1323, High Point, N. C.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

First Church, Charlotte, T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—This is the first report from Charlotte in several weeks but the activity here has not stopped.

Attendance at all services has been holding up pretty good.

The Christian Endeavor convention was certainly a boost for all Charlotte societies. The convention was a marvelous success. Delegates from all over the state were here and everyone seemed to have a grand time and enjoyed themselves very much.

Miss Francis West also attended the Summer Training school at High Point, N. C., last week and she also had a grand time and the training she received will be a great advantage to her.

Rev. Mr. Strickland last Sunday organized a Junior church with an enrollment of 35. Rev. Guy Helms, Miss Francis West, Miss Marguerite Helms and Mrs. Lazenby will have charge of this organization. They will hold their services at the regular 11 o'clock hour Sunday.

The Junior C. E. society presented the pageant, "The Open Door," last Sunday night.

The Senior C. E. society held their monthly business meeting at the home of their president, Mr. Sigsby Tadlock, Monday night. A membership contest will begin Sunday, July 3. Two teams have been selected and the losing team has to entertain the winning team.

Rev. Mr. Strickland is to give us chalk talks during the month of July. Every member is urged to attend as this is going to be very interesting.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

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Efland, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—It was really a Home-coming day for us. On the third Sunday in June from all parts of the state former members and friends came to enjoy the day with us. We feel that it was a profitable day spent in the service for the Master and renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

It was very fitting that Rev. H. Freo Surratt, of Graham, should bring the message of the morning. Brother Surratt said that it was kind of an anniversary to him as well as a Home-coming since just 20 years ago almost to the day he brought us his first message, having come here from the Seminary. Today his message was unusually good and very fitting for the occasion.

In the afternoon Pastor Morris presented the Fellowship Crusade and now Efland takes her place with those on the Crusade Honor Roll. We appreciate the help of all who made this possible.

Words of welcome were spoken by the pastor and Mr. S. C. Forrest to former members, to our own who are not with us often and friends of the church. Brother Forrest said he couldn't remember a time when so many folks came back for the Home-coming. Several pastors sent messages and some had planned to come but were unable to get here.

Rev. O. B. Williams, of Gibsonville, and one of Orange county's Williams preachers, in his unusually pleasing manner spoke briefly congratulating Efland and wishing for her continued success.

Two of our promising young men, Roland Taylor and Franklin Murray attended the Leadership Training school and report a very enjoyable as well as helpful week.

Our Children's Day service will be held the first Sunday night in July. We hope to have a good congregation. The program will be worth your while. Mrs. Nichols, our Children's Home secretary, will be in High Point for the birthday party and a delegation from Efland will accompany her.

The Williams' circle is working on a play to be given July 9 in the high school building, "The Path Across the Hill"; it is a comedy-drama and we think you would enjoy it.

REPORTER.

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Alamance Circuit. — Our third quarterly conference was held at Rock Creek church last Saturday afternoon. In spite of the fact that farmers were extremely busy cultivating their crops and threshing their wheat, a fair delegation was present, each church being represented except Sapling Ridge. Following the custom on this charge of having a sermon or address at each quarterly conference, Rev. D. I. Garner was present and delivered an address on evangelism. We are grateful to him for the good message. Some of the reports were encouraging. It was found by comparing the vote that Brother F. D. Hornaday is delegate elect to our next Annual Conference.

Some time ago we reported a pounding from Bethel church. Since then the following Bethel people have made donations: Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Bivens, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Odus Workman, consisting of many useful articles for the pantry and home. Mrs. Isley is grateful to Miss Lonnie McPherson for a cash donation. Two Sapling Ridge members, Messrs. Zeb Ferguson and Will Pugh, have remembered us with vegetables. To all of these good people we are profoundly grateful.

Just recently Miss Bessie and Archie Braxton, Jr., united with Center church. They are children of Professor and Mrs. A. I. Braxton.

Our first revival for this year will start at Sapling Ridge next Sunday with Rev. Geo. L. Reynolds as pulpit help. We are working and praying for a good meeting.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, July 1.—Things have been happening on Orange charge for the past few months: special days, home-coming occasions, rallies, etc. Our special achievement has been with regard to the Fellowship Crusade. Beginning with Hebron the fourth Sunday in April, continuing with Union Grove the first Sunday in May and Chestnut Ridge the second Sunday in May, and ending with Efland the third Sunday in June, Orange charge reached the major objectives of the Fellowship Crusade. All the churches have reached the first and third objectives, and the entire amount of $500 has been subscribed. Three of the churches have reached, or guaranteed, the second objective.

A word of praise is due the Fellowship Crusade committees of the various churches and to the members of the churches for their splendid cooperation, without which little could have been accomplished. The committees in all the churches worked faithfully, lending their full support to the entire program. Others caught their spirit, and when the final drive was made on our homecoming occasions, the goal was realized. As pastor of the charge, I wish to thank all who helped to make this accomplishment possible.

We are now thinking in terms of our revival meetings on the charge, which will occupy the entire month of August. The dates are as follows: first Sunday, Union Grove, Dr. J. D. Williams, preaching; second Sunday, Hebron, Rev. J. D. Morris, preaching; third Sunday, Efland, Rev. R. A. Hunter, preaching; fourth Sunday, Chestnut Ridge, no preacher engaged. We are hoping and praying that it will be a period of great ingathering. We request your prayers in our efforts at Kingdom service.

C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

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Bethesda, Rockingham Charge.—Our work here is doing very well, and we hope that it shall continue to show progress.

Rev. Mr. Bell filled his regular appointment Sunday at 11 o'clock and preached another splendid message.

We were happy to have Mrs. H. W. Bell and Mrs. Ida Clark, of Rockingham, to worship with us Sunday.

We enjoyed several duets played and sung by part of the Blue Ribbon Band: Miss Doris Johnson and Mr. Melton Fogle, also Misses Marie and Evelyn Davis (known as the Davis sisters).

We are planning to have our Children's Day program and dinner on the ground, on the second Saturday in July. Mrs. Odessa Williams and Miss Florrie Roan are training the children.

The revival meeting will begin at Bethesda church July 24. We are expecting a great revival, come and worship with us. We wish for an interest in your prayers for a great success during our services.

MARY BELL JACOBS, Reporter.

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Forsyth Charge.—Since my last report we have held revival meetings at the following churches: Union Ridge, with Rev. Mr. Lyerly of the M. E. church, doing the preaching; Maple Springs, with Rev. J. L. Trollinger; Mt. Carmel, with Rev. C. P. Morris. These brethren rendered splendid service; the attendance and spirit at all services were fine. Due to the fact that practically all who attended were church members, very few new members were received. However, the meetings were well worth while and the churches were greatly strengthened and revived. Rev. N. G. Bethea, D.D., will assist in the meeting at Hickory Ridge, beginning the second Sunday in August.

Improvements on church buildings continue. Mt. Carmel has finished the basement which affords a splendid meeting place for the primary department of the Sunday school as well as a kitchen and dining room. Maple Springs has a new choir loft and is soon to have a new carpet. Also a new pulpit has been presented to this church by the Sunday school class of Mrs. Eugene Grubbs.

Several of our members are on the sick list. Mrs. E. F. Kiger, of Maple Springs, remains critically ill at her home; Mrs. Henry Myers, of Union Ridge, is a patient in the hospital, and Mrs. J. G. Smith, of Oak Grove, is still confined to her home on account of a lingering illness. All these faithful members are objects of special prayer.

Maple Springs church is looking forward with pleasure to the quarterly branch meeting of Women's Work, which will be held at this church, Thursday, July 14. Those who come will follow U. S. Highway 421. The church is about one mile outside the Winston-Salem city limits, just west of the Reynolds estate. R. A. HUNTER.

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First Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor, July 6.—The Fourth of July always has an effect upon the attendance of the church services. Quite a number of our members were away this week-end. However, we know that they will be back next Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Strickland began a series of Bible chalk talks in the Senior C. E. society last Sunday night. Everyone who attended enjoyed his talk very much. He talked on the sinful heart transformed into the pure heart. He gave Bible reference with each phase of his talk, which created a very enthusiastic interest among all Endeavorers who attended the meeting. Every C. E. member is urged to come and bring their Bibles, as these talks will be a great help to them.

The Junior church is progressing very nicely under the supervision of Mrs. Lazenby and Rev. Guy Helms. They have an enrollment of 35 members and they have elected officers. This church will be run on the same order as our regular church. The church of tomorrow depends on the youth of today.

We are buying new hymnals for the church. The new Methodist Hymnal will be used by the regular church and the old hymnals will be used by the Junior church.

There have been 36 new members added to our church since we reorganized. We are very proud of our growth during the year and hope that we will continue to grow in number and in grace.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

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First M. P. Church, High Point.—Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Madison and his wife are in San Francisco, Cal. Mr. Madison is representing the local Kiwanis club at the Kiwanis International convention. They left High Point a week ago Sunday and plan to be gone a month. The church rejoices with them and realize they are getting a much-needed vacation.

On Sunday, June 12, Children's Day was observed in our church. At the night service a pageant, "Candles of Light," was rendered by the children of the Junior church. Mrs. J. R. Meredith, assistant superintendent of the Junior church, Mrs. W. L. Edwards, junior choir director, Mrs. Clay Madison, and Miss Myrtle Davis directed the 108 children who participated. A large congregation attended the service.

During Mr. Madison's absence, the congregation has been fortunate in its guest speakers. Dr. P. E. Lindley, Dr. R. M. Andrews have already preached. On next Sunday morning Rev. N. M. Harrison will lead the services. Our church attendance has held up very well considering the hot weather and the Sunday rains.

The Workers' Council met at the church for a church supper on Thursday, June 9. Mrs. Worthy Ivy put on a model worship program for those present. It was beautifully done and well-received.

Members of our church and Methodist Protestants throughout the Conference will be glad to learn of the continued improvement Mr. John Spencer is making at his home on Lindsay street. He has been very sick. It will be some time before he is out, however.

We, as Methodist Protestants and citizens of High Point, congratulate Judge Lewis Teague for winning the Democratic nomination to Congress. We are very proud of him and wish him every success in the tasks that will confront him in his new office.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

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Fairfield, Guilford Charge, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor.—Two Children's Day services were held at our church this year. On the second Sunday in June at 11 o'clock a program was given by the youngest children, and in the evening at 8 at pageant was given. Rev. Clyde Auman of Thomasville was present at this time and gave a most interesting and instructive talk on "The Life and Ways of the Japanese."

On the last third Sunday at the morning service Dr. R. M. Andrews delivered a sermon from Ezekiel 37. Last Sunday at 11 o'clock Dr. Pritchard preached, reading Psalm 84, taking verse 4 for text: "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee." We were honored in having these three men in the services.

Two weeks Vacation Bible School was brought to a close last Thursday night. Miss Margaret Farlow, who was school director, is giving a course in Bible study on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the church. We are using for study the "Journeys of the Children of Israel."

The community was shocked and saddened at the sudden death of Mary Nelson, aged 15 years, who died by her own hand Friday morning, June 24. She leaves many relatives and friends who will greatly miss her. REPORTER.

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Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor, July 4.—This being vacation time, we are not having very large crowds at church; but Mr. Peeler gives us just as good sermons as if the church were full.

Mrs. Peeler and Miss Melda Scarboro attended the Leadership Training School at High Point. Miss Melda gave us a very good report on the school.

We were very happy to have Miss Mildred Burris and Mrs. Louise Holland Ketner to sing for us last Sunday morning. We voted for our delegate to annual conference and Mr. Hoy Misenheimer received the most votes. We were glad to see Mrs. J. A. Burris back at church. She has been visiting her son in South Carolina. Also glad to have Mr. Thomas, uncle of Mrs. L. H. Sides, with us.

We will hold our third quarterly conference on Sunday afternoon of the third Sunday. Yesterday being the first Sunday, we observed the Lord's Supper. Rev. D. D. Nash assisted Mr. Peeler. Mrs. Joe Phillips played for us. Mrs. Philips is a member of our sister Baptist church. Mr. Hoyle Wineoff sang for us at the morning service. We really do enjoy hearing our young folk sing. We are so glad to hear that Mr. Ralph Waddell is improving, and we hope he will soon be able to be back at church. We miss him very much. Mrs. Mary Newton Wilson has returned to her home from the Lowery Hospital in Salisbury, where she underwent an operation. She is getting along nicely and is able to sit up some. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the family of Mr. B. L. Roberts, who has been in bad health for several years, and became worse Saturday night. They are neighbors to our church and we are in much sympathy with them. Mrs. Nick Sides and little new son went to their new home from the hospital last Wednesday.

The women are going right on with the quilt, and the last I heard they had raised over $50.

The B. and L. class sponsored a bingo party at the Coca-Cola hall, and raised enough money to pay for their song books.

We are very proud to have little Marcelene Umphrey with us for several weeks; she is Mrs. Peeler's niece.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Shady Grove Church, Connelly Springs Charge, Rev. Herman Yokeley, Pastor. — In spite of the fact that our church was torn down, we had Sunday school on the church grounds. We had planned to go to another church for Sunday school, but decided it would be better to hold all our school together if possible. Mr. Helton from Hudson stopped in and taught the whole school. We were glad to have him with us.

If nothing prevents, the new church will be ready for service in a short while. We hope that Rev. Mr. Yokeley will not have to miss another appointment.

The Ladies' Aid society is working fine this year. We don't have but about 20 members on roll, but most of them are active. The society has paid $80 on the new church, and are expecting to do more before the year is gone.

The cottage prayer meetings are still going on in the community. The service was held in our home last Sunday, July 3, and will be at Brother Lynch's next Sunday at 2:30. A large crowd attends these prayer services most of the time.

The C. E. society has 32 members on roll, and has been doing very well to be newly organized.

Mrs. Ila Townsend and Miss Edith Watson attended the training school at High Point College. They reported a fine time.

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Shepard-Martin

The home of Mrs. Frank Armfield Shepard in Liberty was the scene of an impressive wedding Thursday evening, June 16, at 8:30 o'clock, when her daughter, Miss Margaret King, became the bride of James Thayer Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin.

In the spacious front living room an altar was improvised by baskets of white gladioli and Queen Anne's lace against a background of fern. White tapers burned from the floor candelabras to throw a soft gleam over the altar.

Miss Kay Underwood, contralto, sang "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life," by Victor Herbert, and "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee" (Song of Ruth) by Charles Gounod, intercepted by "At Dawning," played by Mrs. George A. Noah of Elon College. Just before the entrance of the bridal party to the bridal chorus from "Lohengrin," Mrs. Noah played "Your Song from Paradise." During the ceremony Mrs. Noah played softly "Liebestraum." After the vows were spoken, Schubert's "Serenade" was played while members of the bridal party formed the receiving line for the reception that immediately followed.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Dr. J. F. Amick, of Columbia, S. C., formerly of Marion, Indiana. Rev. Aubert Smith, pastor of the Liberty Methodist Protestant church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Wm. W. Finlator, pastor of the First Baptist church. The double ring ceremony was used.

The bride was lovely in a gown of white net over satin. The full net skirt fell redingote over the satin slip finished by three bands of satin ribbon ending in bows in front to correspond with a cowl neckline caught with pleats and fastened with a satin bow. Her finertip veil was held by a coronet of orange blossoms and valley lilies. The bride's only ornament was an heirloom bracelet worn by her mother whose anniversary the bride celebrated by her own wedding. Her bridal bouquet was of roses and valley lilies.

Miss Mary Bowman Shepard, maid of honor, wore a gown of pink taffeta and point d'esprit fashioned similar to the bride's. She carried an arm bouquet of blue delphenium.

Miss Gladys Martis, bridesmaid, sister of the groom, wore blue net over taffeta with sandals to match. Her arm bouquet was of pink gladioli with matching tulle.

Miss Virginia Peyatt, bridesmaid, wore yellow net over taffeta with matching sandals. She carried an arm bouquet of lavendar gladioli with matching tulle.

Attending the groom as best man was Durwood Martin, his brother. The ushers were Frank A. Shephard, Jr., brother of the bride, and W. B. Stamey.

Mrs. Noah, pianist, wore aqua lace, and Miss Underwood, soloist, wore aqua net and lace. They wore shoulder corsages of matching roses.

For traveling the bride wore a beautiful ensemble of navy triple sheer trimmed in white, with accessories to match. Her shoulder corsage was taken from her bridal bouquet.

Immediately after the reception, the bride and groom left for an extended trip to points unannounced.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mrs. F. A. Shepard and the late Dr. F. A. Shepard. She attended W. C. U. N. C. and was graduated with the class of 1933. Following graduation she was a member of the faculty of Liberty high school, and for the past two years she taught home economics in the Siler City high school.

Mr. Martin was for a number of years mayor of Liberty and at present is postmaster.

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"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH"

Fulfilling the condition of "justice" we enter upon the life of faith. The unjust soul cannot look at Christ with a clear unwavering eye and become filled with the sustaining substance of His divine nature.

What is this "justice"? It is, by the help of Jesus Christ, keeping to the last jot and title the Ten Commandments. These Ten Commandments constitute the whole law of God. When Jesus was asked for a concise statement of God's law, He simply gave a summary of the Ten Commandments. Jesus interpreted the first four of the Commandments to require of man a perfect love for God, and He interpreted the last six of the Commandments to require of man a perfect love for man. This is "justice." Until we satisfy these conditions of justice, we are not eligible to enter upon the life of faith.

What is this "life of faith"? Those who have it know what it is, but it is such a subtle thing that those who have it not will hardly understand it. There is a figure in the New Testament which makes it very clear. When Peter was walking on the water to Jesus, he was able to stay above the waves just as long as his mind was filled with the sense of trust and belief. But when the terrors of the wind and the sea overruled his will and possessed his consciousness, his security was lost and he began to sink. So do we, when we lose our trust in Him, begin to sink into a sea of despondency and frustration. But how? "He will keep his soul in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him!"

This faculty of the "single eye" is God's peculiar gift to the just. This is no bi-focal lense. Through it we can see Christ and Christ alone. All else is out of focus. The dashing waves and the wild frustrations of the sea of life have faded into a misty halo, reflecting only the supreme beauty of Jesus. This is the life of faith.

"The just shall live by faith."

CHARLES SHARPE, Jr.

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SPECIAL FOR HOME-COMING DAY

The Lord smiled upon us with a pretty day—not too hot and not too cool. The people came in goodly numbers, and brought a bountiful dinner which fed the crowd well and left quite a bit for our supper. Central Sunday school of Asheboro furnished ice cream for 300, and the Home furnished plenty of ice water and lemonade. The speeches were of a high order, and in every way it was a great day. We appreciate the presence and cooperation of all who helped to make it so. Many others have said they wanted to come. Thank you also.

How About the Offering?

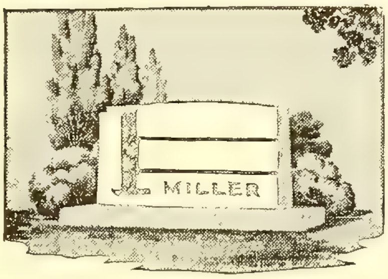
Well, the offering was disappointing; for we confidently expected about $2,000. But when we counted up what had come before and on that day it amounted to a bit less than $400. Quite a bit has come in since, so the sum total late in the day July 5 is $690.73.

Perhaps much more will come designated as "Birthday money," for we have only heard from 52 churches out of about 220 in the conference. Many of these always respond to the Home, so surely they will this time.

We have on our desk bills amounting to about $2,000, and we had hoped to pay them by July 10, but $690.73 won't pay them. Then, too, to send our spirits lower, this last Sunday was a rainy, rainy day. We depend much on first Sunday offerings. One pastor kindly said to his folks, "There are so few of us here today, we will wait and take the offerings for the Home next Sunday." Go thou and do likewise.

If we are to pass through a summer slump in offerings this year following the conditions we now face, your Children's Home will be badly in debt again by conference time. Surely that will not be permitted to be. It is not yet too late for your home-coming offering. Please do all you can to keep us running even. Thank you, and God bless you.

Yours in His name,
A. G. DIXON.



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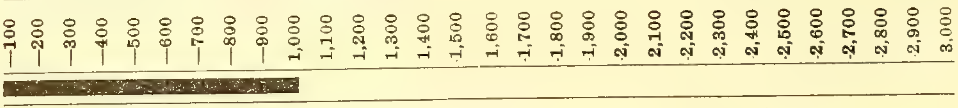

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About one-third of a column filled with subscriptions this week from 15 charges. Rather a "light primary." If the ones who are in the second primary get as light a vote today as this week's subscriptions, it will certainly show a lack of interest on the part of the voters.

There were three that tied in the amount of money sent in, but they did not happen to be as much as one who was just a half subscription ahead. So the honor goes to First church, Burlington, this week. If these others had just raised theirs by one-half it would have been an interesting incident.

There are so many that are in the running but it is hard to reach the goal. Some were out before this time last year. It is hard work after the spring passes. Had you noticed that? I am speaking from experience. But we are looking for something better in the future. But we thank you, Burlington, for giving a lead this week that we hope many will follow soon.

We thank you, Dr. Johnson, for putting your charge over on subsidy. Seems that you were credited last week but it never got into the "Received on Subscriptions" column. But we are glad to see you there just the same. That is good for Anderson charge as well as for the pastor. Who will follow such a fine example, That makes 18 on the honor roll of subsidy. Slow going but sure going some every time one gets into the bold faced figures. Let's fill 'em up!

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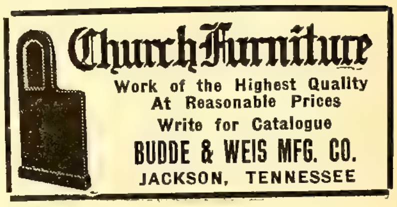
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Our Need for Today

In one of the great speeches for which Daniel Webster was noted, he said: "If we build up marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellowmen, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten to all eternity."

It has been many decades since those words fell from his lips, but the truth couched in them is as vital and as evident now as it possibly could have been then. Not a day passes in which we are not reminded of the need of people of character to stand in the breach through which are slipping the treasures of the nation. The daily news stories tell of the need of men of character to make and to enforce our laws; to edit our daily papers and magazines; to write our books and to screen the pictures for our youth to see.

It is not enough that we have great stores of natural wealth, coal and precious minerals in abundance; that we have a wonderful climate, millions of acres of valuable timber and mighty streams rolling down to the ocean. These are great and are necessary to make a nation great. But more important by far than these natural resources is the character of a people. Neither is our security in birth or blood. The Persian, the Grecian and the Roman all boasted of their birth and of their blood; but they are departed, and it takes the shovel of the archeologist to disclose the records of their illustrious past.

Only a few decades ago the isolationist was sure no nation could molest us—no reason to fear any invasion; but that view of safety is as obsolete today as the Ptolemaic system of Astrology. For the coming of the radio and the mighty bombing planes have made us world citizens overnight and almost as vulnerable to the attack of a foreign country in war as was the South to the Federal army in the Civil War.

Where are we or any people to turn for help? Not to munitions, nor battleships, nor standing armies, nor wealth. Such security is very short lived. Not even schools and colleges with their tens of thousands of well equipped teachers can save us from ourselves, much less from an invading foe. Really, there is no more hope of one race than of another race until that race gets closer to God than all the other races. If Jesus Christ cannot save the world, then there is no hope of salvation. A law abiding, peace-loving people may be overrun any day by such a nation as Japan in an undeclared war and do for it what Japan has done for China. The question should not be, can we escape such a calamity, but rather can not we prevent such a holocaust? Should not the Christian Church today be far more concerned about what is going on in China, Spain and other countries than it is? Modern devices and conditions make us world citizens, therefore whatever is happening in any country should not be foreign to us. For since all peoples, of whatever color or language have souls, and our Lord died for them as He did for us. Therefore we who know the truth must not deny it to others. Our interest in missions must be revived; our conviction that only Jesus Christ can save the world must be deepened and our participation in that wonderful work ought to be fuller and freer. Racial prejudices, social differences and educational standards should cease to be barriers to the worker in the Kingdom of God. Let the Church be a praying Church, a giving Church and a going Church, that God through it may lift up Christ to the unredeemed world.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Calendar

Third Quarterly Assembly ________________________________
Annual Conference, Calvary, Greensboro_____November 9-14
Payments to be made on: A. C. Expenses, January and February; High Point College, March, April; Church Extension, May, June; A. C. Debt, July, August; Superannuates, September, October.

Third Quarterly Assembly Postponed

After having talked with several people about it, it seems wise to postpone the Third Quarterly Assembly from August to September. Almost all of our ministers will be in revival meetings during the month of August, either in their own churches or assisting others. Those who are not in meetings will be taking vacations, so it has been postponed to Monday, September 5. This will be Monday after the first Sunday in September. By that time vacations will be about over and churches will be getting ready for the final effort of the Conference year. Whatever enthusiasm is engendered in the Assembly can be used to good advantage in finishing up the work of the year. The place for this Assembly will be announced later.

The Children's Home Offering

Those who read what Dr. Dixon had to say last week about the Anniversary Offering for the Children's Home must have been disappointed. It is true that money is scarce but surely not as scarce as the offering would indicate. Doubtless there are a good many people who did not get their offering in in time for it to be counted last week. Those of us who were away or for any other reason did not get our offering in can be assured that it will be appreciated yet.

Rev. R. S. Troxler Very Ill

One day last week I drove down to Duke Hospital to see Rev. R. S. Troxler who has been seriously ill for quite awhile. While he has been critically ill for some weeks his mind was still clear and he was still able to smile. In this time of testing I am sure that our people are remembering him at a throne of grace.

To Fill Appointments on Glen Raven Charge

Next Sunday, Dr. R. M. Andrews, the Editor of the HERALD will fill the appointments on the Glen Raven Charge which appointments, I believe, are at the Glen Raven Church. On the fourth Sunday, Rev. C. E. Anderson, a member of the Eastern Conference who is attending High Point College, will preach at the Haw River Church morning and evening.

More About Herald Subscriptions

Doubtless many of you saw what the Editor of the HERALD said last week about the subscription receipts falling so low. Having had two years of experience in financing the HERALD I know something about how it makes a man feel for the receipts to come up short. It is true that this is always the lean time of the year, however, I feel that it is always leaner than it ought to be. It will take a little hard work to keep up the subscription list but the results will amply justify the effort. So, let agents and pastors get busy and if your subscription is not quite out yet renew a little ahead of time for it will be credited from the time your subscription expires. This will help in this time when it is hard to get money enough to pay bills.

A Sunday on Shiloh Charge

Last Sunday was spent with the churches on the Shiloh Charge, Rev. C. E. Ridge, pastor. The morning appointment was at Friendship Church. Here the Sunday School was in session when I arrived. From all that I could see this is a wide-awake Sunday School. Since I was there many years ago the building has been brick veneered and a number of Sunday School rooms have been built. On one side of the Church lot a brick-veneered hut has been built which houses the social features of the Church. It is said that this hut has been worth a great deal in joining the community to the Church. Sunday morning was one of the hottest mornings of the year with a lot of humidity in the air, the kind of a morning that makes people drowsy and makes preaching hard, however, the congregation was very considerate and seemed very appreciative.

The afternoon appointment was at Greer's Chapel. This Church is on the highway between Lexington and Spencer. It is a brick building with a goodly number of Sunday School rooms. While the congregation here is not large it was very responsive and it was a joy to try to preach to them. This building was erected some years ago while Rev. R. S. Troxler was pastor of the Shiloh Charge and it is another evidence of the good work which Brother Troxler did while in the pastorate. Sunday was my first visit to this Church and I was very much pleased with what I saw.

The Sunday evening appointment was at Shiloh Church. This is one of our strongest rural churches. While the appointment Sunday night was an extra, still there was a good-sized congregation. I was asked to speak briefly to the Christian Endeavor group and I told them that a good many large city churches would like to have their number for a Sunday evening congregation.

The Shiloh Charge is one of the most dependable in our Conference. The most of the churches formed the habit some years ago of raising everything in full. "Joash Day" was observed last Sunday at all the churches, Brother Ridge taking the box along to each Church. The people seemed to bring their gifts gladly. Brother Ridge complimented the people on the fact that they were well-represented both by their presence and by good offerings at our Children's Home Anniversary. He knows how to commend the people for what they have done in such a way as to make them want to do more. He is one of our most efficient men.

Sunday afternoon, just before sunset I stood in the cemetery at Shiloh with bared head beside the grave of the late Rev. C. A. Pickens who was my pastor in 1899. Some of his sermons are still ringing in my ears.

Another outstanding feature of the Shiloh Church work is the splendid brick parsonage near the Church. The ten acres

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The High Cost of Praying

"I want you to spend fifteen minutes every day praying for foreign missions," said the pastor to some young people in his congregation. "But beware how you pray, for I warn you that it is a very costly experiment."

"Costly?" they asked in surprise.

"Aye, costly," he cried. "When Carey began to pray for the conversion of the world it cost him himself, and it cost those who prayed for him very much. Brainerd prayed for the dark-skinned savages, and, after two years of blessed work, it cost him his life. Be sure it is a dangerous thing to pray in earnest for this work. You will find that you cannot pray and withhold labor or pray and withhold your money; nay, that your very life will no longer be your own when your prayers begin to be answered."

It is always a costly thing to give oneself wholly to the Lord. It cost Elijah much persecution, for he was hounded by Jezebel who sought his life (I Kings 19:2).

It cost John the Baptist his head (Matt. 14:3-10).

It cost Paul and Silas pain and imprisonment (Acts 16:23).

It cost Stephen his life (Acts 7:60).

It cost the Apostle John banishment to the Isle of Patmos (Rev. 1:9).

It cost Paul desertion (II Tim. 4:16).

It led Christ to the Cross (Phil. 2:8).—*The War Cry.*

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It was Mr. J. Norman Wills, not Mrs. J. Norman Wills, who attended the Evanston meeting—sorry of the error.

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"There are souls in this world which have the gift of finding joy everywhere and of leaving it behind them wherever they go."—*Faber.*

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There are some people who think they can climb to heaven on a ladder of argument.

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People who believe in themselves ought to find in that faith a good reason for believing in the God who created them.

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As plans are reported made to set the machinery of the Uniting Conference of the Methodist Churches going, one realizes how fast the day approaches when the three denominations shall be one. Just what that Union may mean to us in the North Carolina Conference may not be so very difficult to foresee, but finding the ways of approach to such a consummation may tax our wisdom and patience far more than some of us now foresee. A movement so great and far-reaching as this movement must surely demand the services of our best and most loyal members. The ambitious place-seeker ought to have but little opportunity to work for his own promotion as the plans are perfected.

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The Summer Revival Season Is Now On

While there are some well-known and well-founded reasons for holding these meetings in the rural churches during the summer months, we have yet to see reason or benefit in crowding them together as the custom of many. A number of our pastors will be in revival services continuously from five to eight weeks. These meetings are usually scheduled so that they follow each other too closely, so that no meeting can continue longer than five or six days appointed for it. And since it takes more time than that to get a revival really going, there are many more failures than successes checked up at the end of the year due to this very mistake in planning. We trust there will be such good revivals this summer that numbers of those established dates for the revival to begin will have to be changed in order to allow the revival already in progress to have free course and be glorified by the conversion of many souls.

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Who's Old?

The story is told of Brother W. C. Kennett once when riding with a young man who drove a very fast horse. The young man had been letting the animal show his speed when suddenly he reigned him in and said to Brother Kennett, "Oh, I beg your pardon, I forgot you are old." "WHO'S old," said our preacher.

It is a question that people whose birthdays have mounted up into half a hundred or more may consider.

There are two well-known attitudes such people take as they discover their joints stiffening, the hearing a little dull or their eyesight not so good as it used to be. Either they admit their years and begin to act like those who are really older than they, or they say with Oliver Wendell Holmes, "Old Time's a liar, we are twenty tonight." We are just as fit as ever we were; oh, we may not be so swift on our feet, but we are surer in our heads; we can see farther, if we are unable to go faster.

Robert Browning has described the attitude of those who admit their years and begin to retire from all strenuous activities in Rabbi Ben Ezra:

"Grow old along with me.
The best is yet to be.
The last of life, for which the first was made;
Our times are in His hand
Who saith, A Whole I planned,
Youth shows but half;
Trust God, see all nor be afraid."

These prospective saints face the sunset of life with unflinching trust; yea, with a definite longing to realize the joyous experience of the home of the soul. For are they not assured that in that fair Utopia there shall be no pain, sorrow, sickness or death? The former things are passed away. These are they who are seeking emancipation from the yearnings of the flesh; their interest in stocks and bonds has waned considerably of late. No new task appeals to them. To the insurance salesman they would sing, "Oh, think of the home over there," or "I will sing you a song of the far away land" as he approaches them for new business. You may depend upon such people to be true to their trusts, sincere, truthful and pure to the best of their ability. They are the very salt of the earth.

What shall we say about those who forget their birthdays, who endeavor to sustain the hope of a long life by entering upon new relationships; by learning a new language, trying to find new methods and ways for doing things. Their interest in the present is just as strong as ever it was, they deny the existence of ''dead lines'' and say with our Brother Kennett, ''Who's old?'' Here are a few of the illustrious names in this group:

George Bernard Shaw, still going strong as he approaches 85; Clara Barton, worked like a Trojan at relief in Cuba when she was 78; John Wesley was still preaching daily when he was 80; John Adams was busy working on a Constitution for Massachusetts when he was 85; Oliver Wendell Holmes was writing for the *Atlantic Monthly* when he was 86; William Cullen Bryant was editing the *New York Evening Post* when he died at 84; Gladstone overthrew the Conservative Party in Parliament when he was 80; Titian, the master painter, was producing the ''Transfiguration'' when he was 90; Galileo, although blind was studying mathematics and projectiles when he was 74; but the list would be too long and time would fail me to call the roll of honor for all those who refused to retire from active service.

So if you are entering the border land which is bound on the West by the Dead Line, you may now decide which of these attitudes will be yours. Will you give up your work to another and settle down to an inactive old age? Or will you buckle your girdle more securely about your loins and stand in your place until the Great Master of Ceremonies shall call your name? Yes, the decision is yours. Who's old, anyway?

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Copies of the Herald Wanted

The Editor wants a copy of November 16, 1916; also copies of December 1, 8, and 15 of 1921, to complete his files for binding.

Brother E. A. Cook, of Albemarle, wants July 22, October 14 and November 11, 1926; September 24, 1925; March 27, June 19, July 24 and December 18 of 1924; April 12 and 19; August 9 and 30; September 27; December 27 of 1923; October 12, December 28 of 1922, January 6, March 10, May 19, June 2, 9 and 16 of 1921. Any one having any of these copies to spare please communicate with the Editor for the first-named list and Brother Cook for the second.

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By Way of Remembrance

The HERALD of November 4, 1926, reports that sixteen charges paid all claims; four ministers passed away that year, two preachers' wives. Two churches on the honor roll that year are now extinct, they are Byerly's Chapel, Mocksville Charge and Jerusalem, South Davidson Charge. Dr. Taylor led the pastors in the amount collected on HERALD subscriptions, the amount being $52.50, and Brother B. M. Williams was second. Of the 124 names of ministers and preachers on the Conference roll that year, 46 have disappeared; most of them deceased. The net loss in membership that year was 197, but the churches paid the pastors $5,895 more than was promised them. Total paid to World Service was $19,159, and the total paid to A. C. D. was $10,910, not including money paid to High Point College, that amount was $1,763, this was the first gift the Annual Conference made to the College. The number of Church buildings reported was 224; number of organized churches, 231; and number of accessions to the Church, 1823.

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LET'S HELP BROTHER TROXLER

Dr. Paschall was with me in a meeting week before last. We spent some of our spare time talking about folks, and among them Rev. R. S. Troxler. When Brother Paschall left, I asked him to see Mrs. Troxler and find out what shape they were in financially. Here's his letter:

> ''Dear Dr. Bates:
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> ''Tuesday night I went to see Brother Troxler. He seemed better at that time. However, his doctors have no hope for his recovery.
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> ''I talked with Mrs. Troxler about the expense of all this, since you asked that I find out about it, and she told me that they were having a pretty difficult time financially. His first stay at Duke cost them $216 00. While he was at home he went to Rainey Hospital for five blood transfusions at $15.00 each. His second stay at Duke is costing $21.00 per week and he has been there since June 6. Mrs. Troxler stays with him and that is extra.
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> ''With kindest regards, I am,
> ''Very sincerely,
> ''FRED W. PASCHALL.''

Two men were talking about a third who had had a prolonged sickness. One said, ''I'm sorry for John; he's having pretty tough luck.'' The other said, ''I'm sorry, too. But I want to do something about it. I'm sorry $5.00 worth. Now you come across.''

I'm putting that challenge up to you who may read this. I'm sorry for Brother Troxler and his family. I'm praying for his recovery if it is the Lord's will. But I want to do something about it. I'd give my blood without charge if that would help. In the meantime I'm seconding Mrs. Troxler $5.00. That may help a little to pay for some one else's blood. Or it may help somewhere else.

Will you join me in helping them carry the load. Let's have individual gifts, or raise some money by taking an offering in your Church service or Sunday School class. I'll take it upon myself to act as a sort of clearing house. Send the money to me, I'll send it on to Mrs. Troxler, and report it through the HERALD. But what thou doest do quickly.

So here goes:

Troxler Fund

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Bates $5.00

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You are frequently subjected to mental tests, when you must choose what course to take. A mood of depression creeps over you, or a sense of disappointment would make you captive. Submit to it, and it will possibly master you. Reason it out quietly and logically, and you can deprive it of its power to enslave you. Just as wrong thinking has brought depression or disappointment to you, so right thinking can emancipate you from its influence.—*Grenville Kleiser.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

That Great Ninetieth Psalm

In many ways the Ninetieth Psalm is the most majestic of all. There is nothing cheap, trivial, nor even "practical" about it. When a production turns to be merely moral or practical it runs the risk of falling from the exalted heights of spiritual worth and beauty. But this Ninetieth Psalm escapes all of this; it is profound, consoling, majestic, and full of power. To be sure the light-minded and the superficial lesson-seekers will fail its beauty to see. They are out for moral bargains, their eyes not reaching into the mystic realms of spiritual grandeur where dwell the charm and perfection of the Eternal.

One reason this Psalm is so great is that it centers in God. It is about the Lord. Real religion takes its rest here. There is no other foundation. Moses when giving the last, farewell words to Israel just before his deposition warned in Deuteronomy 33:27, "The eternal God is thy dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms." This statement serves as the text of the song we are now considering; the Psalm extends, enlarges upon this promise. "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations."

Thus, this Ninetieth Psalm is about the Lord. It stoops not to the temporal level nor speaks of the mind of man. God as the ultimate, the end of all existence as well as the refuge of all is the theme. Here is something mighty enough for the best thinkers, deep enough for the profoundest soul—God our dwelling place!

This is particularly needed today when so much attention is centered upon the temporal and secular affairs of life. Secularism is bad enough out in general social and economic spheres, but now it invades the churches too. You never hear this Psalm Ninety read, even in church, except at a funeral. It seems too religious for ordinary services; and we have an audience untrained in theological terms, alien to the mystic flights of the spirit. And so we must talk about weak, simple, petty "lessons" that can be applied to every day life. (But such is the way to ruin real religion.)

So, I would recommend a frequent use of such great selections as this Ninetieth Psalm. It is the opposite of materialism. As I say, it is seldom read and sounds far away in the ears of most listeners, but this is because we have humored those ears too long with "practical" nick-nacks instead of the sublime words of divine wisdom.

So bring us back the Ninetieth Psalm. Let us know that God *is* our dwelling place. Give the modern soul a home. It needs it. The things we deal with here and now perish with their using, but still the spirit cries out for a satisfaction the world can never give. Give us the Bread of Life.

After all, this is the best way to help the people achieve moral character. Explaining ethics is a poor way to teach it. A far more successful plan is found here: Direct the attention to the skies of spiritual reality. Seek the Lord and lean not upon our own understanding is the right road to character. As this Psalm prays: "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us." Then we will be good because we are God-like.

DEBORAH: EMERGENCY LEADERSHIP

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, July 17, 1938

By Rev. O. L. Easter

Lesson Text—Judges 4:1-9, 12-14.

Golden Text—"Who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14.

In our approach to the lesson of this week it is my purpose to deal with a problem that perhaps the subject and text does not directly refer us to in their purpose, but one which I think they do call up in our minds to be met. Turning as we did from the high moral standards of both God and men as found in our last quarter's lesson from the New Testament to those of the Old Testament we experience something of a shock when we compare the moral levels that are found in the latter, and we must have our minds set right as to this difference if we would get the greatest value out of these present studies. Is not the story found in our immediate lesson one of gruesome detail that runs very much counter to the Christian attitudes that you and I have been taught to cherish? Is it not a rather shocking revelation to us as we follow the story of how Jehovah delivered his chosen people from the hands of the heathen nation by having their leader, Sisera, brutally killed at the hands of Jael by a nail being driven through his temple while asleep in her tent? At my first glance at this lesson it appeared rather difficult for me to interpret it as a good lesson to teach, for it seemed to do something to my own conception of what God was like—something that was inconsistent with the conception we received from Christ. Yet it, like the conceptions of Jesus came alike from the divinely inspired pages of our Holy Bible, which to us are infallible. Because I believe that my difficulty might be the difficulty of others before they have searched this problem we shall consider it briefly here that we might get our point of view correct and thereby enjoy these lessons more fully.

The authority of the Church has always been very dependent upon the foundation of the divine authority of the inspired word of God as found in the Bible. If it loses that foundation it will lose its power as a ship with no wind for its sails and lose its authority to guide as a ship with no rudder. This being infinitely true does not alter the fact, however, that we must understand how these Scriptures were given and from what point of view God is to be seen in their pages. May we say in the very beginning that it is very important that we make a distinction between God's revelation of himself to sin-blinded humanity will in many cases be very much another thing than will man's interpretation of that revelation. This is proven as we shall see all through the history of the Old Testament. It was no fault with God revelation but rather with men's lack of spiritual vision and insight. For this fact God saw fit to choose the Hebrew race as an elect people; they had more vision and spiritual insight than the other peoples of that early day and God sought through this ability to reveal Himself unto all mankind. The Hebrew in his blindness came to look at this choice as a favoritism but not so with God who saw it always as rather a sacred trust and mission to the entire world. With that fact as one instance we see that even with the more spiritually-minded Hebrew God had to be content with a slow-moving process in His revelation of Himself to mankind. He had greater things for them to know but they were not yet ready to receive them, and the slow-moving moral and religious progress of the Old Testament was caused by God letting His sun to shine upon the just and unjust while He sent the law and the prophets, yea even His own Son to get them ready to receive Him.

Turn if you will to the law of Moses as he received them from the Lord and there we run up against the harsh law that says "an eye for an eye." To us today that seems too cruel for God to sanction with Moses, and we must turn to the laws of the age thus far to see that this was away above the common average of that day. Instead of "an eye for an eye" it was a "life for an eye." For instance should an eye" it was a "life for an eye." For instance if a physician should be trying to cure a man's eye and in the process should cause it to be destroyed he would have to give his life as a forfeit. Thus in contrast to the common practices this was higher morality and law which continued to grow higher until Jesus appeared in due time with His Golden Rule. Also in these early pages of our Bible we find institutions existing and sanctioned in the chosen family that we as Christians today send missionaries to the heathen lands to abolish: such institutions as polygamy, slavery, militarism, etc. These facts present us with a difficult problem with those peoples when we try to teach them about our God as revealed by Jesus Christ, and when we at the same time teach them the infallibility of the Scriptures.

Then how is the fact to be met? By fully realizing that the Scripture of the Old Testament without the culminating revelation of Jesus in the New Testament is not final in its revelation but is rather a progressive revelation that leads men gradually into the true conceptions of God as most fully seen through Jesus. The tribal idea of God found in the mind of those like Jacob through the years gives way to that of the compassionate father as found with Jesus; the use of force and warfare as a means of spreading God's kingdom as found in this story of Jael driving the spike through the head of Sisera gives way to the tactics of Jesus who commanded Peter to put up his sword; and so all along the line. It is best summed up in the words of Jesus that He repeated over and over: "It was said to them of old—but I say unto you"; or again in the words of the apostle when he said "God, having in times past, spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son." Thus God after years of difficult work through the prophets was able to lead men up to the point that Jesus could be sent to more fully reveal His infinite nature to men, and even yet men are able to grow into the grace and knowledge of God through Jesus Christ.

Thus we see that it is not God who has grown; that it is not He who has changed His attitudes and nature but that it was man who was at fault and that it is man who has grown in his knowledge and conception of God. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever and in His love and infinite mercy for mankind He has allowed the tares to remain among the wheat while He seeks to make His ways known unto them inspite of their limitations.

"Our little systems have their day;
They have their day and cease to be;
They are but broken lights of thee,
And thou, O Lord, art more than they."

With this distinction and point of view in the background we are ready to look at the glorious lives of Deborah, Jael, Barak and say in the words of our golden text, "Who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

WHY IS A CHURCH?

A child can ask searching questions.

Take a proud uncle showing off his city to a little nephew. Here are the falls with their spinning dynamos. "We make power here for a hundred towns and villages." Here is a huge factory looking like an overgrown high school. "We make breakfast food in this place for a million homes." Here are electric furnaces. "We make carborundum here, hard as diamonds, to grind anything." Another clump of great furnaces. "This is the only place hot enough to turn bauxite ore into aluminum metal. Isn't it great, all the fine things we have in our city?"

They pass by a little church. The boy has a question: "That's a church, isn't it, Uncle?"

"I guess it's a church. Sure, it's a church. Why?"

"Well, what do they make in a church?"

The uncle scratches his head. He is not a church-going man. The question is too much for him. He draws an ice-cream soda across the trail.

It is a fair question: Why is a church? What do we make in a church?

Millions of "good moral men" will say, "Now, you're talking," when business or sport or entertainment or advertising is mentioned. But speak about church and their faces go blank. An old institution passed on from former times; passes, out-of-date, meaningless, run by the Ladies' Aid for suppers.

The country club is all right. The chamber of commerce is all right. The lodge is all right. The luncheon club is all right. But what is the church? "Search me! Old stuff."

The church is the only original and final thing that exists purely and simply for the sake of men. It takes no profit. It wants no gain. It spends itself that men shall have something free. It breaks all the rules of success, and therefore is always failing—and yet never fails.

The country club has a waiting list. The church says, "Whosoever will may come." The street cars demand, "Pay as you enter.'' The church says, ''If you have nothing, we will carry you for love.'' Business says, ''What can we sell you?'' The church says, ''What can we give you?''—and in the next breath—''Will you give all that you are for God and the world?''

No wonder some men don't understand. The church is at once the most insignificant and the most indispensable thing on earth. It has its face turned away from the world, and yet the world is lost without it. The church pleads gently like a woman, but its verdict is more final than the Supreme Court's and it needs obeying like a field marshal.

In the world men attain and are no more satisfied than the discontented who envy and hate them. In the church men begin to know the Infinite, and though they count not themselves to have apprehended, their questing souls are at peace.

If revolution and debacle come, all things will go down—all but the eternal church and the clustering atoms of believing men and Christian homes that make up her body.

If debacle comes it will be because men forget God and his church. And if it comes, it will be God through his church who will again make a new world. — *The Living Church.*

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR ATTENDANTS AT CHURCH

1. Thou shalt not come to service late,
   Nor for the Amen refuse to wait.
2. Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain
   When speaks the organ its refrain.
3. But when the hymns are sounded out,
   Thou shalt lift up thy voice and shout.
4. The endmost seat thou shalt leave free,
   For more must share the pew with thee.
5. The offering plate thou shalt not fear,
   But give thine uttermost with cheer.
6. Thou shalt this calendar peruse,
   And look here for the Church's news.
7. Thou shalt the minister give heed,
   Nor blame him when thou'rt disagreed.
8. Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend,
   And if a stranger, make a friend.
9. Thou shalt in every way be kind,
   Compassionate, of tender mind.
10. And so, by all thy spirit's grace,
    Thou shalt show God within this place.

—*John Haynes, in Expositor.*

NOTE FROM MRS. R. S. TROXLER

Mrs. Troxler asked the Editor to express her profound thanks to all who have shown kindnesses during the illness of Brother Troxler. To those who have filled his appointments, to all who have and are praying for his recovery, and to those who have helped to lighten the financial burden incident to his illness. Many have given of their blood to him. To all these she expresses her sincerest thanks. The condition of our brother still remains very critical.

HOW A GYPSY FOUND THE WAY

In his autobiography, Gypsy Smith, the English evangelist, tells a touching story of the conversion of his mother. They lived, as all gypsies do, in a wagon. Small-pox broke out in the gypsy wagon, and it was quarantined in a narrow lane. Two children were down with the small-pox. It was a dreary time. But the worst came when the mother was taken down with the awful disease. From the first it was evident that she could not recover. The husband and father knew that some sort of preparation was necessary for death, but he did not know what it was. He could not read. They had no Bible. They never went to Church. They lived in darkness. The husband, with a heavy heart, asked his wife if she knew anything about God, and if she tried to pray. She said she did; but when she tried to pray a black hand seemed to come before her and tell her that there was no hope for her. The husband, in his distress, hastened away from the wagon, that his wife might not witness his agony. After awhile he heard her singing in a feeble voice:

> I have a Father in the promised land;
> My Father calls me, I must go,
> To meet Him in the promised land.

He hastened back to the wagon, and asked, ''Where did you learn that?'' She told him that when she was a little girl her father, who was also a gypsy, pitched his tent on a village green, and she saw the children going to Sunday School. She did not know what it was, but followed them. In that little Sunday School she heard this simple song. She had forgotten it, but when she came near the gate of death the Holy Spirit brought it back to her mind. It touched her dark heart, and she sang it. She said to her heart-broken husband, ''I am not afraid to die now. It is all right now. I have a Father in the promised land, and He will take care of my children and take me to Himself.'' In this faith she died. This little song, by the blessing of God, became the salvation of a poor gypsy. Out of that conversion grew the conversion of the husband, his brothers, and their families. Gypsy Smith, one of the sons, who tells the story, has become one of the most effective evangelists of our time. Thousands of souls have been gathered into the kingdom of God through his labors. — *Methodist Protestant-Recorder.*

STORIES OF JOHN BUNYAN

To pass away the gloomy hours in prison, Bunyan took a rail out of the stool belonging to his cell, and, with his knife, fashioned it into a flute. The keeper, hearing music, followed the sound to Bunyan's cell; but while he was unlocking the door the ingenious prisoner placed the rail in the stool, so that the searchers were unable to solve the mystery; nor, during the remainder of Bunyan's residence in the jail did they ever discover how the music had been produced.

There is an equally good story told at Bedford, that a Quaker once called upon Bunyan in jail, with what he professed to be a message from the Lord. ''After searching for thee,'' said he, ''in half the jails of England, I am glad I have found thee at last.'' ''If the Lord sent thee,'' said Bunyan, ''you would not have needed to take so much trouble to find me out; for He knows I have been in Bedford jail these seven years past.''—*The Australian Baptist.*

OUR STORY PAGE

HOW SARAH SAW THE ELEPHANTS—A True Story

One warm afternoon in the latter part of August, two little dark-eyed girls, named Phoebe and Mary, were filling a basket, and at the same time their pockets, with big, juicy apples which the wind had shaken from the trees the night before. They lived on a large farm, and you may be sure they enjoyed it.

Such hunts as they had through the big haymows for stray hens' nests; such rides up from pasture on the horses; such fun trying to catch squirrels in the woods; and in the evening, such comfort sitting in the corner of the big chimney, where one could look up at the stars, or, by the light of a pine knot, read The Arabian Nights! They had pleasures which children nowadays know little about.

Just as they had filled their baskets, who should come along but Jane Weeks, their nearest neighbor. ''Girls, I have some news for you,'' she called out.

''What is it?'' they asked, eagerly running to the fence.

''A caravan is coming to Brownfield,'' Jane answered, ''and the elephants will have to go by this road, and I mean to see them if I have to sit up all night.''

''Let us stay up, too'' said Mary, and she and her sister ran for the basket and then went in to tell the news.

Now a caravan and a circus were two entirely different things seventy-five years ago. Then, respectable people never thought of going to a circus, but animals were exhibited by themselves, and when one of these caravans came to town, everyone turned out to see the strange beasts.

They commonly had one or two elephants, a camel, a cage of monkeys, a white bear, a cage of birds, two lions, two tigers, a leopard, one or two ponies and sometimes a zebra and a gnu.

A very slim procession, a boy of the present day would call it, when circuses with their three rings and long street parades are so common, but in those days it was an event in a child's life never to be forgotten. And, oh! What a delight if, as sometimes happened, the manager called for volunteers to ride in the little house on the elephant's back!

Now, all the animals are moved from one place to another in cars, but then, the elephants had to walk the whole distance at night, and were closely blanketed, so that no one might obtain a free glimpse of these wonderful creatures, for there were almost no railroads, and those that were built were not generally used.

So this was what Jane meant by ''seeing the elephants.'' The children told their mother all about it and she was as much interested as they, and readily agreed to let them sit up, especially as it bade fair to be a clear, moonlight night. ''But,'' said she, ''you must not say anything about it before Sarah.''

''Couldn't father lift her to the window?'' asked Phoebe.

''Yes, I suppose he could,'' was her mother's reply, ''but, unless the elephants stopped, I am afraid she might not be able to see them after all, and then she would be so disappointed that I think it would be better for her to know nothing about it.''

The children felt very sorry for their invalid sister, who missed so much fun.

''Poor Sarah,'' said Mary, ''how bad I should feel in her place!'' and she went in the front room where her sister lay to give her a bright red apple, which she could hold in her hand, as a sort of silent comforter.

Just then their brother Daniel passed by the kitchen with a load of potatoes. ''Oh, mother,'' said Phoebe, ''do elephants like them?'' ''Like what?'' asked mother, who was busy in the back part of the room and hadn't seen Daniel. ''Potatoes; for if they do, we could pour some down in the road, and while the elephants ate, Sarah would have plenty of time to look at them as long as she liked.''

Mary just then came into the room and heard what Phoebe said. Mother's face lighted up at the thought of her sick daughter's pleasure, but before she had time to speak Mary had rushed out of the house, seized an empty basket, stopped Daniel and helped herself to nearly a half bushel of the potatoes. Then, without a word of explanation, she ran down and scattered them in the dusty highway.

Daniel stood looking at her open-mouthed. As she came slowly back, he called out, ''Are you crazy? What in the world did you do that for?''

''If you wait long enough you'll see,'' she answered wisely.

''Well, I shall tell father how wasteful you are,'' said Daniel.

Their mother came to the door just then and pacified the angry boy, whose look of disgust gradually changed to admiration when he heard the plan by which Sarah, and incidentally all the family, could see the elephants as long as they wanted to for the price of a few potatoes. Yet he couldn't resist saying, ''Probably they won't come this way, or, if they do, it will most likely cloud up and rain.''

No such thing happened, however, but instead, the moon shone with unusual brilliancy from a cloudless sky; also, as fortune would have it, the night was very hot, so the keepers had unblanketed the animals as they passed along the thinly settled highway.

Daniel had posted himself some distance down the road and ran like a deer to the house as soon as he heard the snorting of the elephants and the voices of their keepers.

Father had plenty of time to take Sarah up and settle her comfortably by the window before the huge animals came in sight. In a moment the first one smelt the potatoes, and then the second elephant found one. In vain the keepers beat them, and called all manner of curses down upon the ears of those who spilt the potatoes, not an inch would the creatures budge till every potato was gone.

Sarah was perfectly happy, and Daniel said, as the last ungainly form disappeared down the road:

''They needn't have been so mad, for all of us, except mother and Sarah, who couldn't go anyway, will go to the caravan just the same.''

They did so, and Daniel's pockets turned out to be filled with potatoes, which he fed to the elephants in memory of their midnight feast.—*Alice M. Shepard in Congregationalist.*

FIREPROOFING OF FABRICS CAN BE DONE IN HOME

A curtain blown into a gas flame, an overheated iron on an ironing board or a rug too near an open fireplace—puff! and a fire starts. Half of the $350,000,000 United States' annual fire toll is to private homes and property, and fabrics too close to flames are blamed for much of it.

Something can be done about it. Fireproofing cloth and other material is simpler than doing the family wash. The type of fireproofing most easily applied in the home is made from borax, boric acid and hot water, all ingredients easily obtained. The formula recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture is seven ounces of borax and three ounces of boric acid powder dissolved in two quarts of hot water.

Articles to be treated are dipped in the warm solution, wrung out by hand or through a clothes wringer, and hung out to dry on the family wash line. Draperies, carpets and other bulky articles can be strayed with the solution with an ordinary garden sprayer.

The boric acid-borax mixture not only fireproofs but it is a check against deterioration of curtains and other fabrics exposed to the invisible sulphuric acid gas poured into the air by the burning of coal and other sulphur-containing fuels.

Fireproofing does not prevent fire from scorching or charring a fabric but it does prevent it from bursting into flame and spreading the fire. The fireproofing chemicals melt and seal off the fibers of the treated fabric. The melting chemicals also act like a miniature automatic sprinkler system in that they give off moisture that combats the flames.—*Science News Letter.*

ELECTRICITY AND SKELETONS

Electricity, working on myriads of skeletons from which life departed millions of years ago, will do much to prolong the life of our own civilization.

This apparent paradox, which modern science makes real and even commonplace, is explained and emphasized in the new annual report of the Tennessee Valley Authority. New processes in electric furnaces promise to revolutionize the whole fertilizer industry, and with it agriculture, and with agriculture the tenure of civilization itself.

But where do the skeletons come in? In the phosphate rock. Indeed, to a very large extent, they are the phosphate rock — it consists of thick deposits of ancient animal skeletons, ranging from fish down to one-celled organisms, left on the bottoms of ancient seas and since pressed and hardened into stone.

Electric-furnace method of preparing phosphate fertilizer does two things: it makes a much more concentrated, effective fertilizer, that costs less in freight from furnace to field; and it makes possible the economic utilization of lower grades of rock than can be worked by present methods, and that without the use of sulphur now required.

Even without waiting for the full developing of the electric-furnace method, TVA phosphates have been put into wide use in many places throughout the Valley and in several states outside. Distributed with the strict understanding that they are for use only in soil-restoring plantings, TVA phosphates are establishing pastures, checking erosion, and capturing six pounds of nitrogen from the air for every pound of phosphorous, through the agency of plants which they fertilize.

Important for the power and navigation use of the river itself is the development of the Valley phosphorous program. For if the great reservoirs behind the dams fill up with erosional silt, the whole vast project comes to naught. Insuring that water for these reservoirs comes from grass-floored valleys, not from crumbling gulleys, is not the least of the tasks of phosphates from the furnaces of the TVA.—*Science News Letter.*

REPUTATION AND CHARACTER

The circumstances amid which you live determine your reputation; the truth you believe determines your character.

Reputation is what you are supposed to be; character is what you are.

Reputation is the photograph; character is the face.

Reputation is a manufactured thing, rolled and plated and hammered and brazed and bolted; character is a growth.

Reputation is what you have when you come to a new community; character is what you have when you go away.

Your reputation is learned in an hour; your character does not come to light for a year.

Reputation is made in a moment; character is built in a life time.

Reputation grows like a mushroom; character grows like the oak.

Reputation goes like the mushroom; character lasts like eternity.

A single newspaper report gives you your reputation; a life of toil gives you your character.

If you want to get a position, you need a reputation; if you want to keep it, you need a character.

Reputation makes you rich or makes you poor; character makes you happy or makes you miserable.

Reputation is what men say about you on your tombstone; character is what the angels say about you before the throne of God.

Reputation is the basis of the temporal judgment of men; character is the basis of the eternal judgment of God.—*William Hersey Davis, in The Builder.*

The President's Letter

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of land is ample for the Church and parsonage with an abundance of shade in which the pastor and his family can rest themselves on these hot days provided they have time.

Appointments

Sunday, July 17—Tabernacle Charge: Julian at 11 a. m. and Tabernacle at 3 p. m.

Sunday, July 17—Moriah at 7 p. m.

Sunday, July 24—Chase City at 11 a. m.; Draper, 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 31—Flat Rock, Flat Rock Charge in Dedicatory services.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

The Children's Home

The Home, located at High Point, N. C., is our only institution for the care of orphan children in the United States. It first opened its doors in August, 1910, at Denton, N. C., a project of the Woman's Home Missionary society.

The North Carolina conference of the Methodist Protestant church in 1910 found the home worthy of the support of the entire conference. It soon became necessary to move to better buildings, and so, on August 1, 1913, the fourteen children at Denton were move to the new building at High Point. This building contained dormitory, infirmary, dining room, sewing room, and a school room which also served as chapel. The grounds then contained 38 acres.

The Home has had a remarkable growth. There are 114 children now and many others begging for entrance. The property now consists of 132 acres of land, two dormitories, superintendent's cottage, and several farm buildings. All the children of school age go to Jamestown high school.

The superintendent, Dr. A. G. Dixon, and Mrs. Dixon; the matron of the boys' building, the farm superintendent, and the four other paid workers in the Home receive a combined salary of $390 each month. All the other work is done by the orphan boys and girls.

It costs about fifty cents a day for each child, but that includes all the expenses of the Home.

The children remain in the home until they are about 18 years of age, and are carefully placed when they leave. About 160 children have reached the age limit and gone from the Home since it was established in 1910.

The Home is supported: free will offerings, $2,000 annual world service gift by General conference, $1,500 annual appropriation N. C. Branch Women's Work, upwards of $2,000 annual gift from Duke Endowment fund, and by bequests. It needs everything any home needs and in much larger quantities. Coupons from Octagon and Kirkman products, and the postcards from Rumford baking powder, have a cash value when received at the Children's Home.

Bethel Home

The House of Healing, is located on the west side of Hamburg mountain in the village of Weaverville, nine miles north of Asheville. Its healing is for those who have tuberculosis. It was founded by Rev. Homer Casto, a minister of the North Carolina conference, when he found himself afflicted with the dread malady. His cash assets were only $100, but his faith was almost sufficient to move mountains. We might almost say that this home was founded on faith. Through all these years, Mr. Casto has had many friends who have helped him to maintain the home and operate it at cost to those who come to take the cure.

The North Carolina Branch of Women's Work makes an annual appropriation to it of $450. This is the only support given by our denomination as such. The building can take care of about 25 patients. It is now the property of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work of the Methodist Protestant church. Rev. Homer Casto, Weaverville, N. C., is the superintendent.

Pine Ridge, Kentucky

In the Cumberland mountains is the home of Alvan Drew school, established in 1911 by Mrs. M. O. Everett, with six students, 40 acres of land and one dwelling. It is an industrial school, teaching boys farming, stock raising, dairying, planing, printing, etc., and teaching girls cooking, canning and housekeeping in general.

To the average person the word "slums" applies to city dwellers, but this school takes children of the mountain slums and develops them into useful citizens. There are during the school year, 17 workers, and about 200 students. The property consists of 280 acres of land, three dormitories, two school buildings, a store and postoffice, superintendent's cottage, farm buildings, a planing mill, etc., all under the management of the superintendent, Rev. G. W. Andrew, of Indiana. There have been about 100 graduates from the school.

The school store sells good used clothing to advantage; if you have some to send by parcel post, send it to Alvan Drew school, Pine Ridge, Ky.; if you wish to send by freight, address it to Alvan Drew school, Slade, Ky.

The church's annual apportionment to this school is $6,000.

Home Mission Churches

The Board of Missions gives to needy churches and pastors in the various conferences in the United States about $5,000 annually.

Japan

Japan became the home of the first Methodist Protestant church in foreign land, when on July 11, 1866, our church at Yokohoma was organized with 14 members, by Dr. F. C. Klein. Miss Harriet G. Brittain had gone to Japan under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society in 1880. Since that time 54 other missionaries have been sent by our church to this field. Misses Ethel Hempstead, Olive I. Hodges and Evelyn Wolf are there now. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Warner returned to America in May, 1938.

In addition to the missionaries above mentioned, there have been and are many native (Japanese) workers; pastors, evangelists, teachers and Bible women.

Our Japan Annual conference has 25 churches, five of which are self-supporting, and have full time pastors. There are about 3,500 church members. The conference sponsors six kindergartens with total enrollment of about 400. Miss Hempstead is in charge of the kindergartens and has 14 native teachers to assist in the work.

Eiwa Jo Gakko is our girl's school. It is located at Yokohoma and has about 600 students. Miss Hodges is superintendent of this school, as well as one of its teachers. She also has native teachers to assist in the work.

Nagoya Middle School has perhaps the largest enrollment of any in our denomination, 1,000 being the normal enrollment. This school is for boys only, and corresponds in rating to the junior colleges in America. Twenty-five of the 29 teachers are professing Christians. This school celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 1937.

The total appropriation of the M. P. church to our work in Japan is $15,000.

China

China was entered at Kalgan in 1907 by the Woman's Foreign Missionary society, Rev. C. S. Heininger in charge. Since that time ten other missionaries have been sent there. At present Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Soderbom and Rev. Wesley Day are our representatives. Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams are at home on furlough, but expect to return to China before 1939.

The work in China is evangelistic, medical and educational. We have 2,409 church members, two self-supporting churches and 14 church groups without resident pastors. We had until recently 1,000,000 souls depending on us for the gospel, but it seemed hopeless to try to evangelize so many with our small group of workers, and limited funds, so we have given a part of our territory to another denomination.

Our missionaries, in addition to the work they are able to do themselves, act in supervisory relation to all the work. Our aim is to train native pastors and workers of all types so that they can become independent of outside aid. About 30 students receive daily instruction at our Bible school and spend their week-ends on the field in evangelistic work.

Dr. Roberta Fleagle, our first medical missionary, went to China in 1920. A Chinese doctor, Dr. TS'ui, is now in charge of the Kalgan dispensary. He has three capable assistants, who with him, treat about 10,000 patients each year.

During normal times we operate two schools, one for girls and one for boys, including children from the first to the sixth grade.

The total annual appropriation of our church to China is $7,500. Untold opportunities await us in China.

India

India is our newest foreign field. The work here was begun by Misses Mattie Long and Florence Williams under their own and their friends auspices. In 1917 it was taken over by our Board of Missions, these two ladies remaining in charge. Since that time we have sent ten other missionaries to India. At present Rev. J. F. Minnis of the N. C. Annual conference, and Mrs. Minnis, Miss Mildred Miskimen and Dr. Edith Lacy are on the field. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Cassen are returned missionaries.

We have only two Christian communities in India; one of these is at Dhulia, and the other at the farm settlement not far away. The work of evangelism is progressing slowly at this time. Our only schools in India are Bible schools.

We have one chapel, given by Mr. and Mrs. Lee, of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Minnis is pleading very earnestly for funds with which to build a new church. The Lee chapel is located at the farm settlement, and is at the center of the religious, social and educational life of the farm settlement. Mr. Minnis is teaching the people how to farm while he teaches them about Christ. He and Mrs. Minnis and the native preachers go out into other villages and tell the story of Jesus to all who will listen. The North Carolina

Branch of Women's Work assumed the support of Mr. Minnis and his family, at it's last annual meeting. This support amounts to $1,500 a year.

Miss Miskimen has charge of the India orphans, to whom our mission has extended a welcome. The Board of Missions has recently asked that no more orphans be taken as this work has grown beyond our ability to take care of it.

Dr. Lacy treats about 10,000 patients annually, some of them are hospital cases, but the majority are only dispensary cases. The hospital belongs to us.

Our church appropriates annually to this field, $10,000.

Note: When all our Auxiliaries pay all their budgets and an additional $702.00 of Mr. Minnis' salary in full, our share of all the mission work of the church is taken care of. In order to keep up to date on our work, every woman in the church should read the Missionary Record, published at 516 North Charles street, Baltimore, Md., at 75 cents a year.

MRS. J. E. PRITCHARD,
Sec. Missionary Education,
N. C. Branch of Women's Work.
July, 1938.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christian Youth Council of North America, Columbus, Ohio, June 28-July 3

The Christian Youth Council of North America is a group of 250 carefully selected young people from the United States and Canada who are meeting in connection with the Christian Education convention at Columbus, Ohio, June 28-July 3. Our denomination is entitled to four regular delegates and one adult resource leader. Our quota is filled with the following individuals: Rev. H. C. Emrick, adult adviser from Pittsburgh, Pa. Our youth delegates are: Mr. Donald Barss, of Ohio; Miss Helen Foltz, of Ohio; Miss Mary Barbe, of West Virginia; Miss Betty Lewis, of Pittsburgh. Alternate delegates are Miss Marion L. Dawson, of Pittsburgh and Miss Frances Causey, of North Carolina. This meeting is being held at the First Community church in Columbus and the group is making a special study of the United Youth Movement—Christian Youth Building a New World. These delegates represent the youth of the Methodist Protestant church and were appointed by our National Board of Christian Education in cooperation with our Conference Councils of Religious Education.

Methodist Protestants Attending Christian Education Convention, Columbus, Ohio June 28-July 3

We are in the midst of a great convention here. Some 3,000 delegates have registered from all parts of the United States and Canada. The following Methodist Protestants are in attendance: Indiana, Rev. Fred Clarke, Rev. J. C. Coons, Rev. C. J. Kerlin, Rev. F. W. Stephenson, D.D.; Maryland, Rev. J. N. Link, S.T.D., Mr. and Mrs. George Mather, Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Little, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Schuler; North Carolina, Rev. E. Lester Ballard, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Rev. and Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, Miss Frances Causey, Miss Elaine Causey, Dr. C. E. Forlines, Rev. F. L. Gibbs, Rev. T. J. Whitehead; Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Bailey, Rev J. L. Buckley, Rev. J. K. Chaney, Rev. John W. Obee, Mr. Donald Barss, Rev. F. L. Brown, Miss M. Thirza Buker, Miss Helen Foltz, Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Maier, Mr. and Mrs. Ely D. Miller, Rev. R. C. Tolbert, Rev. J. C. Williams, D.D., Rev. C. J. Morton; Pittsburgh, Rev. Howard C. Emrick, Miss Betty Lewis, Miss Lloydella M. Gangawere, Miss Marion L. Dawson; West Virginia, Miss Mary Barbe, Rev. Henry High, Miss Gertrude Peterson, Rev. Reese Burns, and Rev. Snowden G. Brown.

The theme of the convention is, "The Christian Challenge to the Modern World." We are hearing on the program the most outstanding leaders in Christian Education in the world. This convention, no doubt, will be a great forward note for Protestants in the field of Christian Education.

One outstanding feature of the week was a Methodist Protestant luncheon at the Y. M. C. A. Another feature is the Methodist Fellowship meeting being held at the Broad Street Methodist Episcopal church, Saturday afternoon, July 1. The following is the program of that meeting:

Organ: Miss Helen Williams.

Hymn: "O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling."

Invocation: Bishop R. E. Jones.

The Significance of Methodist Union: To the Cooperative Program of Christian Education, Roy G. Ross, general secretary, International Council of Religious Education; to the World Outreach of Christian Education, Robert M. Hopkins, general secretary, World's Sunday School association; to the Total Christian Enterprise, Samuel M. Cavert, general secretary, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Chorus: Junior Choir, Glenwood Methodist church, Mrs. Vera Jehmson, director.

The Opportunity for Christian Education Through the Home: Mrs. H. W. Maier, member of the Board of Christian Education, Methodist Protestant church; Local Church, F. L. Gibbs, executive secretary, Department of Religious Education, Methodist Protestant church; Literature, C. Asbury Bowen, editor, Church school publications, Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Institutions of Higher Learning, Harry Wright McPherson, executive secretary, Board of Education, Methodist Episcopal church.

Forward Together—The Voice of Youth, Donald Barss, member of Youth Groups, Methodist Protestant church; The Voice of Laymen, Paul G. Halmhuber, member Commission on Men's Work, Methodist Episcopal church; Greetings from the United Church of Canada, Frank Langford, general secretary, The Religious Education Council of Canada.

Hymn: "The Waking World."

A service of dedication.

Benediction.

Postlude.

Following the program an informal reception was held.

Methodist Protestant Camps in Session This Week

Great reports have been received from camps and schools held last week, namely, North Carolina at High Point, N. C.; Illinois (First Week) at Lewistown, Ill.; Indiana at Marion, Ind.; West Virginia at Jackson's Mills, W. Va.; and Oklahoma at Comanche, Okla.

During this week the Alabama camp is being held near Montgomery, Ala., with Rev. Paul Warner, returned missionary, representing our board there. The Illinois (Second Week) school is also under way at Lewistown, Ill., and attended by some 150 young people and staff workers.

During the week of July 4-10 two schools will be held. Namely: South Carolina and Virginia. Virginia is a new enterprise. Rev. and Mrs. E. Lester Ballard will help with the Virginia school while Rev. J. Clyde Auman, of Thomasville, N. C., will represent our board in the South Carolina school.

F. L. GIBBS,
Executive Secretary.
Columbus, Ohio, June 29, 1938.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CITY AND COUNTRY TO OUR NATIONAL LIFE

The Christian Endeavor Topic for July 24, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, July 18—Food from the country, 1 Cor. 10:31; 1 Tim. 4:4.

Tuesday, July 19—Cities and merchandise, Exek. 27:1-25.

Wednesday, July 20—A man from the country: Amos, Amos 7:10-17.

Thursday, July 21—Dangers in city life, Gen. 18:16-33.

Friday, July 22—An ideal city, Isa. 42:1-7.

Saturday, July 23—Paul, man of the city, Acts 26:1-19.

The Text: Amos 7:14, 15; Acts 21:39; 22:3.

One of the greatest internal struggles we have had in American national life has been the city-country fight. It has been evident in business, education, social life, and politics. The city dweller wasn't any too friendly to his country cousin. It was easy in those days to say: "The city contributes so and so to our national life" or "the country contributes so and so," but this is no longer true. The heretofore unheard of rapid shift of population has left us an entirely different situation to confront. There is still the strong sectional feeling in politics but in business, education, and social life there has been a decided change.

This rapid change of population has given us a city people who are more vitally interested in their country **brother** than was the city dweller of his country **cousin** of a few years ago. Thus has been brought about better relationships in business, better rural educational systems, and a more kindred feeling socially.

Of course the greatest thing that country or city ever has or ever will contribute to national life is great men. Our great national leaders are not predestined to come from either the city or country. Down through history we find this true. David the youngest son of Jesse, was a country boy out tending his sheep when he was called by God and annointed by Samuel. Amos, one of the 12 minor prophets, "was a herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit." The prophet Jeremiah was born and reared in the city of Anathoth. Paul was a product of the city of Tarsus. In America we have great men who have come from the city—great men who have come from the country.

The country and city are no longer entirely independent of each other as they once were. Today the country furnishes the raw materials in both products and manpower—the city takes these raw materials and produces a finished product. Like Jack and Jill, the country and city must go up the hill together. If one falls, the other will tumble after.

If the city and country are so dependent upon each other today, then there ought to be some force that is constantly endeavoring to improve these relationships. This is the churchs task and no other intitustion can do the job. Already in some sections the church has accepted its challenge and started its work. In a chapter on City-Country Cooperation in Benson Y. Landis's book "The Church and American Rural Life" we find a suggestion as to steps the church might take. May I quote:

"Several years ago the editor of a newspaper in Des Moines, Iowa, suggested that on a certain Sunday the town and city people of the state drive out and attend the country churches. The idea took hold. A surprisingly large number of visitors were found in the country churches that morning. Ever since then the event has been observed annually. It is known as Town-Country Sunday. In 1936 the city people were asked to attend the rural churches and also to get better understanding of the problems of agriculture and of the way people now live on the land and in the smaller communities.

"The Iowa Farm Bureau sponsored the observance in 1936. Reports indicated that rural churches in most of the communities of the state were crowded for both morning and evening services. Francis Johnson, a farmer, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau, in a radio address praised the effort as one likely to bring about a more wholesome relation between town and city workers. Mr. Johnson observed as one sign of progress that 'today many city and town people, especially in our agricultural states, are demanding equality for agriculture just as strongly as the farmers.'

"In New England a somewhat different approach is taking hold in connection with the observance of Rural Life Sunday, a modern emphasis of Rogation Sunday, the fifth Sunday after Easter. The early Christian church began the observance of Rogation Sunday, when prayer was offered for the blessing of God on the crops of the fields and the workers of the fields. In New England a score of city churches and a score of country churches have been exchanging their ministers on Rural Life Sunday. This method has worked and has made for better understanding. It is hoped that Rural Life Sunday will be observed not only in the rural churches but also in the city congregations of the nation.

"It has been said that the farmer and the city dweller are on opposite side of the milk bottle or of a load of hay. The city and the country have been described as engaged in cheap food and is not the farmer interested in selling food dear? Is not the farmer interested in buying shoes at low cost and is not the city dweller interested in selling them to him dear?

"Furthermore, there are different social customs in the city and in the country. The people in some rural sections have different ideas of temperance than some urban people. People take their recreation in different ways. Has it not been customary for the city dweller frequently to hold the countryman in contempt and does not the countryman rise in anger because he knows that this is so?

"But the relations of city and country are not so simply disposed of. A President of the United States discussed agriculture while speaking in a garment district in New York City. A secretary of agriculture made numerous public addresses stating that when urban payrolls are good farm conditions are good; stating also that when farm prices are high urban payrolls are high. Economic statesmanship seems to be calling for good purchasing power in the city and in the country. The ethical leader talks about the interdependence of city and country. It is not possible to have a prosperous America and a ruined agriculture. It is not possible to have millions of unemployed in the cities and a prosperous agriculture. Hence it behooves the countryman to be concerned not only about his own welfare but the welfare of his brother in the city. It also behooves the city dweller to be concerned about the welfare of those who till the soil. In the long run it is best to promote the greatest good for the greatest number."

METHODIST PROTESTANT LUNCHEON DURING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONVENTION—COLUMBUS, O.

The attendance of Methodist Protestants at the Twentieth Quadrennial convention on Christian Education held at Columbus, Ohio, June 27-July 3, was so large that the group decided, after arriving, that we should have a Methodist Protestant luncheon as a special feature of our stay while there. This luncheon was held at the Central Y. M. C. A. on Friday, in the Dorst hall. Some 47 friends from various conferences enjoyed a most delightful fellowship. Each conference group added much joy to the fellowship by giving some special entertaining feature. Mr. Ely D. Miller, of Columbus, Ohio, got us off to a good start and Rev. F. L. Brown, D.D., pastor of our Grace church, Columbus, closed the fellowship with prayer after "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung. All present had a feeling that the fellowship added much to our stay and that the Christian Education convention has made a marvelous contribution to a more adequate program of Christian Education for Protestantism and that the results will be felt in a special way throughout Methodism.

A Methodist Fellowship meeting was held at the Broad Street M. E. church, Columbus, Ohio, Saturday afternoon. This was another high spot for Methodists who were present from the three churches uniting. Our own Rev. James H. Straughn, D.D., presided. Mrs. H. W. Maier and the writer were on the program for five-minute addresses. Our own Donald Barss, of Ohio, was the Voice of Youth. The other churches had outstanding speakers on the program. Following the addresses and the Dedication service which was led by Dr. Straughn the entire group enjoyed a delightful tea served by the Methodist churches cooperating.

F. L. GIBBS,
Executive Secretary.
Pittsburgh (16), Pa.

NOTE TO HERALD

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Dixon and I are away for one week getting some much-needed rest. We did not have any mail forwarded, so as to get away from it all. For that reason we cannot make any financial report to Herald this week. We plan to return home on Thursday of this week, and will have our regular report in next week's paper.

Love and best wishes for all of you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON.

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Mrs.—"The garageman sent that second-hand car you ordered and I tried it out."

Mr.—"How many people does it carry comfortably?"

Mrs.—"None."—Exchange.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Bethesda, North Davidson, W. H. Neese, Pastor.—We were glad to have several new members join our Sunday school last Sunday. Our pastor was holding a revival at one of his other churches and could not be with us. We are planning a circuit rally da yat our church on the fifth Sunday in July. We are looking forward to a large crowd and a big day. Dinner will be on the grounds.

Our singing school, under Mrs. Elmer Crouch, of Lexington, is helping our young people right much in their singing.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is sponsoring a chicken pie supper Saturday night. July 23, at Mr. R. E. Leonards. Everyone is invited. Their next meeting will be Thursday night with Mrs. R. L. Grubb.

The second Sunday in August will be our home-coming as usual. We hope you will keep this in mind and plan to come. Everyone is invited but especially are we expecting old friends of church and community and former pastors.

Mr. H. H. Brinkley does not improve much, we are sorry to say.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

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Kernersville Charge, July 8. — Perhaps some are saying, "What has become of the reporter at Kernersville." Sometimes no news is good news. If we are very busy we don't always have time to tell about it.

Activity at our church has not ceased. No.

Attendance at all services is very good. Last week at our mid-week prayer service the number in attendance had more than doubled the regular attendance.

Rev. Mr. Way is preaching splendid sermons at every service. Last Sunday night the auditorium was well filled with interested listeners. At this service Mrs. Mozelle Taylor, Mr. Marcellus Ballard and Mr. Henry Casper united with the church.

Miss Mildred Way, eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Way, who is a student at High Point College, is at home for the summer months. She often plays for services. We appreciate the service she is rendering. She is an attractive girl and with her sunny disposition is winning a host of friends, not only in our church, but throughout the surrounding community.

C. B. Way, Jr., and Craig Parrish are our junior ushers. They enjoy this part in the services and we appreciate their loyalty.

Our Sunday school attendance is good for the summer months. We regret that the Young Woman's and Young Men's classes has fallen off considerably in attendance, due possibly to a number of members taking week-end trips and vacations.

We regret the passing of Rev. Way's mother a few weeks ago. Not many of us had the privilege of knowing her, but we have been told she was indeed a lovely lady. At the time of her death Rev. Way was recuperating from an illness of several days. We are glad to report that he has entirely recovered.

About 10,000 people gathered here for the Fourth of July celebration, which was the first of its kind ever held in our city. On the Kernersville high school grounds, center of the celebration, were tents of many church organizations where lunches were sold. Our Ladies' Aid society members, many faithful girls, boys and men occupied one tent. We worked hard and had lots of fun selling lunches. At the close of the day we found we had cleared a neat sum.

The June meeting of circles one and tow of the Ladies' Aid society held a joint meeting at the home of Mrs. Jack Watkins with Mesdames Watkins and Howard Dean, associate hostesses. The meeting opened with a song "Under His Wings." Mrs. A. M. Linville led in prayer. Mrs. Dean conducted the worship period. After a business session heart sisters were revealed and gifts exchanged. New names were drawn for the next six months. Refreshments were served.

The Board of Stewards' meeting was held in June at the home of Mrs. John Linville. Each steward was given a list of inactive church members to visit and to report on at the next meeting, which will be held this month at the home of Mrs. Pink Linville. The stewards heretofore have met after church services in the auditorium, but it was thought that more could be accomplished by meeting regularly in a home. Mrs. Linville served refreshments.

Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Williams came over from High Point one afternoon while the pastors' school was in session and which they attended. They called on quite a few. We are always glad to see them.

Mrs. C. B. Way, Sr., and C. B., Jr., recently spent several days visiting relatives at Siler City.

Miss Meta Ragland is spending some time visiting friends in the western part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Linville have returned after several days' stay at their summer home in eastern Carolina.

MRS. PAUL BUTNER, Reporter.

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Hawkins' Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, July 11. — Pastor Trolinger filled his appointment the fourth Sunday evening. But Sunday morning he preached a remargable sermon. His text: Hosea 6:6: "For I desired mercy and not sacrifice and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." At this service Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gray Mitchel's daughter, Margaret Ann, not even old enough to go to school, was stood on a table and she beautifully sang, "Daisy Petals. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Baldy Green.

Prayer service next Sunday morning if nothing prevents.

Rev. Leo Pittard we guess you think a bit—oh, we just wonder what! But the reporter will take the blame for she overlooked it in her last report. We were indeed glad to have you and your girl-friend, Miss Margaret Smith, of Winston-Salem; Charles Jeffries, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Carpenter and daughter, Harriet, of Durham, to worship with us the fifth Sunday. We also enjoyed the message Leo brought to us after Sunday school.

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Folks we ask all of you to pray for us to have a real revival which is to begin on the second Sunday in August. We are looking forward to an all-day service. Come, you are welcome.

Mrs. F. C. Porter was expecting to return home Sunday from Roanoke Rapids hospital. Mrs. Woodrow Shaw is in the hospital but both mother and son are getting along nicely. Mrs. Squire Collum, and Richard Cullom, J. D. Hawkins, Claude Hawkins and Mrs. Edward Hawkins, remain on the sick list.

Rev. and Mrs. Trolinger were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Glasgow Sunday.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor.—Home-coming will be observed at Hobbs' Chapel in the forenoon of the fifth Sunday in July. All members and former members are invited to come. We will be glad to have all former pastors to attend and worship with us. Visitors are welcome, also. In the afternoon of the same day our special meetings begins with Rev. Earl Cook as pulpit help. Brother Cook has been our help before and I'm sure every one will be glad to hear him again. Remember us when you pray.

Mr. W. W. Pair has been in the Soldiers' hospital at Kecoughtan, Va. three months for treatment. Any friend who cares to write to him, it will be appreciated.

DORA PAIR.

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Sapling Ridge Church, Alamance Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor, July 3.—Since our last report, our pastor has filled all his appointments, and made a good number of visits to his members and to see the sick.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met with Mrs. T. M. Clark on Saturday afternoon before the third Sunday and the meeting proved to be a successful one. Miss Margie Cook had charge of the program. Nearly all the members were present except some that were sick. Hope they can be back with us at our next meeting. Our next meeting will be at the church during revival meeting Wednesday at noon.

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Our revival meeting starts Sunday, July 10. The Children's day program will be in the morning; everyone is cordially invited to come and be with us.

Mr. Will Pugh is still confined to his home. We sure do miss him and his wife at church; hope they can soon be back again. Mrs. Sina Stone has had a stroke of paralysis but we are glad to report that she is getting lots better; Mr. A. G. Campbell doesn't seem to get much better. Mr. Edd Campbell has been sick but is improving some.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindley are improving; hope they can soon be back home again to be with their little girl, Vera Maie Lindley, who is staying with her grandparents.

Little Mary Ellen Self, of Raleigh, has been spending two weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self.

Continue to pray for us in our work.

MRS. FRANK WEBSTER, Reporter.

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Ebenezer, Greensville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor, July 10.—We are glad to say our Sunday school is still moving on. It is not just what it should be but we are hoping and praying that our souls will be so filled with the spirit of Christ that people will be constrained to come and worship with us.

June 26 was a full day for us. At the 11 o'clock hour the young people and children gave a well-prepared program to a large and attentive congregation and at this time an offering was taken and a neat little sum of $3.76 was realized. In the afternoon Mr. Morgan filled his appointment and it is not news to say he brought us a wonderful message. Yesterday, July 10, he came to us again and talked from the subject "Satan Gossip." After which a vote was taken for the delegate to our Annual conference.

We are sorry to report that one of our beloved members, Mr. Ashton Pearson, is ill with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore are the happy parents of a little daughter, Peggy Jean.

The third quarterly conference will be held at Philadelphia Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All officials are urged to be present.

Our revival meeting will begin on the second Sunday in August. Mr. Morgan will do the preaching. The public is invited to come and worship with us. We are asking every Christian of the Herald readers to join us in prayer that our church may be gloriously revived, and many souls brought into the Kingdom.

MABEL PEARSON, Reporter.

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Love Joy, Seagrove-Love Joy, E. G. Cowan, Pastor.—It has been some time since our last report to the Herald, but our church work has been moving along nicely.

Our Sunday school attendance is holding up fine. At the close of the last quarter which was June 26, the teachers again gave short talks along Sunday school work.

Our pastor has been doing some fine preaching for the past two months. He has filled all appointments except one, which was the fourth Sunday in May. At this time he was assisting in a revival at Rockingham.

On June 26 he brought us a message using as a subject, "Christ the Bread of Life." At the close of the service the Lord's Supper was observed.

We were glad to have Rev. Paul Hamilton, pastor of Brown Summit M. P. church, to preach for us the first Sunday in June.

The Young People's Bible class, which was organized a short time ago, has been progressing fine. We have been studying the outstanding characters of the Old Testament. We covet your prayers that this organization may prove a blessing to the young people of our community.

The Friendship circle held its monthly meeting Friday night, July 1, in the home of Mrs. Auley Morris. Fifteen members were added. All members are showing much interest in the work of the organization.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mrs. Frank Manness. We miss her in our church work, and we hope she will be able to be back with us soon.

There will be an all-day Children's day program at our church Sunday, July 10. We extend a cordial invitation to every-one. Please come and enjoy the day with the children.

MRS. L. L. RUSSELL, Reporter.

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Whitakers, Enfield Charge, D. R. Williams, Pastor, July 8.—Am so glad to say our pastor is improving in health and is able to be with us oftener. We had a meeting in our church, the week after the fourth Sunday in June. Rev. Mr. Goldston, pastor of Clark Street M. E. church of Rocky Mount, did the preaching and certainly gave some splendid spiritual messages with so much earnestness. Am sorry we cannot report any visible results but hope there may be some yet. Some of our number are still sick; others have returned from vacationing and we hope to have better attendance at our services. Our Auxiliary is holding up right well. Sunday school is better attended and we are alive. Best wishes for all interested readers of the Herald.

MOLLIE WHELESS, Reporter.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, July 11.—Our work here is still moving along very well. The attendance at all of our services is good. At our last monthly prayer service the attendance was 156. Our prayer services have always proved a great benefit to church in its spiritual development. The next prayer service will be conducted on the fourth Sunday in charge of the Sunday school superintendent.

Next Sunday at Shiloh we will observe Joash day. We hope that every member will help to make this a success.

The third quarterly conference will be held at Greer's Chapel on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July at 2 o'clock. We hope that every official member will feel it his duty to be present.

Dr. Pritchard, our conference president, visited our church Sunday and preached a helpful sermon on the need of praying for others, using a text from James 5:16, "Pray one for another." This soul-harvest time brings us to a realization of our need of special prayer or the salvation of souls during the great harvest. We were glad for Dr. Pritchard's visit and hope he may come our way again soon.

Our pastor is assisting Rev. J. A. Burgess in revival services this week. We wish them great success in such a great task.

Death has again come to our community and claimed our oldest member, Mr. Madison Fritts, who died at the age of a little more than 88 years. He was a life-long member of Shiloh M. P. church, having joined after his conversion in early life. He was a faithful attendant as long as his health permitted. He is survived by six children namely, John A., of High Point; Emmet G., Robert M., Mrs. Julius Swicegood, Mrs. J. L. Evans, and Mrs. A. B. Craver. Also surviving is one brother, Charlie Fritts, of the Reeds community.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from Shiloh church, with the pastor, assisted by Rev. L. E. Mabry, Rev. Hoyle Love and Rev. C. R. Pless.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

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Fairview Church, July 11.—We are very sorry of the continued illness of our pastor; he still remains in a critical condition in the Duke hospital, where he has been for several weeks. We know that everything that human hands can do for him is being done, yet we know all things are possible with God, so we are still trusting that if it is His divine will that He will restore him to health, and to his work which he loved so much. We miss him more than words can express and we know that Mr. Troxler still has his church folks at heart.

In the absence of our pastor we are very happy to have the visiting ministers come in and worship with us on our regular preaching days. One month ago we were pleased to have Dr. R. M. Andrews bring us a very encouraging sermon. Dr. Andrews expressed the regret of our pastor not being with us but he encouraged us to try to carry on this work that he had to lay down. We appreciated this sermon very much; also last Sunday Rev. W. F. Ashburn was with us for the morning service we feel that these men are not strangers in our midst as they have served on numerous occasions in our church in revival meetings, also as our pastor. We extend a welcome to them at any time and

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appreciate them dividing their time with us. The work here is showing much improvement.

Our Sunday school attendance is very good for the summer months. Our average attendance being around 130 on Sunday, also the different organizations of the church are showing much interest. We are trying to meet our financial obligations in every way possible. Our pastor's salary is over half paid now. We are trying to keep this up as best we can.

The members of the Christian Endeavor society are planning to meet with the C. E. society of Glen Raven church next Sunday night. We are hoping for this to be an interesting meeting.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet in the church on Tuesday night of this week for its monthly meeting.

We request an interest in your prayers for our pastor and our work.

MRS. CLARENCE RUDD, Reporter.

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Corinth, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Our pastor has filled all appointments here, bringing us a good message at each service.

The first Sunday in June our annual Memorial service was held. We were very glad to have Rev. H. S. B. Thompson and family worship with us and hope he can come again.

Sunday school is being held at this church this quarter.

Sorry to report one of our good members, Miss Daisy Porter, is in the hospital. She was operated on last Tuesday. We hope she will soon be back with us for we Miss Daisy when she is absent.

We were very glad to have Miss Vera Morris worship with us on the first Sunday.

Our pastor and his wife were away two weeks during June attending the Pastors' Summer conference at High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hardy, C. T., Jr., and Billy Hardy, of Baltimore, Md., are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Morris.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

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Mt. Lebanon, Randleman Charge. — The Missionary Auxiliary decided to have its meetings at the church during the summer months. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. C. L. Spencer. Almost a hundred per cent were present at the June and July meetings, with one new member added.

Mrs. C. R. Wood led the devotional, using the guide book. Mrs. D. L. Brady was question box leader. Miss Rozelle Smith was elected secretary of literature and Mrs. D. C. Hardin, secretary of thank-offering. Every member seems very much interested in doing their part to help in the work of the Auxiliary. The next meeting will be August 9.

MRS. O. R. TROGDON, Cor. Sec.

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Pine Bluff Church, C. G. Isley, Pastor, July 11.—The third quarterly conference was held at the church Sunday afternoon, with a good attendance. It was decided at the conference to put a new roof on the church and repaint it this summer. The Ladies Auxiliary is doing a good bit towards financing this work. We are all pleased with the work the ladies of the church are doing.

Mr. Clifford Barbee has been elected as delegate to the Annual conference this fall. Mr. Barbee is one of our leaders among the young people of the church, and we are expecting him to make a good delegate.

We are looking forward to our special meeting which begins the fourth Sunday in August. Homecoming will also be observed that day. We are hoping that all former pastors, members of the church, and friends who can will meet with us on that day.

The ladies of the church are planning an ice cream supper at the church for Saturday night, July 23. Come all who can and help us out.

JOE JENKINS, Reporter.

DIXON REUNION

The annual gathering of the Dixon-Williams-Smothers reunion was held at Midway M. P. church, July 4, with an attendance of approximately 150.

The meeting was opened with a song service, led by Mr. Tom Butler. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. A. Walker, pastor of Bessemer Baptist church. The pastor of the church in which the group met made the address of welcome. A program of music and readings were given by members of the clan and friends. Those taking part on the program were: Mrs. Charles Stogner, Master Richard Griffin, Lena and Mabel Wilson, Miss Dorothy McCollum, Miss Nancy Dixon, Miss Estelle Dixon, James Turner, Miss Norfleet Dixon and Mr. R. W. Crowder. One of the highlights of the program was a sextette by the sons of John Dixon. Short talks were made by Dr. George Brown, Rev. Mr. Bingham, Rev. A. A. Walker, Rev. J. C. Williams and Dr. A. G. Dixon. An open session was then held for those who wished to make a few remarks. All new additions to the family by marriage were recognized. Honor was paid to those who have passed to their reward since last meeting. The program was in charge of a program committee consisting of Mrs. Charles Stogner, Mrs. Jack Barefoot and Mr. Mack Griffin.

The meeting was then turned over to the president, Mr. A. C. Dixon, for the election of officers for the coming year. They are as follows: President, Mr. A. C. Dixon; secretary, Miss Norfleet Dixon; pianist, Miss Estelle Dixon; and the program committee, Mrs. Charles Stogner, Mrs. Jack Barefoot, and Mr. Mack Griffin. The meeting was closed with the song "America" followed by the benediction by Dr. A. G. Dixon.

A picnic lunch was served on the grounds and everyone went home feeling that they had spent a very profitable and pleasant day.

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On the last day of school prizes were distributed. When one boy returned home his mother was entertaining callers.

"Well, my boy," said one of the callers, "did you get a prize?"

"No," replied the boy, "but I got horrible mention."—Exchange.

CHINA CHATS

Until the impact of Christianity came, there was practically no spirit of altruism in the East; so it is marvelous the progress that has been made, especially during the present situation. Refugee camps and special hospitals are being established all over the country. Do we realize that the Red Cross, evident everywhere in China today, is none other than the adaptation of the cross of Jesus Christ to humanitarian pursuits? A prominent professional man has said, "China is fighting for her newly realized nationhood; but she is also standing for civilization against barbarism in what may prove to be a decisive trial of strength."

Speaking of the dangers of the present invasion of China and the consequent menace to the world at large, Bishop Ralph A. Ward of the Methodist Episcopal church in Nanking said recently: 'The Japanese imperial program is an outflowering of a basic non-Christian civilization from which much of the modern world has struggled for centuries to free itself. Japan clings to the idea 'divine right of kings' in terms found in Europe a thousand years ago. Other nations cannot boast of being wholly Christian. Neither is Japan without as fine Christian individuals as any in the world. But the overwhelming thought and culture of Japan is non-Christian, whereas the sins and excesses of other modern nations are in the face of strong Christian protest which has frequently triumphed for their restraint. . . . We are concerned whether a non-Christian nation, whose life and philosophy and government are based on a superstitious descendance of its emperor from deity shall dictate the civilization of a quarter of the human race with its consequent effects on the rest of the world." — A. R. Gallimore, in Biblical Recorder.

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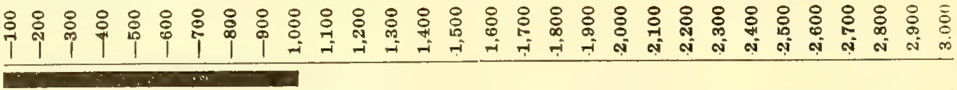

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Does it look that way to you? Well, I mean this: If a fellow has a job boosting and the thing that he is working at does not seem to react to his undertaking, do you not suppose that he will ask himself this question: What is it worth anyway? Is that space worthless, or could it not be devoted to something worth more? Were it not for the fact that everywhere I go, and I do go places, sometimes, and even in the mail, letters have come, saying that from quite a number they enjoyed my "corner," I would feel like turning it over to the Editor who knows better how to utilize space than this scribe.

Why, if some one was to go over the top now, its getting to be so rare, I could almost write all over the back page telling about it. Might not say much, but my, how I would undertake it!

Rather singular that far away Japan tied with First church, High Point, this week! We thank you Brother Spencer, and we are always glad to hear from our friends, though many things that are material may separate us, that same spirit that distance does not effect, still holds us together. Glad to hear from you Brother Frank, and we are all looking forward to the time when the great interest of the Kingdom that have been committed to our care severally, will be united, and that in this great new church which shall bring the best from all three, we shall have great cause for rejoicing as the fruits of our labors will be so brought together that no interest shall suffer.

Would like to say a word for subsidy, but cannot do it without going back or, making a prophecy. So will say for those who have already paid we thank you, and for those who are going to pay, thank you, and hurry up! Dry time here! To those who do not aim to make any effort to pay up on this, well, we will just have to study up something to say to you that will help you to enjoy your peaceful slumbers,—beg pardon, if you are not able and still awake, please forgive us.

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THE TEMPLE OF PRAYER

Three doors there are in the temple,
Where men go up to pray,
And they that wait at the outer gate
May enter by either way.

There are some that pray by asking;
They lie on the Master's breast,
And shunning the strife of the lower life,
They utter their cry for rest.

There are some that pray by seeking;
They doubt where their reason fails;
But their mind's despair is the ancient prayer
To touch the print of the nails.

There are some that pray by knocking;
They put their strength to the wheel,
For they have not time for thoughts sublime;
They can only act what they feel.

Father, give each his answer,
Each in his kindred way;
Adapt thy light to his form of night,
And grant him his needed day.

—*William Watson, in Lutheran Observer.*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Calendar

Third Quarterly Assembly ------------------ - ------- ---
Annual Conference, Calvary, Greensboro-----November 9-14
Payments to be made on: A. C. Expenses, January and February; High Point College, March, April; Church Extension, May, June; A. C. Debt, July, August; Superannuates, September, October.

Dr. S. W. Taylor on Committee

At a meeting of the Board of Administration at Tiffin, Ohio, in May it was decided that next year the entire denomination would major on raising the World Service Budget in full. The President of the General Conference was authorized to appoint a committee of which he should be chairman and of which the general secretaries should be members, to have supervision over this campaign. Dr. S. W. Taylor, of Asheboro, has been appointed as the director for the Southeastern District including a number of Annual Conferences. When Dr. Taylor comes to us with the plans for the next year's work we will remember that he has been appointed by the President of the General Conference for this work. In the meantime the Fellowship Crusade is to be finished up. September has been designated as the time for making the final effort.

The Value of Publicity

As I go about from Church to Church sometimes the laymen rather apologize for the smallness of the congregation and say that the people of the community did not know about the services. In this day of the Church paper and the daily press surely we ought to let people know what we are doing in our churches. A great many families even in the rural districts take a daily paper. Newspaper people know that the reading public is interested in what the churches are doing. There is a representative of the daily press in almost every community who would be glad to know about the special meetings and other things going on at the local churches. So, brother pastor, find the newspaper man in the community and tell him what you are doing and it will help him and help you and your work. There are a few of our pastors who report practically all of their special services in advance to the papers and I follow these meetings with my interest and my prayers. Other people do the same thing. And while you are telling the daily press do not neglect the HERALD. Usually about this time of the year the reporters go into "Summer Quarters" or "Winter Quarters" or somewhere and are not heard from any more for weeks. This ought not so to be.

Rev. R. S. Troxler Again

Knowing how anxious a large number of our people are about Rev. R. S. Troxler, who has been so seriously ill for weeks, I will say that he still lingers and that he gradually grows weaker. Right here I want to commend Brother Bates for taking the responsibility upon himself of receiving the gifts which people want to make toward Brother Troxler's expenses in the hospital.

Rev. C. E. Anderson, a member of the Eastern Conference, a student at High Point College with eight years' experience in the ministry, will preach at Haw River next Sunday both morning and evening.

A Sunday on the Tabernacle Charge

Part of last Sunday was spent on the Tabernacle Charge, the 11 o'clock service being at Julian and the afternoon service at Tabernacle, Rev. Eugene A. Lamb, pastor. The membership at Julian has never been very large but it has always been very loyal. The fact that Shiloh Church on the Randolph Charge is so near to Julian may explain in part why this Church is not any larger than it is. At the present time the membership is something like 75. The Sunday School last Sunday showed evidence of life and activity and while there was not a large attendance at the Church services those who were there were interested. The revival services were beginning Sunday and Rev. R. C. Stubbins, the pastor of Calvary Church was to be present for the evening services and was to do the preaching during the week. I trust they may have a good revival and may have many additions to the Church on profession of faith.

The congregation at Tabernacle Sunday afternoon was rather on the small order for a Church as large as is Tabernacle, due in part to the fact that it was an afternoon appointment and also to the fact that the weather was very hot. This is one of our oldest and best known churches. When we consider the number and the ability of the ministers who have gone out from here, it indeed becomes one of the most outstanding churches in the Conference. It is located on a hill and has a commanding view from the highway, especially as one approaches from the south. The building is large and neat and well kept. Just recently a belfry has been built. Several yards to the side of the Church building stands the educational building, also the social building. Those who attended the meeting of the N. C. Branch, held there a year ago and those who attended the Central Pastors' Federation, held there just a few months ago know what a convenience the social building is for serving meals.

This is Brother Lamb's third year on this Charge and he and his talented wife seem to be meeting the needs of the Church and community very satisfactorily.

Moving on from Tabernacle I came to Moriah for a twofold service Sunday evening. The first was known as a vesper service and was not very different from a regular evening service. This was followed by the third quarterly conference. The attendance for both services was very good and it was a pleasure to be there. Moriah also is an historical place. This organization came over in a body to us when the denomination was founded in 1828. The Church building here is in good repair and the cemetery has recently been beautified. The pastor, Rev. Leo Pittard, a student at Duke University, is active and efficient.

Appointments

Saturday, July 23—1:30 p. m., quarterly conference, Seagrove Church.

Sunday, July 24—11 a. m., Chase City; 8 p. m., Draper.

Sunday, July 31—Flat Rock, Flat Rock Charge in Dedicatory services.

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"The mind has a thousand eyes,
The heart but one.
Yet the light of the whole dies
When love is done."
—*F. W. Bourdillion.*

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"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—*St. Paul.*

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A Methodist Bishop when speaking of preachers said, "Some preachers always succeed; some always fail: others hold on until the successful man gets there."

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Our motives make our morals; a true purpose although directed by bad judgment may pass for a saintly act; but a bad motive executed by an ever so intelligent mind and efficient hands cannot rate as the deed of the just. For while right may be expressed in the wrong way, what is wrong can hardly be done in the right way.

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Uniting the Church

There has never been a time since there was a Church when all its forces, members, leaders, did not need to be united. When a person joins the Church, whatever his or her talents are, they should be merged with others in the Church and all should concentrate upon some worthy objectives. Size does not matter so much as cooperation, for in union there is strength. Some of the most aggressive churches you know are not so large, do not have so much wealth in their membership, but they do have the spirit of cooperation. They want to follow the leader, they are ready for every good work. And such churches grow in numbers and people just want to join such organizations; creed does not count so much; folk just like to belong to a smooth working church.

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The Cost of a Revival

It frequently happens when the pastor and his official members have decided to hold a revival meeting in their Church, the first thing they do is to cast about for some preacher who has special gifts as a revivalist, may be he has mastered the technique of exhibitory speech and knows the modern methods of appeal, to come and do the preaching. The second step usually is to find a leader of song. And with these leaders secured the Church sits down and awaits the arrival of the preacher and his singer to have a revival in their Church. And as a rule they fail utterly. Not because the speaker was not a good preacher, nor because the song leader was not splendid; but because the membership, official board, and all the rest, were unwilling to pay the price. We have made that mistake when in the pastorate; we have seen other pastors make it, and we have decided that not even a pastor, earnest and sincere as he may be, can bring a revival of religion upon a cold, unwilling Church. The reason we usually fail in our efforts to have a revival is because the members of the Church want other things more than they do a revival; so they go their way while the revival goes its way—both fail. It would be entirely too easy to have a revival just to hire a preacher and a singer to bring it to us, and unless we are ready to give time, thought, prayer and effort to the furtherance of the revival at our Church, if it comes, it will come to us and it will come because there were enough people in the congregation who were willing to pay the price in prayer and personal work.

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Fanaticism

The word comes to us from the Latin Fanum, a temple; or fanaticus, of a temple. It therefore refers to religion. And it is used today to express the acts or conduct of one who is overly zealous in doing what he believes to be right religiously.

The Christian Church has been greatly strengthened by the fanatic, and it has been torn asunder by the fanatic. The early Christians were called fanatics, because of their great zeal for Jesus Christ. They stood for truths such as the incarnation, the fact of the resurrection of Christ, the need of the new birth, the certainty of immortality, etc. These were and are still fundamental truths of Christianity; the acceptance of which caused one to be classed as a true follower of Jesus. The great saints of the first century whose names and works abide today were doubtless classified as religious fanatics by those who opposed them.

Abraham was most likely called a fanatic when he left his home, loved ones and friends, to go out to a place he knew nothing of and would only know it as the Lord should reveal it to him. Moses was most likely called an arch fanatic because he forsook the king's court and refused to be called the son of Pharoah's daughter, preferring to cast his lot with an enslaved people. Daniel and his three friends were regarded as blind fanatics because they refused to conform to a custom and to eat that which would defile their bodies. Martin Luther was known in his day as a fanatic because he forsook the Church he was brought up in and risked his salvation upon the one proposition, "The just shall live by faith and not by works alone." These great, heroic souls, we honor with all our hearts because they counted not their lives dear for the sake of the truth they had accepted. They believed in and insisted upon truths vital, yea indispensable to salvation.

But holier than thou sort who think they are zealous for the Lord when in truth they are just zealous for their own personal whims and prejudices; who go about with a holier than thou manner, criticising all who do not subscribe to their interpretation of the sayings in the Revelation and the book of Daniel; when in fact they do not know the meaning of many of the words they interpret, neither how to pronounce them; we pray to be delivered from all such. St. Paul had lots of trouble with this kind, who had zeal but not according to knowledge. Tarry and listed for a minute or two to such as they tell of the evils which are cursing humanity. You will not hear of the political corruption which has our country on skids rushing to destruction; you will not hear the maker and seller of liquor denounced; the gamblers whose annual intake amounts to billions of other people's money will have no criticisms from them; the great wave of crime which is virtually inundating our youth is unnoticed by them. But hear how they denounce lipstick, bathing suits, swimming pools, women's dress. These are the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse they see destroying our land.

Whenever one of these self-appointed preachers of "holiness" strikes your community be sure of one thing, the cause of righteousness will get but little boost from their words or works. They do not stand for the truths upon which the Christian Church has advanced; they have new interpretations to air; interpretations which the profoundest Bible scholars of all ages have not found, but which are now "revealed" to them. Beware. Those who belong to no orthodox Church, who carry no credentials from a conference, synod, or church body; beware of them. They may not be bad people, but most likely they are too zealous about some custom or form which has no lot or part in your salvation. Better hear your pastor explain these mystery passages in the Bible, they at least, have no personal interest to further by the interpretation.

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The Fellowship Crusade's Three Objectives

Since the new program for the denomination is now talked of in various centers let us not forget that our last Annual Conference put on the Fellowship Crusade for this year and it will take an act of the Annual Conference to rescind that act. So lets do our best to reach the three objectives of the Crusade. The full quota of HERALD subscriptions; $7,000 for the Annual Conference debts, and $8,000 for World Service are pressing. The amount raised for W. S. may become a credit on the full amount to be raised on W. S. next year, as we understand the denominational program for next year contemplates doing that thing. The Director of the Crusade, who is also the Editor of the M. P. HERALD, is not doing much just now on the financial objectives because as was agreed at the quarterly assembly the grand PUSH is to start in September for this. And since the summer revivals are now going full swing we hope many of our churches will reach the first objective by a great spiritual awakening of their members.

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Some Interesting Data

We are indebted to the *United States News* for the following facts; in the distribution to relief since March, 1933 to July this year the government has given to the different areas of the country as follows: to the South per capita, $120, and has received back in taxes, $118. To the Rocky Mountain states $346 and has received from taxes for same period $60 per capita. To the states on the Pacific slope the government gave for relief $175, and has received in taxes $147 per capita. To the Middle Western states there was given $143 and received in taxes $144 per capita. To the states on the East Coast was given $131 and received from taxes $218 per capita. There are many surprises in this array of figures. One will be to many of our friends in the north who thought the South was getting the lion's share of relief will have to revise their prejudices.

Let us take a few single states: North Carolina received per capita $84, and paid back in taxes, $444 per capita; North Dakota received $335, and paid back in taxes $12 per capita; Delaware, the home of numerous corporations, received $105, and paid back in taxes $899 per capita. And so the story of relief runs on almost ad infinitum.

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One of the brethren writing a note with his offering, says "I hope you will not have to spend a lot of time *urging* the brethren up on this. It will spoil the beauty of it." I am quite agreed. But I do want to make this comment: The letters that have come in with the gifts express the greatest pleasure and the finest spirit. (When we are through I shall send the letters on to Mrs. Troxler.) I have had the privilege of raising money for all sorts of projects over a good many years. But there has been no such response as this. The folks are happy in giving and glad of the chance.

Let me close with this letter:

"Dear Brother Bates:

"I do not feel that I could spare any blood but I do gladly give the $10 inclosed for Brother Troxler. Am so glad you are making the appeal. As I stood by Brother Troxler's bedside a week ago and saw the emaciated form of the man who has so completely used his strength for the Kingdom. I felt that I really wanted to do something. This in a small way gives me the chance.

"May your efforts succeed even beyond your expectations. . . ."

And this exhortation: "What thou doest do quickly!"

C. W. BATES,
Brown Summit, N. C.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

From Drug Store to the Church

The other day I visited the Walgreen Drug Store here in High Point. As I approached the entrance I noticed that the door was closed even though it was a hot day. That seemed strange, I thought, but as I pushed the door open I realized why it had been kept closed. The beautiful store was air-conditioned, cool and delightful—a most inviting and refreshing place to go. The temperature was controlled from within and there was no need of open doors. In fact the atmosphere was much better without depending on air from the outside. Not only was the air cool and invigorating, but it was pure as well, washed and changed every few minutes.

Then I went to Church. There the door was open, also the windows. Still it was hot inside of the building. With all doors and windows spread the temperature was still high and sweltering. Besides, with windows and doors open the noise from the busy streets came rushing through to mar and disrupt the service. How I longed for the atmosphere of the drug store! In the former institution there was perfect comfort and no noise; in the latter there was distraction and no comfort.

I have often said that if I were going to build a Church I would never put windows in it. Any structure these days, designed for modern and pleasant use, depends not upon windows for comfort and ventilation. Window ventilation is both unsatisfactory and out-of-date. It is more inadequate now than in former days for the simple reason that there are more sounds and distractions to keep out. So it is not wise to trust to windows for air. In the best furnished buildings we do not even resort to such faulty means. I wish the Church could take lessons from the drug store.

But still we go to Church, the house purported to be the place of unsurpassed and uplifting rest. Yet there we sit, fan, and perspire in the sultry heat, and do it all in the sacred name of worship, while everybody knows real worship can never go on under such oppressive circumstances.

Aside from the stifling effect upon the services, such a situation makes a bad appeal to outsiders. People of the world can see that we allow the Church to take second place when it comes to adorning it with the good and artistic things of life. If the Church is the best institution then it ought to be treated as such. But instead of this we seem satisfied to let it go while every scientific means is employed to make the places of the world attractive and pleasing.

No, if the theater would usher you down the isle to a hard wooden bench, hand you a cardboard fan advertising Scotch snuff, and insist that you enjoy the same show you saw last week, you would feel like rebelling, leaving the house, and never returning again. Theater managers, like the drug stores, know this and use all legitimate means to increase our happiness while attending the performance. Other institutions of the day are using better psychology than is the Church. "The children of this world are wiser than are the children of light."

But it ought not to be. I am ready to wage a fight for beauty and comfort in the Church. If we are going to Church, let us go in peace, sit in comfort, and worship in undisturbed meditation. This will happen when appreciation gets into the minds of the hearers and religion gets into the pocket-books of the believers. Worship is our highest function, and it deserves the choicest advantages for its cultivation. Whenever a new blessing is discovered it ought to be dedicated to religion. Art, science, and invention are to bow before the cross and offer their ingenius tributes to Him, the way, the truth, the life. Let the Church take a lesson from the drug store.

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International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, July 24, 1938

By J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Judges 7:4-7; 15-23.

Golden Text—"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage." Jos. 1:9.

In the beginning of this lesson it might be well to discuss briefly the origin of the Book of Judges and the frame-work in which it is cast. The stories in this book which are being used as a basis for our Sunday School lessons this quarter are built around Jewish heroes who lived in the twelfth and eleventh centuries B. C. They lived during that hectic period when the Israelites were establishing themselves in the promised land. Enemy tribes were on every side and the Hebrews sometimes fought among themselves. The judges were those men who because of skill in battle were able to lead their people to victory over the enemy and so established themselves from time to time as the natural leaders of the group. For several centuries the memory of these men was preserved not by written record but by tradition. The tales of their warlike exploits, told over and over again, were sometimes exaggerated while no doubt some important facts were lost. It is supposed that these stories were committed to writing and united into one book sometime in the seventh century B. C.

Later on when the Israelites found themselves in exile they naturally turned to their sacred writings drawn from the past both for comfort and for an explanation of their present calamity. These ancient stories of military heroes and of divine deliverance were a great source of inspiration to them. It was about this time that the Book of Judges along with other of the ancient writings was revised with a specific purpose in mnid. The writer is laboring under a specific conviction and he utilizes these ancient stories for the purpose of proving his point. And though some of the stories may seem to be somewhat overdrawn the truth and dignity of the writer's basic assumption cannot be disputed. In the light of his nation's history the conviction that the writer is trying to set forth is this: Whenever the Israelites did evil in the sight of the Lord they were delivered into the power of their enemies. Then whenever they repented and cried for help a deliverer was sent. So within this framework we see story after story told, disobedience, calamity, repentance and the rising of a deliverer to lead them to victory. It was upon this assumption that the Deuteronomic Reform was based, and this is still one of the fundamental assumptions of religion. Calamity awaits those who disobey God while deliverance is promised for those who turn to Him with a whole heart. It was thus that the Israelites in exile accounted for their sad plight.

Immediately we see that this is the pattern in which the story of our lesson today is told. It opens with these words: "And the Children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years." Then it follows that the Israelites cried unto the Lord for help and He called Gideon from among their number to lead them to victory. But let us note that the story is so told that Gideon is not the real hero. He is only the son of a poor farmer and becomes surrounded with the glamor of the heroic only as the obedient servant of God. The three hundred men whom God gave Gideon with which to fight the battle do not represent the real heroes in the story, for the army was limited to a small number in order that they might know that they had not won the battle in their own strength. The central figure in the story is the Lord. He is the One Who has power to punish a nation for its evil and power to bring deliverance to a nation when its people turn to Him. Of course the obedience of Gideon is important. When he made sure of what the Lord wanted him to do he did it. The cooperation of the three hundred men was important. "And they stood every man in his place round about the camp." But God had laid the plans, and the most important thing is that He can take three hundred obedient men with nothing but trumpets and lamps and put a large army to flight. And now shall we believe that His power to use the talents of the humble and obedient few has diminished?

I believe that God still has His plans for people and nations. Calamity still overtakes us in our evil ways. There is still victory for those who put their trust in the Lord to do His will. In the social and economic chaos of society and in the strife of the nations there is a right way. If the masses of men knew that way and would follow it there would be peace and prosperity. May we make our prayers not a means of informing God of our wills but a means by which we may come better to understand His. Then, having His command, may we "be strong and of a good courage" and act upon it.

No Herald August 4

As the custom has been for many years the HERALD Editor and printers take a vacation in August. We are designating week after next for this time this year. If you have important matters for the HERALD send them in next week; and if the reporters will shorten their reports a little for that time we shall be able to print all you send in. *We also hope pastors and* HERALD *agents will get busy* and send in a long list of subscriptions at once.

WINNER AT SWEEPSTAKES TAKES TO DRINK AND DIES

Four years ago Horace King, of Walthamston, England, won $48,000 on a Sweepstake ticket, which cost him $2.50 in cash and later his friends, his happiness and his life from alcoholism.

Dr. P. B. Skeels, coroner of that city, said, following an inquest over King's body, that the dead man had "entirely lost his head as a result of winning so much money." His former employer stated that King's winnings caused his whole nature to change from mirthfulness and good fellowship to moroseness and to a suspicional attitude toward every one.

Thus it is of gambling: In its pursuit the mind is taken from the wholesome and spiritual to the sordid and material things of life. If the pursuit results in a windfall, the pursuer often dies an ignoble death or, in the quest of more winnings, loses all.

In a greater or lesser degree, this is true of all forms of gambling, whether it be at cards, slot machines, roulette, lotteries, or bingo, beano, or keno.

Bingo is carried on in certain churches. In a November, 1936, issue of a church periodical, thirteen schemes, consisting of prize-winning bazaars and bingo games, were advertised to take place during the week in the churches of one city near Chicago.

Certain churchmen attribute the increase in crime to the "Godless public schools," failing to see the cause of much of it carried on in their own parish halls and churches.—*Bedford Democrat.*

SOME WORKERS THE LORD CALLED INTO HIS SERVICE

Moses was busy with his flock at Horeb.
Gideon was busy threshing wheat by the wine press.
Saul was busy searching for his father's lost beasts.
David was busy caring for his father's sheep.
Elisha was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen.
Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's wine cup.
Amos was busy following the flock.
Peter and Andrew were busy casting a net into the sea.
James and John were busy mending their nets.
Matthew was busy collecting customs.
Saul was busy persecuting the friends of Jesus.
William Carey was busy mending and making shoes.
—*Selected.*

Heralds Wanted

The Editor needs one copy of May 12, 1938, to complete his files; also for completing volume of 1916, one copy, i.e., November 16. For 1921 we want the issues of December 1, 8, 15. We need these numbers before we can have the volumes bound. Any reader who can supply us with the above, please send them in at once to M. P. HERALD, Box 1817, High Point, and oblige.

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The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance; the wise grows it under his own feet.—*Oppenheim.*

AN EARLY START

"She smoked at thirteen. She drank at fourteen. At fifteen, she was running with a bad crowd . . ." Thus spoke a heartbroken mother when New Jersey detectives bluntly informed her that her eighteen-year-old daughter had been arrested on a first degree murder charge.

This young woman, a reformatory "graduate," has, according to her own brazen confession, indulged in all manner of vice. A habitue of cheap and tawdry taverns, an associate of underworld characters, she is today seemingly beyond rehabilitation. Having been convicted of a heinous crime, she is to spend the rest of her life behind steel bars and stone walls, quite like another young New Jersey miss who fiendishly hacked her mother to death with a hatchet, and whose tender years saved her from the chair.

"She smoked at thirteen. She drank at fourteen—" And what did mother do about it? No girl becomes hardened overnight. There are incipient stages of juvenile delinquency that should be apparent to an *alert* parent. These manifestations must be checked in their infancy. To allow them to develop is to court disaster—not only to the child but to the parent.

There is ample evidence of this fact. Nearly everyone has noted certain "problem" children, petted and pampered by foolish, indulgent parents. As the years go by, these incorrigible ones, weed-like, grow in crime; from petty offenses they advance to misdemeanors, and at last the felony stage is reached and—jail. Then it is that heartbroken mothers wring their hands and shed tears, quite like the one described above, and wonder why heaven was inflicting this "punishment" upon them. It is now too late for the exercise of spiritual home influence, now too late to inquire where these mere children were during the late hours of the night, who their associates had been, what were they legitimately doing in the way of self-support. No, the courts speak definitely and finally, and prison gates yawn.

A well-trained, well-mannered, industrious, honest, truthful, useful boy or girl reflects credit upon the parents, and the latter may well be proud of their offspring. On the other hand, an ill-mannered, rebellious, lazy, untruthful, dishonest boy or girl surely does not speak well for the father and mother. Something has been lacking in the *home*, and this significant fact will in time prove a boomerang to the parents.

Some day the parents of America will awaken to the fact that they have certain obligations and responsibilities with respect to their children. If a few credulous ones doubt the present extent of juvenile delinquency, let them visit some of our large penal institutions where they may determine the facts of the matter for themselves. Parenthood is an inflexible duty that must be fully performed, not only for the many benefits it will bring to self, but for the common good of the social order.—*L. W., in The Supreme Council Bulletin.*

For the soul that gives is the soul that lives,
And bearing another's load
Doth lighten our own, and shorten the way,
And brighten the homeward road.
—*Anonymous.*

The British Weekly, not in a thirty minutes sermon, but in a one minute sermon has given instructions which, if followed, would make life a new experience for many. Listen to this:

I will start anew this morning with a higher, fairer creed;
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed;
I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear;
I will waste no moments whining and my heart shall know no fear.

I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;
I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze;
I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must tread;
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.

I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;
I will not deny his merit, but I'll try to prove my own;
I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine;
I will cease to preach "your" duty and be more concerned with mine.
—*N. C. Christian Advocate.*

AT HOME IN HEAVEN

Life changes all our thoughts of heaven.
At first we think of streets of gold,
Of gates of pearl and dazzling light,
Of shining wings and robes of white,
And things all strange to mortal sight.
But in the afterward of years
It is a more familiar place;
A home unhurt by sighs or tears,
Where waiteth many a well-known face;
With passing months it comes more near,
It grows more real day by day:
Not strange or old but very dear—
The glad homeland not far away,
Where none are sick, or poor, or lone,
The place where we shall find our own.
And as we think of all we know
Who there have met to part no more,
Our longing hearts desire home, too,
With all the strife and trouble o'er.
—*Robert Browning.*

DEDICATION OF FLAT ROCK CHURCH

Flat Rock Charge

Fifth Sunday of this month we will hold the dedication service of Flat Rock Church. The service will be all day with lunch served on the ground. Dr. Paul S. Kennett, of High Point College, will deliver the dedicatory sermon. Dr. J. E. Pritchard, President of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will have charge of the official dedication. The afternoon sermon will be delivered by Dr. Pritchard. All former pastors of this Church, and all who have gone out from this Church and community, and friends of this Church are most cordially invited to attend these services and rejoice with us. If you do not come we will be disappointed. J. A. BURGESS.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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MAPLE SPRINGS MEETING A SPLENDID SUCCESS

The first quarterly meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work had a good day at Maple Springs church on Forsyth circuit, July 14. Seventy-eight people were present, seventy-five of whom registered, showing twenty churches represented.

The entertainment committee of this auxiliary is to be congratulated and sincerely thanked for the splendid manner in which the registration was conducted; luncheon tickets were sold by the registrar, and in this way the counting of the audience after assembling was eliminated.

All members of the Executive Committee, six secretaries of causes, and four district chairmen were present. Brief reports were given and plans for the furtherance of the work were discussed.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, reported that the amount collected during the first quarter about equalled the amount collected during the same period of last year.

Inasmuch as the N. C. Branch has assumed the full support of Rev. J. F. Minnis, missionary to India, amounting to $1,500, and only $28.22 of this has been sent to the State Treasurer during the first three months of our branch year, it seems advisable that auxiliary presidents and treasurers lay considerable more stress on this item of the budget than has been laid heretofore. This salary must be met monthly by the Board of Missions, and if it is not in hand it is necessary for them to borrow it. With these facts in mind, your president suggests that especial attention be given the Minnis salary during the next three months wherever possible.

Mrs. Kearns gave an itemized statement of the offerings taken at points in North Carolina covered by the speaking engagements of Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams, missionaries from China on furlough. The offerings were as follows:

Tabernacle	$ 7.48
Thomasvile First, union service	5.50
Concord	4.00
Branch meeting, first offering	39.33
High Point, Lebanon	4.64
High Point, First	8.00
Junior church, High Point, First	3.54
Asheboro	17.00
Denton	7.57
Grace, Greensboro	5.26
Total	$102.32

After deducting $73.23 for traveling expenses from Weston, W. Va., through North Carolina and back to Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Williams refunded to the N. C. Branch $29.09. This refund, with the addition of the second offering at Branch meeting which amounted to $27.94 and which Mr. Williams declined to take as being more than enough for expenses, has been turned in to Mr. H. C. Staley, General Conference Treasurer, for World Service.

The Kannapolis people, Rev. D. T. Huss, pastor, presented Mr. and Mrs. Williams a box of linens from the Towel City, as they expressed a decided preference for linens rather than cash. The box included 12 towels, 4 bath cloths, 3 dish towels, 2 bed spreads, 5 sheets, 6 pillow slips, 1 table doily, and 1 table runner, having a total estimated value upwards of $20. Members of the Asheboro auxiliary presented Mrs. Williams with a pottery tea set.

Mrs. S. S. Holt, secretary of the Branch, read a cordial invitation from the Ladies' Aid society of Concord for the Branch to hold its second quarterly meeting at Concord M. P. church in October. The invitation was accepted and the meeting will be held at a date to be announced later.

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ONE STAR DIFFERETH FROM ANOTHER

"For one star differeth from another in glory." We have this significant statement of St. Paul concerning the resurrection of the dead. And how it ought to open our eyes! For, certainly, if individual differences of character and personality are worthy of being preserved in the Resurrection, how much more ought they to be recognized and appreciated in our life upon the earth.

Think of the infinite variety of man! Out of the many millions that live, have lived, and will live upon the earth, does God ever produce two exactly alike? No. So great is God's infinite nature and creative power that He need not repeat one of His creations, though they be more numerous than the stars. Furthermore, even the hairs of our heads are numbered in the careful and watchful mind of God; and the slightest individual characteristic of the tiniest babe is in His sight too precious to be lost in the process of death but shall shine forth at the Resurrection with the glory of a star. How like a loving Father is God, dating upon the peculiar gifts and glories of each of His children.

God has glorified each one of His children with a part of His own nature. Study the human faces around you. One suggests something of the strength or power of God; another, the love of God; another, the beauty of God; another, the justice of God; another, compassion; another, suffering; another, wisdom; another, wonder; another, peace; another, joy; and so on in infinite variety, combination, and degree, according to the measure of God's gift of His glory to each.

How sweet a thing it is then to love and appreciate the children of God. They come to the earth, thousands each year, "in His own image," "trailing clouds of glory," all glorified by the Father in Heaven, and differing in glory as one star from another.

CHARLES SHARPE, JR.

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Visitor: "How's your cold, this morning?"
Farmer: "It's very stubborn."
Visitor: "How's your wife?"
Farmer: "She's about the same—that's why I'm gettin' breakfast."—Exchange.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Christian Endeavor Topic for July 31, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, July 25—Born in slavery, Exod. 2:1-10.

Tuesday, July 26—God has a place for all, Rom. 10:12.

Wednesday, July 27—Equal before the law, Rom. 13:1-8.

Thursday, July 28—Original equality, Gen. 1:26.

Friday, July 29—Equal in death, Eccles. 12:7.

Saturday, July 30—Use what opportunities we have, Matt. 25:14-30.

The Text: Psalm 72:1-14.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL: America is founded on the very principal of equal opportunity for all. In the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence incorporated this principle: "That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

LINCOLN AT GETTYSBURG SAID: "Fourscore and seven years ago our forefathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Yes, America is known as the land of opportunity, the country where rich and poor may succeed. No other country in the world offers such privileges to its people. But today we stop to question if America really does offer equal opportunity to all. We look around us and see people who seem to have done all in their power to make a living, and these seemingly worthy people have failed. We search for causes and these responses come: "The capitalistic system is to blame," "the government is at fault," or "people have changed." People have changed. Our forefathers were adventurous. They wanted to remedy the ills of the nation. They were not satisfied with finding fault and simply deciding that something should be done. They were men who knew that "new continents are never discovered in the harbor."

Before we go too far in declaring that America is failing to live up to her promise of an equal opportunity for all, let us stop to consider just what would be an ideal situation. We feel that it is wrong for a society debutante to spend $10,000 for a coat, and at the same time whole families are in need of food and medical attention. We plan an ideal state of affairs—"if only every family could have a home, a car and a thousand dollars in the bank." We look at our neighbors and say "if only Mary could have had a college education." We see people wealthier than we, and long for the advantages of wealth. We want better schools, better medical attention, more luxuries. We pity those who do manual labor for a living. We view a struggling and suffering humanity and cry out for justice. Because people suffer, because little children starve, because slums exist while wealth is plentiful, we feel that our social system is all wrong.

Too often we look around us and decide that some person has not gotten "a square deal out of life"—some girl who has had to sacrifice a career to look after younger brothers, a widow who struggled to provide food for her children. We pity someone who seems never to have gotten ahead in life. We wonder at the bleakness and emptiness of a friend's life. We decide that the promise of an equal opportunity is barren. Can we judge from outward appearances that these things are true? Perhaps the lives of those we consider to be the dreariest have been touched with inward serenity and peace. Perhaps those who have had so little in the way of material comfort have found beauty in a sunset, comfort in a friend, or peace of soul that would far surpass the value of material comforts. A widow who has seven children to raise, who lives in a humble home, and toils in the field finds more pure joy in living than a woman who must constantly search for some way to fill her time.

Our forefathers did not promise us a land devoid of hunger or poverty. They provided us with a foundation for a country unlike any other. The work is for Christians to carrry on. We have problems of crime, of shifting tenancy and of a weakened social order that menace our national life; but we must not destroy what we have because our land doesn't offer everyone ideal situations.

Our nation offers us religious opportunities of which we should be proud. Our Christian religion is a religion of privilege and not of compulsion. His is a religion which makes rich and poor equal. It requires of one only that which he has to give and no more, and in return it offers the same reward to all. The pity of the situation is that we hear about God and yet selfishly refuse to tithe. "Not only do the citizens of our country desire an equal opportunity to hear about and understand Christ, but all the nations of the world must have this opportunity before the peace of the world will prevail." Before we declare that our country, or school or church is to blame for the great inequality or lack of equal opportunity. Let us look at our own lives, and decide whether or not we are guilty of hogging the prominent place at school, or making someone feel unwanted, or perhaps not giving our tenth that the world may hear about Christ. Are you guilty?

Don't crowd! The world is large enough
For you as well as me;
The doors of art are open wide,
The realm of thought is free.

This lonely world was never made
For you and me alone,
A pauper has a right to tread
The pathway to a throne. —Alice Cary.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

The following report is for two weeks:

Level Cross S. S., Randleman	$ 2.15
Denton S. S.	9.35
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
Kannapolis S. S	6.16
Kernersville S. S., for quarter	3.00
Linthicum Heights, Baltimore, Md., for shoes	2.00
Glen Raven S. S.	2.31
Pleasant Hill S. S., Spring Church	1.38
Friendship S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	5.38
Sapling Ridge, Alamance, May, June	6.00
Mr. Bascom Frazier, Midway, tithes	9.00
The Ethel Hempstead Circle, Inwood, L. I., feeding child	5.00
State St. S. S., Lexington	2.50
Graham S. S.	1.48
Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	6.04
Friendship S. S., Shiloh	3.25
Fountain Place S. S., Burlington	6.68
Worthville S. S., Randleman	9.78
Baltimore S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Giles Chapel S. S., Richland	3.50
Fair Grove, Haw River	1.04
Enfield S. S.	5.00
Bellmont S. S., Mt. Hermon	6.41
Tabernacle S. S., Tabernacle	9.40
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	1.94
Grace Church S. S.	4.00
Pleasant Union S. S., Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Macedonia, Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	4.00
First Church S. S.	35.00
Reidsville S. S.	8.25
Ladies' Aid Society, Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00
First Church S. S., Winston-Salem	6.00
Baraca class, Gibsonville, clothing child	5.00
Shiloh S. S., Randolph, June and July	5.60
Bethel, Alamance	5.20
Concord S. S., Saxapahaw	1.06
Glen Raven C. E. Soc., clothing child	5.00
Love's Grove S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	5.23
Bethel S. S., Mocksville	1.15
Center S. S., Alamance	5.10
Liberty S. S.	5.00
Bethel S. S., Randolph	2.65
Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	8.00
Eden S. S., Halifax	6.00
Daily Vacation Bible school, Christ church, Baltimore	5.00
New Hope, Why Not	3.00
Henderson S. S.	7.35
Calvary S. S., Greensboro	15.00
Salem S. S., Saxapahaw	3.40
First Church, Charlotte, special	8.42
Community Church, Thomasville	5.00
Randleman, Mt. Lebanon S. S.	3.00
Mebane S. S.	10.00
N. C. Branch, Woman's Auxiliary	177.85

Additional Birthday Offerings for June 30

Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Johnson, Seagrove	5.00
A Friend, Bethesda, Halifax	2.00
Reidsville, additional	1.50
Baraca class, Gibsonville	5.26
Mr. C. E. McCulloch, Wilmington	10.00
Flat Rock, Vance	7.50
Harmony S. S., Yarboroughs	4.00
Love's Grove, Friendship-Love's Grove	4.33
Dr. and Mrs. R. G. McPherson, Saxapahaw	10.00
Fairfield, Guilford	6.55
New Hope, Why Not	4.62
Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, High Point	5.00

(A previous 50c credited to Mrs. J. E. Pritchard was paid by Mrs. Ely Pritchard of Asheboro.)

Previously reported	690.73
This additional offering	65.76
Total to date	$756.49

This is less than half our usual offering for Home-Coming day.

Do You Read Our Notes?

Some do not read our notes we know, but we are hoping most of the readers of the Herald do. Do you? Well, we don't know what has happened. We thought we had the best plan ever for this year's offering, but somehow it didn't work except in a few cases. We have only heard from 61 churches out of 220 churches in the conference on this offering. Some twelve or fifteen of those did as well and better than in other years, but the rest were far below what they have been doing. A number of other churches which have been responding each year have not sent anything this year.

Discouraged?

Well, wouldn't you be discouraged? Whatever may be the income we will be censured if we do not run the Home within the income. But we have a duty, and you have a duty to these children gathered here, and if we do not do a reasonable part by them the state will demand that we disband them. This is no complaint, it is simply a statement of facts. We are at our extremity. For a short while we have ceased to call upon you to help us out of debt, and have simply been asking that you help us to keep out of debt. But we will have to change our tone again and plead with you to help us out of debt.

Clothing and Other Gifts

Rev. N. M. Harrison, 50 bushels of fine peaches. Brother Harrison had given peaches in June, but they were credited to another, and he asked us not to bother about a correction.

We are profoundly grateful to all who help us to run this Home for the dear Master and His little ones. May the rich blessings of heaven be upon every one of you.

Yours in His blessed service,

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Moriah, J. Leo Pittard, Pastor.—Well, here we come again. Yes, Moriah is still an active church, although we haven't reported in some time. Many things have been done since we reported last. The Sunday school is progressing nicely; the attendance is very good, especially in the junior, primary, and beginners' department. We also have added several new members to our Sunday school recently.

We were indeed pleased to have Dr. and Mrs. Pritchard with us for the Vesper service on the third Sunday. Dr. Pritchard brought us an interesting message on Magnifying the Church. After the message the third quarterly conference was held, with a good attendance.

Many of our members have been kept away from church on account of sickness recently. We wish every one of them a speedy recovery, and hope they will soon be back with us.

From the 7th through the 12th of August we are having Religious Emphasis week. with Mr. Sterling Wheeler bringing the messages.

On the fourth Sunday in August our revival services will start. The pulpit help has not yet been announced, but we know we will be much benefited by the messages regardless of who brings them to us.

Our annual Sunday school picnic will be held Wednesday of this week at Ritter's Lake.

The Junior and Senior Bible classes are sponsoring a lawn party Saturday night, July 23, in Sherrill's Grove, just west of Vandalia Service Station. Home-made ice cream and cakes will be sold. The public is invited to come and help make it a success.

Our hearts go out to Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Troxler. We pray for Rev. Mr. Troxler a speedy recovery. And may God bless the readers of the Herald, both far and near.

ASSISTANT REPORTER.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Pastor, July 11.—Our pastor filled his regular appointments Sunday morning and evening, bringing two very interesting and inspiring messages.

We are indeed glad to report that Mrs. Hiriam Anders is improving after being in an accident near Hendersonville, N. C., some few days ago. Mrs. Anders is one of the Willing Workers class members. She will be remembered as Miss Sara Masesngale.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brannon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brannon.

The Greer singing convention met with our church Sunday afternoon, July 10, at 2:30 o'clock. There were several quartets and trios which added lots to the singing. As it was impossible for our church to seat such a large crowd, there were two loud speakers placed on the outside. This was a very good singing, and we extend them a hearty welcome to come back.

Rev. Mr. T. M. Johnson spent Sunday night with Mr. B. A. McClimon.

The entire Sunday school met July 7 and cleaned the cemetery and church grounds. The ladies also came and swept the yards and cleaned the church. This made a great improvement and everything looked splendid.

Several of this community attended the county singing convention at Clemson College last Sunday.

We were indeed glad to receive the July Bulletin given by our pastor. This Bulletin is on foreign missions, in which every Christian should take part.

Several in this community are ill at this writing. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Several young girls of the Junior Sunday school class who belong to the 4-H club of this community spent four days in Charleston, S. C., this past week. Splendid reports were given by them on their trip.

The attendance of our Sunday school is still much increased for the past few months. Pray that it will still continue to grow and get more in Sunday worship.

Just one month until our big meeting will start. Plans haven't been made yet, but we want the prayers of all Christians to pray that it will be the greatest meeting that has ever been held at this church.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

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First Church, Henderson, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Pastor, July 18.—Even though it is summer and vacation time, we are delighted to know that the circles, girls' mission club, and the auxiliary are holding their regular monthly meetings with as much enthusiasm and just as many in attendance as during the winter and spring months.

The forces of evil take no vacation, and neither should we who are working for God and Home and Every Land.

On June 27 the auxiliary met with Mrs. J. M. Baity; the president, Mrs. L. R. Good, presided. The devotional was led by Mrs. S. R. Watson. The committees gave fine reports. Mrs. Gooch suggested that each member read the mission study book, "Moving Millions," and at a later date have the book reviewed. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Clyde Finch, the director of Chrstian Education for the Henderson church. After telling us about the work, she presented Misses Elizabeth Fox and Annie Dell Floyd, who brought splendid reports from the Leadership Training School at High Point College. Miss Fox was one of the teachers there and Miss Floyd was one of a group of young people from the church who attended the school.

Circles met July 11 with Mesdames O. O. Young, Walter Vaughan, and Miss Gertha Trogdon.

The birthday social given the latter part of June for the benefit of the Children's Home was much enjoyed and quite a neat amount was raised for the Home.

Mr. Whitehead has recently returned from the International Christian Education convention in Columbus, Ohio. He also spent a week as teacher at the Leadership Training School in High Point June 20. While he was away Mrs. Whitehead spent the time with her parents. We are so glad to have them home again.

Our pastor being absent July 3, Rev. D. A. Petty of the Middleburg M. E. church preached to an appreciative congregation.

Union services are being held by the Henderson churches each Sunday evening during July and August, with large congregations attending.

Two announcements of interest to friends and relatives in North and South Carolina have been received.

Mr. Thomas B. Parham, Jr., announces the marriage of his daughter, Mabel Price, to Mr. James Henry Hicks, of High Point, N. C., June 24. The young couple will make their home at Myrtle Beach, S. C. Mrs. William Thurmond, of Edgefield, S. C., announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Eleanor, to John Robert Tompkins, of Columbia and Edgefield, S. C., the wedding to take place in August.

Mr. Tompkins is the son of Mrs. Eulalie Harris Tompkins and the late John Robert Tompkins. He is also the grandson of Mr. George B. Harris, of Henderson. We wish for these young couples much happiness as they travel hand in hand down the years.

At the third quarterly conference Mrs. Clyde Finch was elected delegate to the annual conference.

Although our pastor is suffering with a severe cold, the message he brought to us yesterday on "Our Human Resources" was especially helpful.

The young people of the M. P. and M. E. churches had a joint fellowship supper Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Miss Mary Young taught the Rosa Harris class July 10, and yesterday Mr. S. T. Peace of the Methodist church taught the men's Bible class.

The annual Sunday school picnic will take place near Henderson July 20. An enjoyable time is anticipated.

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First M. P. Church, Danville, Va., Rev. R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—Welcome back to the "Little Homey Church on the Hill"! We were very pleasantly surprised to have our former Christian Endeavor president, Mrs. Geraldine Brafford, visit us Sunday night, and also our former Sunday school superintendent, Mr. J. W. Lamb, speak for us at the Christian Endeavor service. Our only regret was that Mr. Lamb wasn't quite large enough for us to see him while hearing him.

Although the summer slump has settled around and got many of us a little under the weather, we're still trying to hold our Sunday school and church attendance up. There was a considerable number absent at Sunday school last Sunday, but we are blaming vacation time for that instead of "old summer slump," as we had several vacation visitors with us. The Young People's class, composed of blues and golds, are running another race, despite the uncomfortable weather. Miss Elizabeth Thomas and Mrs. Tate Price seem to look forward to seeing which can tag the most visitors each Sunday as they enter the door.

Our pastor, Rev. R. L. Vickery, is holding a two-weeks revival at the Yarborough charge, assisting his son.

The regular Wednesday night prayermeeting will be suspended for this week in order that the church may attend the city-wide revival services being conducted at Keen Street Baptist church by Rev. John Gamble and Bob Wooley. The church has already attended in a body one night, and the Young People's class are going Tuesday night. These two young evangelists are doing a splendid but hard work, so let us go out, lend them our aid, and back them up in every way possible.

Circle No. 2 of the Ladies' Auxiliary visited Mrs. David Burrell, at Hilltop Sanatorium, and carried a sunshine bag last week. It made us feel so much better afterwards, that it was hard to tell which was the happiest, giver or recipient. A general auxiliary meeting was held at the church some time ago, and they are shaping up interesting plans for bringing the two circles into a closer relationship during the summer.

For the past three or four weeks, the younger people of the church have been conducting Wednesday night prayer services. We enjoyed a fine sermon by Mr. Jeff Sury, of Albemarle, at prayer meeting two weeks ago, and also at the 11 o'clock preaching hour several Sundays ago. We are always glad to have visitors worship with us and want them to feel at home. If you don't feel at home, just keep coming back and we'll keep right on trying to make you feel welcome.

The Christian Endeavor society conducted prayer meeting last Wednesday night, using as the topic of thought, "I Choose Christ." We didn"t realize we had such good speakers until they delivered those interesting talks. Misses Eutha Mae and Annabelle Scearce, and Virginia and Elsie Spurling, rendered a beautiful quartet. We are proud of every one of our young people, because they are always ready to lend a helping hand, and are real Endeavorers for Christ. They are holding an open air vesper service next Sunday night on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Elliott, with Miss Catherine Forbes leading the discussion. We issue an urgent invitation to all people everywhere, young, old, little, or big, to come out and help us worship our Master in this service. Pray for us, sing with us, and be with us in the great effort being put forth to serve God as He would have us serve Him.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

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Gibsonville.—Our reporter, Miss Margaret Wynn, in on a vacation, visiting her aunt, Mrs. Parsons, at Iola, Kansas. So I will report that our church work is moving along quite well during the summer months; however, the attendance has been off a little at Sunday school and church services.

Our revival services were well attended, and Brother Glenn Madison did all the preaching, and we had a good meeting. We have received two new members and expect others to join soon.

At our second quarterly conference Mr. John T. Fountree and Mr. Kenneth Williams were elected nominees for delegate to annual conference. At the morning services the first Sunday in August we expect to elect the delegate. The C. E. society, the Mission club, and the Sunshine circle recently held their annual picnics at Guilford Country Park. All these organizations report that they enjoyed themselves very much.

Dr. P. T. Garrison and Mr. Charlie Younger entertained the board of stewards at a fish fry at Rock Creek club house on Wednesday evening; all the members of the board greatly enjoyed the occasion.

Miss Maxine Hammer, of Washington, D. C., is spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. F. G. Hammer, and has as her guest this week her cousin, Mrs. Gilbert Sherman, of Wilmington. The women's Bible class enjoyed a picnic "dutch supper" at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Kivett last Friday evening. All report a joyous occasion.

The board of trustees of our church is directing the work being done at the church, namely: a full basement under the entire church building, which will be made into Sunday school rooms; lavatories; toilets; and furnace room. This is a greatly needed improvement, at a cost of about $1,000. Mrs. Ruth "Huffman" Hunt, of Charlotte, has been here visiting her father, Mr. J. P. Huffman; she is a former director of our church choir. At the Sunday morning church service she sang a beautiful solo which was greatly enjoyed by the congregation. We hope she comes back again to her old home church soon.

O. B. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

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First M. P. Church, Albemarle, Rev. C. G. Isley, Pastor.—Our pastor brought us two splendid sermons yesterday.

Our Sunday school attendance is very good, as this is vacation time.

We made a special drive this week for funds to apply on the church debt, which amounted to $183.00.

Our third quarterly conference will be held Wednesday night; at this time our delegate to the annual conference will be announced.

The members of the Margaret Greene circle will sponsor a "womanless wedding" the latter part of this month.

Mrs. Lester Melton and son, of Lancaster, S. C., and Mrs. J. U. Whitlock and daughter; Luciene, left Monday for a visit with friends in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gantt spent the week-end in Bristol and Johnson City, Tenn.

Mrs. J. U. Harey, J. J. Morton, Mrs. Gertie Lipe, and Miss Sudie Lowder have returned from a trip to New Mexico and Los Angeles, California. Mr. and Mrs. John Cushing and daughter, Dot, of Providence, R. I., have returned to their home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Lisk.

MRS. COLAN MAULDIN, Reporter.

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North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, July 18.—On Wednesday, July 6, at 1:30 p. m., the Canaan Ladies' Aid society met at the parsonage with 19 members and one visitor present. The program was in charge of the program committee. The meeing was opened by singing the song, "How Beautiful." Mrs. J. D. Smith read the scripture lesson and Mrs. John Robbins led the first prayer. Mrs. Smith read the Call to Worship, and Mrs. Clarence Hines read the meditation. Sara Marie Neese read the poem, "Dare to Be True." A reading, "Got His Bible Mixed," was given by Mrs. Carl W. Clodfelter. "July Noble Month" was read by Mrs. Leroy Miller. Mrs. Neese led the society in the closing prayer.

The society had made 100 calls on the sick, and 30 trays and flowers had been sent to the sick. The society gave the church kitchen a miscellaneous shower at this time.

Two contests were held during the social hour. Mrs. C. W. Clodfelter and Mrs. Richard Primm were the winners. At the close of the meeting the society adjourned to the church kitchen where a treat was in store for each one in the form of ice cream and pound cake. This was a treat from the society and everyone seemed to enjoy it immensely.

The August meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Richard Primm.

On Wednesday of this week a number of the ladies met at the church and gave it a thorough cleaning up.

July seemed to be the month for the societies to meet with the parsonage family, for two of them met at the parsonage in one week. On Saturday night, July 9, the Spring Hill Ladies' Aid society met at the parsonage. I am expecting the regular reporter to report the meeting in full, but I just want to say it was a real pleasure to have the society members and their families in our home. After the devotional part of the meeting was over, the president said she would turn the meeting into a social, and for everyone to get ready to eat, and we did. They had taken money from the treasury and bought ice cream; then different ones brought cake, sandwiches, lemons, sugar, and even ice, and we all had a good time eating and drinking. Between 50 and 55 enjoyed the evening together. They did this thing last year and it seems to put new life into the society. We hope they will decide to come this way again.

Quite a number have remembered us recently with good things to eat that help to cut down our grocery bill. Here are the donors: Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Payne, Miss Annie Payne, Mrs. Ella Craver, Mrs. J. L. Shoaf, Mrs. S. V. Swaim, Mrs. Lawrence Darr, Mr. and Mrs. George Craven, Mr. and Mrs. George Berrier, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Berrier, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Berrier, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Clodfelter, Mr and Mrs. P. C. Reid, Mrs. Kernie Hilton, Mrs. Lillie Ball, Mrs. Ray Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Craven, Mr. Woodrow Branson, Mrs. Ethel Hayworth, Mrs. Robah Mendenhall, Mrs. Thomas Hilton. Each one has our sincere thanks.

MRS. W. H. NEESE, Reporter.

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Liberty, Rev. A. M. Smith, Pastor, July 5.—Children's Day was observed the second Sunday in June. A fine spirit of cooperation was shown and the children gave a splendid program under the direction of Miss Kay Underwood, accompanied at the piano by Miss Margaret King Shepard.

Our pastor attended the Christian Endeavor convention in Charlotte recently.

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary met with Mrs. V. H. Dameron on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Mamie Smith had charge of the devotional. Mrs. W. C. Jones conducted the program, using as her subject "Christian Unity in Japan." Mrs. Clarence Highfill and Mrs. O. P. Fister gave readings. The hostess served a delicious salad course.

Circle No. 2 met with Mrs. C. E. Brady on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. O'Kelly Overman conducted the devotional. Mrs. J. N. Isley had charge of the program, using as her subject "Christian Unity in Japan." Mrs. J. E. Cox gave a reading entitled "Checking Up on Ourselves." "A Goal to Reach" was given by Mrs. C. B. Farmer. Mrs. A. J. Brower and Mrs. B. J. Gregson also gave interesting papers. Mrs. Earl Frazier gave a reading on "Faithfulness." A general discussion of the business was held. A social hour was enjoyed, at which time Misses Betty Brady and Miss Selena Kime served delicious refreshments.

The third quarterly conference convened Monday night in the church. Rev. Aubert Smith, pastor, presided. Very favorable reports were given by the various committees.

The Sunday school has on a campaign to increase membership and to stimulate interest. Dwight Gregson is the leader for the men, and Miss Marie Ward for the women.

The Woman's Auxiliary met in the church parlor Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ross Ward was program leader, using "Hymns" as her subject. Interesting talks were given on the origin of hymns. Mrs. B. J. Gregson, president, served watermelon on the lawn.

The pastor, superintendent, and entire membership are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hardin, florists, for the many beautiful flowers from their garden with which they decorate the church on Sunday mornings. May the Lord bless all who do good deeds in His name.

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

Chapel Hill, Davidson Charge, C. L. Grant, Pastor, July 18.—Our work here is doing very well and we hope that it shall continue to show progress.

Rev. C. L. Grant filled his regular appointment Sunday at 11 o'clock and preached another splendid message.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met with Miss Bruce Smith on Tuesday night before the third Sunday, and the meeting proved to be a successful one. Miss Bruce Smith had charge of the program. A few of our members were absent; hope they can be with us at our next meeting. Our next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Van Surratt on Tuesday night before the third Sunday in August.

Folks, we ask all of you to pray for us to have a real revival which is to begin on the third Sunday in September. We are looking forward to all-day service. Come, all are welcome.

Dr. G. I. Humphreys will preach at 11 o'clock, singing in the afternoon. We invite all singers to come.

MRS. A. C. HARRISS, Reporter.

Kernersville-South Winston Charge.—We had large congregations at the revival services which began at Pine Grove church Sunday, July 17. The usual custom of morning and afternoon services, with dinner at the church, was followed. The Pine Grove mixed quartet sang at the morning service, and the Gray trio, of Colfax, sang at the afternoon service. The Gray girls are granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Cook, of Pine Grove church. Rev. J. Paul Pegg, pastor of the Granville charge, arrived during the afternoon and preached his first sermon Sunday night. The theme of his sermon was "The Value of the Church." At this service we were pleased to have the choir of Sandy Ridge church with us. They sang four special songs during the service. The services will continue all this week, at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., including Friday night.

The third quarterly conference for the Kernersville-South Winston charge will be held at Pine Grove church Saturday, July 30, at 2:30 p.m. We are expecting Dr. Pritchard, president of the annual conference, to be with us and preside over the conference. Among the items of business will be the tabulation of votes for delegate to the next annual conference and announcement of the results.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

Weaver's Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, J. T. Trolinger, Pastor.—Since our last report the attendance at both Sunday school and church has been very good.

Our Sunday school is at work on a Children's Day program to be given August 21 at 10 a.m., which is the beginning of our revival. We will also have a sermon at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. We are glad to report that Rev. M. C. Henderson, pastor of Richland circuit, will help Rev. Mr. Trolinger. We are looking forward to a great meeting.

On July 17 our pastor brought to everyone a very interesting message. We had Miss Annie Perinson with us who gave an interesting account of the young people's assembly in High Point.

Many of the people in our community are reading and enjoying the Herald.

Mrs. N. E. Wilson remains ill at her home, but we are glad to report that she is improving.

BETTIE MAE KING, Reporter.

Rockingham, H. W. Bell, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment last Sunday night, bringing us a wonderful message from the 14th chapter of Numbers. I hope that we may all have the spirit that Caleb possessed so that we can be called servants of God and that we may live with Him in that Promised Land some day.

We are glad that our church roof has been put on and new steps built. Banisters have been build around the porch and down to the ground. These improvements have helped the looks of the church a great deal.

Our pastor is expecting to leave us to be in meetings with other pastors. We shall pray for them that God will send His spirit in great power.

Our prayer meetings and Sunday school are fine. We only wish more would attend. Pray for our church and our pastor. We want to live for God fully and wholly.

REPORTER.

Baltimore Church, West Forsyth Charge, Rev. G. B. Ferree, Pastor.—Our revival meeting came to a close Friday night, after being in session for the previous week. Our hearts were made glad at the interest of the people shown in Christ and His kingdom. Sulon Ferree started the meeting off Sunday morning with an inspiring and helpful message taken from Matt. 7:1-14 with emphasis on verse 11, "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock the children presented a program. It was a true children's service, and our pastor, Mr. Ferree, realizing the children's part in church, gave almost the entire hour to their service. Recitations and class pieces were given, and the children did the singing.

Rev. J. L. Trollinger, of Winston-Salem, arrived in time for the evening service and delivered his first message. We appreciate his work with us and give him a cordial welcome to come back to see us. I wish that all people who heard his great messages would live them in their hearts. On Wednesday night he brought a wonderful message especially for the young people. On Friday afternoon a special service was given for the children, using as his subject, "How Can I Become a Christian?" We hope and pray to be able to render greater service for our Lord and Master in days to come. We still pray for those who did not accept Christ, that they may before it is too late.

The attendance at our Sunday school is very pleasing. Still there are some in our community who are not attending any Sunday school; we would be glad to have them with us.

JOSEPHINE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

Graham, H. Freo Surratt, Pastor, July 13.—The "Surratt Clan" will hold the fourth annual reunion on Sunday, July 31, at Piney Grove M. P. church. The church is about 15 miles south of Thomasville and about 15 miles west of Asheboro.

A morning worship will be held at 11 o'clock, and an afternoon program and business meeting. A picnic dinner will be served together, thus affording a fine fellowship.

Last year about 600 persons attended. Since last year at least two of the oldest members of the clan have died, L. D. Surratt and Mrs. D. L. Surratt, both of Jackson Hill.

The officers of the clan are: Rev. H. Freo Surratt, Graham, president; Paul D. Hamilton, Denton, vice-president; Jno. R. Surratt, Jackson Hill, secretary-treasurer; and Mack K. Surratt, Jackson Hill, historian.

H. FREO SURRATT.

Creswell Charge, Rev. W. O. Wagoner, Pastor.—We are still moving on in the same old way; we are few in number, but faithful. Our pastor has endeared himself to everyone; how much we, in my home, enjoy having him come in and break bread with us, and have family worship. I am getting so I can get out to church services now, though I am still on crutches and am really weak, but so thankful to be this well off.

Our revival closed last night. We had no accessions to the church. Some expressed themselves as wanting to join, but put it off until another time. We had splendid sermons and good congregations, cooperation of the M. E. minister at Pleasant Grove. I wish it had been possible to have held the meeting longer; next week the Creswell meeting begins. I pray some precious souls may be saved. We had Brother V. L. Everett, wife and son, from Norfolk, to attend services second Sunday and several nights during the meeting. It is always such a pleasure to have them here with us.

Brother G. J. Cherry and wife visited us in May. They expect to come again soon. We had a pleasant call from Brother Rowland Totten, wife and wife's brother. They were down to put an iron fence around Mrs. W. T. Totten's grave. It is indeed a nice piece of work. We had Rev. W. F. Ashburn to spend a day and night with us. My! it was such a sweet surprise; hope he will live many years and be able to make these trips down here. Last but not least, Dr.

and Mrs. Dixon were down with a group of children; they called to see me on their way to Creswell, and let me hear some of the songs they were to sing at Creswell that night. Hazel Biggs was among the group; how glad I was to see her. She has grown and developed so much in the Home. We are expecting her, and her little sister and brother to visit us as soon as they can be sent for. Sorry my contribution to the home-coming did not get in; but it will reach there and will be helpful, I well know, if late.

Brother C. V. White's health continues good. He is like myself, on crutches, but able to walk to the store and out in the fields and see his crops growing.

This report is too long. I will not wait so long to report next time. God's richest blessings on all. Pray for us.

REPORTER.

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Lincolnton-Bess Chapel Charge, W. L. Harkey, Pastor.—To the Herald family, permit me to say something in general about the work on our charge. There has been no report from our churches for some time, but it is no indication that we are folding our hands for a little sleep. While business conditions have been very bad in our city, it seems that the church would be badly affected, but not so; our work is making fine progress in spite of these conditions.

We have just closed a great union revival which embraced three churches; namely, the M. P. church, Baptist church, and the Holiness church, in which there were over 400 professions and reclamations. We hope that no one will get the idea that they were hand-shakes or card-signing professions; no, they prayed through at an altar of prayer, something the world does not want today. I am glad that the days of revivals are not over, for those who will pay the price; thank God.

We have received 37 additions into our church, the Baptist church about 75, the Holiness church several. Almost every church in the city received new additions, for which we praise our God and give Him the glory. We are praying that God will give us great success in all our churches this year. I know it is possible, so let us wait upon the Lord in prayer and we will have the answer.

Our church attendance has been very fine throughout the year, and a splendid spirit of cooperation is shown in all the churches, for which we are very thankful.

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Dr. Stitcher: "Ah, you are looking very much better today, Mr. Wimpus."

Wimpus: "Yes, I followed the instructions on that bottle of medicine you gave me."

Dr. Stitcher: "Indeed. That is fine. But let me see—what were they?"

Wimpus: "Keep the bottle well corked."—Exchange.

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A little boy was saying his go-to-bed prayers in a very low voice.

"I can't hear you, dear," his mother whispered.

"I wasn't talking to you," the small one answered firmly.—Exchange.

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Joe: "Let me give you a piece of advice."

Sam: "What's the matter with it, that you are willing to give it to me?"—Exchange.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Kearns

Mrs. Martha Lomax Kearns was born December 19, 1870, died July 10, 1938, age 67 years, 6 months and 21 days.

She was married to J. B. Kearns, August 15, 1895, to this union was born two children, one preceding her in death in infancy. Surviving are her husband, Mr. J. B. Kearns and son, Mr. Thermon Kearns; one grandson, Vernon Kearns; a sister, Mrs. M. A. Blackwelder; three brothers, Mr. A. L. Lomax, Mr. W. N. Lomax, and Mr. H. L. Lomax.

Mrs. Kearns joined Pine Hill Methodist church when in her girlhood days and has been a devoted member till death.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Pine Hill.

C. L. GRANT.

Jarvis J. Sides

Jarvis J. Sides was born June 14, 1882, died June 14, 1938; age 56 years.

In the year 1911 he was united in marriage with Miss Ossie Lowder Honeycutt. To this union were born three children: Floyd, who died in infancy; Mrs. Ray Vanhoy, and Mrs. Grover Whitley.

Known to his many friends and neighbors as just "Jarvis," he was a person of friendly disposition and a generous neighbor. He often made the remark, "I have nothing too good for my neighbor." He will be missed in the Plyler community and by those many friends of his in Stanly county.

He leaves to mourn their loss his two daughters, one grandchild, two sisters, Mrs. Ella Almond and Mrs. Lela Casper, two brothers, Travis and Pendleton Sides.

The funeral services were conducted at Friendship Methodist Protestant church, of which he was a member, by the pastor, Rev. Earl A. Cook. In the presence of a large congregation of his friends, he was laid to rest in the church cemetery under a beautiful mound of flowers.

Daniel Loflin

Daniel Loflin was born September 18, 1869; and departed this life July 2, 1938; age 68 years, 9 months and 15 days.

On December 21, 1893, he was married to Octava Stout, to this union was born five children: three boys and two girls. They are as follows: Snow Loflin, Freeze Loflin, Fletcher Loflin, Mrs. June Cook, and Mrs. Ben Harrison.

Mr. Loflin leaves to mourn their loss Mrs. Loflin, the five children, 14 grandchildren, and two brothers George Loflin, Cornelius Loflin, and one sister, Rosina Adderton.

In early manhood Mr. Loflin professed faith in Christ and united with Alleghany church where he held his membership till death.

Mr. Loflin was a devoted husband, a loving father, a good neighbor, a loyal citizen. Mr. Loflin had a host of friends who will miss him.

Mr. Loflin suffered a great deal although he bore it patiently, trusting in the Lord. Sometime before his passing he realized he was soon going home. He left assurance with his family and pastor that the way was clear, and he was waiting the summons to home.

The family wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy shown during his illness and death.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. C. E. Ridge, and Rev. Hoyt Wood, the. The body was deposited in the Lineberry cemetery to wait the Resurrection morn.

C. L. GRANT.

Mary Francis Pugh Dodson

Mary Francis Pugh Dodson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leander Pugh and wife of the late Mr. George Wilson Dodson, was born September 3, 1854. She departed this life July 11, 1938, following one week of serious illness, age 83 years, 10 months, and 8 days. She is survived by four sons: J. M. Dodson and J. F. Dodson, of Haw River; R. N. Dodson and C. M. Dodson, of Mebane; and by four daughters: Mrs. C. H. Sykes, Mebane; Misses Ida and Josie Dodson, at home; Mrs. E. H. Sykes, Efland; and by 34 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted at Chestnut Ridge church by the pastor, assisted by Rev. H. Freo Surratt and Rev. E. A. Bingham. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Dodson was a faithful member of Chestnut Ridge church for many years, and before her death was the oldest living member. She was a beautiful Christian character, faithful to her home and to her church. Her memory and influence will live on through the years.

We extend our sympathy to the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and relatives in their hour of bereavement, and may the God Who doeth all things well bind up the broken hearts.

C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

Martin Infant

Barbara Jean Martin, five months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin, fell asleep July 16. Barbara Jean was sick only a few days. The parents and other close relatives and friends are grief stricken. In the passing of time God will heal their wounds.

A large congregation assembled at Mt. Pleasant last Sunday afternoon, for a final earthly farewell to an innocent babe.

The service was conducted by the writer.

Wm. H. NEESE.

THE OPPORTUNITY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH

(Delivered by F. L. Gibbs at the Methodist Fellowship Meeting, at the Broad Street M. E. Church, Columbus, Ohio, in connection with the Christian Education Convention.)

The members of our three staffs met in Cincinnati last fall for three days for the purpose of "making a study through discussion, group conferences, addresses, etc., of Christian Religious Education in the three Methodist churches, for the purpose of bringing about a richer fellowship and better understanding of our common task." *This purpose was more than realized.* As we studied together the Christian Religious Education program of the three denominations we found that at many points our terminology, program, standards and promotion were somewhat the same. There was developed a keener appreciation and a better understanding of the work being done by each denomination. I went from that meeting with two convictions:

First—That a united Methodism can present a more adequate program of Christian Education through the local church than can ever be presented by a divided Methodism.

Secondly—That in this field there will be very little difficulty uniting our programs due to the fact that all three churches have been sharing over a long period of time in building a united program of Christian Education for Protestantism through the International Council of Religious Education.

Since our Cincinnati meeting, *thanks be to God*, our three Methodist churches have been voted to become one. This involves a billion dollar church and a constituency of some thirty millions of souls.

1. *The Opportunity*—for Christian Education in the New Church is as broad in scope as the wide, wide world and is imperative until the last member of every Methodist family knows how to live the Christian life; and until the last one of the unreached millions of children, youth, and adults come to know Christ and is guided in the Art of Christian Living. *There is a woeful misunderstanding* about what Christian Education is and what it seeks to do. More time could be spent on this point. It sufficeth to say, "that the real test of the cutting edge of Christian Education is not so much in method and technique as it is in living a life." Religious Education, in the words of a great bishop is, "to make God central and not circumferential; to make him local and not marginal; vital and not casual; a living Presence and power, not a dead impressive name; the supreme aim is not to teach Bible; that is a means to an end; not to teach behavior—that is a fruit, not a root; not good citizenship, not social service, though they follow as the day follows the sun. The supreme aim is to call God from the Frontiers, to make Him real, neighborly, available, usable, and indispensable." That is the supreme aim of Religious Education.

2. *The extent* to which Christian Education will succeed in the "New Church" depends, in addition to a trained leadership, adequate curriculum, organizational schemes, housing and equipment, I believe, on the following:

First,—a universal enlistment of the laymen. Christian Education is a laymen's movement. In recent years we have neglected to give the layman his rightful place. We have failed to challenge him with this wonderful opportunity. When we use the terminology — Laymen — we do not just include men. *The Presiding Officer* of this meeting has defined laymen for our Church as being "*all men and women* who are not regularly ordained or licensed ministers." Lay rights in the "New Church" opens vast untouched resources which, I believe, if properly challenged and used will make Christian Education in the "New Methodist Church" a most vital part of the entire Church program.

Secondly,—There must be a sympathetic understanding of what Christian Education is. The discrimination between Christian Education and Evangelism must forever be erased. Christian Education includes all that is best in both so-called Evangelistic method and Christian Education Method. *In the winning of individuals and giving them guidance in living one can no more separate Christian Education from Evangelism than he would endeavor to grow vegetation by separating the sun from the soil.* All that is finest in both methods will be needed in our "New Church" plus more! Every teacher must be a genuine evangelist as well as a genuine Christian Educator, "all wrapped up into one."

3. *There must be adequate financial support.* This is true not only of the local church program but of the Annual Conference and General Conference Boards. We have too long used the Sunday church school as a source of revenue. It must be used as an opportunity for investment in lives.

4. *An adequate staff of field workers must be provided.* There should be provided in each jurisdictional conference a strong jurisdictional board with members whose experience and training have fitted them to understand the need of the local church. Of course there will need to be a National Central Board which should serve as a creative, policy forming, unifying and coordinating agency. This will make possible intensive work in small areas instead of the scattered, general work which has been carried on all too long in many cases ineffectually in our separated approaches to the field.

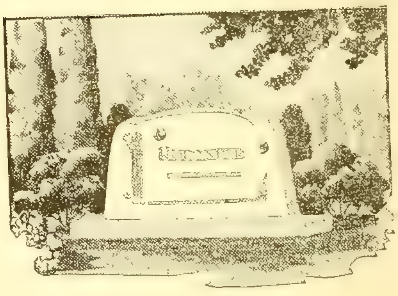
5. *Christian Education must possess a warm heart.* Our beloved John Wesley who gave us our Methodism, was ready to go forth with a balanced life when he added to his intellectual attainments a warm heart. His inflammable heart was bared to the warm heart of God and his whole life was burned into a great purpose to go forth and do a lasting piece of work for his Master.

If Christian Education is to be worthy of the New Church and is to seize its opportunity it must bare its very self to the loving zealous heart of God and be burned into a dynamic, constructive force for the winning of Children, Youth, and Adults and guiding them in the skill and technique of Christian Living in every area of human experience. Christian Education in the "New Church," therefore, becomes the business of every Christian. It concerns itself with the smallest and most insignificant student in the most insignificant church and all along the line to the highest official in the church.

It is great to be alive in a day like this. There is work ahead! With God's help Methodism united in a constructive program of Christian Education through the local church may even yet turn the tide of the world crises which is upon us. So—

"Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great!

"Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God!"



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On Saturday, June 18, at 10 o'clock a. m., Miss Margaret Hoover and William V. Peeler were united in marriage at the Welch Memorial parsonage in High Point, N. C. The writer officiated.

J. D. WILLIAMS.

Voncanon-Southern

Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, June 18, Miss Edna Voncanon became the bride of Charles Southern at the Welch Memorial parsonage in High Point, N. C. The writer officiated.

J. D. WILLIAMS.

Burge-Ridge

On Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, the writer united in marriage at the Welch Memorial parsonage, Miss Mary Esther Burge and Mr. Charles H. Ridge.

J. D. WILLIAMS.

McCraw-Sclater

The writer united in marriage on Saturday, July 16, 1938, at the parsonage in Kernersville, Miss Hilda Lee McCraw, of Lynchburg, Va., and Lynwood Chester Sclater, of Roanoke, Va. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ella McCraw, prominent woman of Lynchburg, Va., and Mr. Sclater is a well-known business man of Roanoke, Va., where the couple will reside.

C. B. WAY.

Wall-McManus

On Sunday morning, June 26, 1938, Miss Stacy Wall, of Gibsonville, became the bride of Stanley McManus, of Dallas, N. C. The ceremony took place in the parsonage of Calvary church, Greensboro, in the presence of a few relatives and friends of the bride and groom. The vows were read by the writer, using the Methodist Protestant ring ceremony.

We predict a happy married life for this fine young couple, and our best wishes follow them.

R. C. STUBBINS.

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A Scotchman from the remote Highlands paid his first visit to London. On arriving at Euston, a voice said, "Taxi, sir?"

Donald shook his head.

After exploring London our Scottish friend went on to Bristol. On emerging from the station he heard the familiar hail, "Taxi, sir?"

"No, thank ye," he bawled. "I said 'No' in London and I meant it. Now stop following me about."—Exchange.

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Two crack golfers had sliced their balls into the rough. They searched for them a long time without success.

After a quarter of an hour or so, a kindly old lady who had been watching the search came up and spoke to one of them.

"Excuse me," she said, 'but would it be cheating if I told you where they are?"—Exchange.

SUPER-MICROSCOPE

From Berlin recently came news that technicians of Siemens & Halske company had developed a "super-microscope," with a magnifying power far surpassing that of ordinary high-grade instruments. To obtain its supermagnification, the German instrument uses beams of electroms instead of waves of light.

In modern physics, beams of light are considered as particles as well as waves, and beams of electrons are considered as waves as well as particles. A microscope using visible illumination is limited in magnifying power by the wave length of light. Particles considerably smaller than the wave length escape detection because they slip through the meshes of the light waves like BB shot through a tennis net. But electrons have wave lengths 100,000 times smaller than those of light, and electrons, although they cannot be focused by a lens, can be focused by electric or magnetic fields which act on the electron beam as a lens does on light.

The idea of electronic magnification has been a live subject in physics for a decade. Foundations of the technique were laid down in Germany in 1926-27. Other work has been done in Belgium and in the United States by Dr. Clinton Joseph Davisson of Bell Telephone Laboratories, who won a Nobel prize in physics last year for experimentally demonstrating the wave nature of electrons. Some years ago, Astronomer Francois Charles Henroteau of Ottawa's Dominion Observatory suggested that an electronic telescope (converting feeble starlight into electric current by means of photoelectric cells) could be built which would equal a 2,000-inch mirror telescope—ten times bigger than the 200-inch giant now being erected on a California mountain.

In the German electronic microscope described last week, electron beams are straightened out in a magnetic coil, passed through the specimen to be studied, focused in another coil. The voltage used is 80,000. The resolving power (magnification) is 25 times greater than in visual microscopes, whereas a tenfold increase for electronic magnification had previously been considered tops.

Electrons make impressions on photographic emulsions just as light particles do. Using a magnification factor of 20,400, the Siemens & Halske scientists obtained pictures of the pus germ, Staphylococcus aureus, as big as pennies. In photographs with ordinary high-power microscopes, such germs show up pinhead-size.—**Time Magazine.**

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A FORGOTTEN MAN

The jewel-encrusted crown of Ethiopia, with the imperial scepter which was wrested from the grasp of Haile Selassie by brutal military force, have been brought to Rome by Marshal Graziani, former Italian Viceroy of Ethiopia, and presented to Premier Mussolini. Il Duce received these trophies of Italy's perfidy and bad faith, and ordered that they be placed on display in Rome's Colonial Museum.

It appears to have occurred to no one that these emblems of royalty and dominion should appropriately have been presented to His Majesty, King Victor Emmanuel III, rather than to Mussolini. The fact seems to be that his regal throne has become a mere symbol of vanished greatness, and of a royal authority which is just about as much a thing of the past as that of Haile Selassie himself.

Nor has there been recent mention of the plan to have Victor Emmanuel III crowned Emperor of Ethiopia by the Pope. Perhaps in view of the difficulties Italy appears to be having in Ethiopia, the ceremony has been postponed until that country has been indeed conquered and subdued. But it seems more likely that His Majesty is in complete eclipse—a forgotten man.—W. R. in Supreme Council Bulletin.

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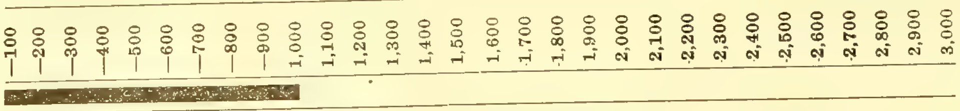

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Everyone would love to live in a rich land, and every one does so far as finding a place for action of the right kind is concerned. We make the land in which we dwell rich by proper cultivation. That is not always soil cultivation either. Right living there, being industrious, trying to help others makes the land in which we live rich. This needs no argument. Just reminding us of the truthfulness of these things.

The pastor and his helper from Richland are to be congratulated for the fine list of subscribers sent in from Richland charge last week. Many moves like that will put you over on your quota. Keep 'em coming! Thank you!

Just look! Two charges went over the top last week! Hurray for Graham and Mill Grove! Great work folks. Had not been one over in so long we had about gotten to the place where we were wondering if it could be done again. But there they are! Look at them! Faithful little Whitakers, I say little in that sense of numbers, not in faith and good works, I imagine began to feel kinder lonesome, standing there in capitals so long with no company. But five others have joined company with them. Just think how it would look if we could get a good bunch every week now for awhile! That would look good, make us feel good, pay our expenses up good, do the readers good, just help us all in the things that are good. TRY IT!

Going to be some other surprises next week. One at least, and we are hoping for more, just keep your eyes and ears open and there will be such sounds as you have not heard in a long time.

And thank you, Great Man of the Mountains for the subsidy sent in from Weaverville. Thank you Brother Casto. You know sometimes subsidy gets in and does not get any notice from this writer. That is not intentional, and if at any time such happens and nothing said, please let me know. Drop me a card.

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Youth's Confession of Faith

By J. ELWOOD CARROLL, *Contributing Editor*

The writing and issuing of a youth's confession of faith has become a vital part of our religious life withing the last few years. Our young people in the Leadership Education School at High Point College drew up an exceptionally fine "confession."

During the early years of our training schools the last night was consecration night with an "old-fashioned" come-to-the-altar, hand-shaking, mourner's-bench procedure. Later years witnessed a card-signing era in which participants were permitted to confess their beliefs in Christ, then making specific application by checking any number of about a dozen items listed on the card. Within the last two years we have a representative committee of young people to draw up their own "confession," which usually includes their opinion as to the major problems before the Christian, the place of Christianity in helping to solve these problems, then a personal dedication to Christ of their own lives.

The confession drawn at High Point was the work of a committee headed by Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., one of our youngest ministers, and was signed by 144 of our young people and their leaders. The confession becomes a sacred vow of these young people and a ringing challenge to you who read:

> The Leadership Education School of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled at High Point College, June 20-25, 1938, presents to the Church at large this synoptic view of the school.
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> The Church is in need of a trained membership as well as a trained ministry. Conscious of this need, the leaders of the youth group of this Conference have designed a program to fulfill the needs of the average young person in the Church. It is impossible to come to the fullest enjoyment of fellowship with Christ without an understanding of His life and program. Paul has been the most potent single personality in the historic development of Christianity and an acquaintance with his work and the situations from which his writings spring is imperative. The elementary studies are foundational to a broader and more intensified Christian program, and it is necessary to lay again this foundation for each new group of Church members and workers.
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> The Christian teacher has had his part in an expanding Church, as well as the preacher. One great weakness of our Church organizations has been and is the lack of trained leadership. There is zeal and willingness, but they lack proper direction. Successful teaching must be directed by a sense of the need of the pupils and by a full knowledge of the ends sought. Too much of our youth program has had no destination and naturally it has not arrived. We need young people who understand, appreciate, and participate in the Christian way of life.
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> Young people must have recreation; all young animals play. The direction and use of recreation is one of the most fruitful unused resources of the Church. Recreation should develop one or more of these aspects of man: mental, social, spiritual, or physical. Since Christianity is concerned with the abundant life, it becomes its responsibility to develop the total man. The Church would do well to supervise more of the activities of young people and see that recreation is devoted to worthwhile ends. Unwholesome and anti-religious places of amusement can be combatted only by a positive emphasis on wholesome and uplifting recreation for the young people of every community.
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> A neglected factor in religious development has been the worship of the Church. Too many of our Churches suffer from a deficiency in well-prepared and well-presented worship services. There are clearly defined techniques of which the people of our Churches, especially the preachers, should make use. A well-planned worship service often goes awry because the people do not understand it and are unprepared to participate in it. The Churches ought to stress good music, the preachers ought to spend more time on beautiful and meaningful prayers and liturgies, building committees ought to spend more money on beautiful sanctuaries, Church members ought to spend more time in learning the symbolism of the Church and make use of "the means of grace" for a richer life. All of us need the half-hour which washes our souls clean and white in the pure atmosphere of worship and orientates our lives with the Eternal God of beauty and holiness.
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> Knowledge is not the only requisite. It must find expression in a life which applies itself to a local community and to a world. More and more the Church is assuming responsibility for a regenerated and Christianized society, as well as for individuals who have been born anew. War is destructive of life which is declared and held by Christianity to be sacred. It destroys good will and brotherhood and makes right dependent on might. The Church needs to be aroused at the destruction of life on our highways; at the unfairness of a social system which prospers at the expense of fellow men; at the increasing rate of alcoholic consumption. Life is regarded too cheaply and taken without sufficient remorse of Christian people.
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> We reaffirm our faith in Jesus Christ and the Christian way of life. We believe that through an intelligent understanding and application of Christianity to modern life our industrial disputes will be ameliorated, war will be outlawed as a method of settling disputes, life will be more sacredly regarded and jealously guarded. We admit the inherently missionary nature and responsibility of Christianity and assume our part of the shame that such a small proportion of our population has been won for our Master.
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> We make a new dedication of our lives to Jesus Christ and the principles for which He lived and died. We pledge ourselves to a classless society, a warless world, a temperate and holy humanity. We pledge ourselves to the Church as the agency of doing God's will and spreading the Good News of Salvation. We pledge ourselves to a more systematic and devoted cultivation of our powers and spiritual talents.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Calendar

Third Quarterly Assembly ------------------------------------
Annual Conference, Calvary, Greensboro------November 9-14
Payments to be made on: A. C. Expenses, January and February; High Point College, March, April; Church Extension, May, June; A. C. Debt, July, August; Superannuates, September, October.

Rev. R. S. Troxler Passes

Rev. R. S. Troxler, the pastor of the Glen Raven Charge, passed away this morning (Monday) at Duke University Hospital in Durham, N. C., where he has been critically ill for several weeks. The funeral services will be held from the First Church, Burlington on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Brother Troxler was one of our most useful men. Evidences of his fine work among us can be found in a number of communities where Church buildings have been created under his leadership. He was a man who served long pastorates, his term of service on the Shiloh Charge being for nine years, I believe. He was gifted in evangelistic work and had been instrumental in bringing large numbers of people into the Kingdom. He graduated from the Westminster Theological Seminary in 1911 and worked faithfully until called home. He is survived by his widow and three sons and two daughters. Mrs. Troxler's address is R.F.D. 4, Burlington, N. C. An obituary committee will be appointed and more extended accounts of his activities will be given later.

The Third Quarterly Assembly

Notice is hereby given that the Third Quarterly Assembly will be held at the State Street Church in Lexington, N. C., Rev. O. C. Loy, pastor, on Monday, September 5, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. This is the first meeting of the kind to be held at the State Street Church and I am sure that our people generally will be glad of the opportunity of going there. A program will be announced at a later date. But I am giving this notice at this time in the hope that the date may be reserved for this meeting.

Seagrove-Love Joy Quarterly Conference

The third quarterly conference for the Seagrove-Love Joy Charge was held at the Seagrove Church on last Saturday afternoon. The pastor, Rev. E. G. Cowan, had a very comprehensive report showing that his activities had covered a wide range during the quarter. While the Conference budgets were considerably behind it is hoped that these will be brought up later. This was my first opportunity to be in the new Seagrove Church and I can say that it is beautiful. The auditorium is just about the right size and is well-arranged. There are several Sunday School rooms to the rear of the auditorium and a basement which can be used for serving purposes. This building is really a credit to the community.

A Visit to Chase City

Leaving Seagrove late Saturday afternoon I dashed across the country, part of the way through a downpour of rain on my way to Friendship Church near Chase City, Va. After spending the night in Roxboro I pressed on on Sunday morning to the Church and found the Sunday School in session. This was my first visit to this Church and community. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Trolinger and his wife from Littleton soon arrived and we entered into the morning Church service which was the beginning of the revival meeting. The people were using a song book which was full of good spiritual songs and they sang them with vigor. It really was a pleasure to be in this service. The unusual thing about this Church is that it is so largely made up of people who have moved into Virginia from North Carolina. Why so many of them ever decided to leave the Old North State, I do not know. After the morning service the people put their dinner on a long table on the Church grounds and had a delightful time together. I yielded to Brother Trolinger and agreed to preach again in the afternoon service. Again the house was practically filled with interested listeners. Brother Trolinger is very interested in this Church and gives them one Sunday in each month while at the same time he is serving Littleton Charge.

A Sunday Evening at Draper

Hurrying away after the afternoon service I set sail for Draper, N. C., driving the approximately one hundred miles across rivers and creeks which were on a rampage, arriving there in time for supper. After supper we went to the Church there to make my first visit. And while the Church is located out at the edge of the city and in a field with not any too good a road leading to the Church, yet the house was almost completely filled with interested people. The pastor, Rev. J. L. Love, welcomed the congregation which was made up of parts of the congregation of the M. E. Church, South, the Christian Church, some Baptists and the Methodist Protestants. Really it was one of the finest demonstrations of co-operation which I have seen anywhere. The pastor of the M. E. Church, South, had called in his services and he came and took part in the services. The Church building is brick veneered and has some three or four Sunday School rooms and notwithstanding the fact that it seems to be located too far from the people yet it seems to get the crowds. Brother Love is enthusiastic and is expecting fine things from his congregation. I trust that he may have great success.

A Service on Haw River Charge

While I have not made any official visit to the Haw River Charge this year I did drop in for one service in the revival meeting at Friendship Church last Friday.

Appointments

Sunday, July 31—Flat Rock Church on the Flat Rock Charge in the dedicatory services.

Sunday, August 7—Creswell Charge, 11 a. m., Creswell; 3 p. m., Woodley's Chapel; and 8 p. m., Mt. Hermon.

Sunday, August 14—11 a. m., Rockingham; 3 p. m., Bethesda.

Sunday, August 21—Anderson Charge, appointments to be announced by pastor.

Sunday, August 28—11 a. m., Asheville; afternoon and evening appointments on the Weaverville Charge.

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To a Nine-Inch Gun

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Whether your shell hits the target or not,
Your cost is five hundred dollars a shot.
You thing of noise and flame and power,
We feed you a hundred barrels of flour
Each time you roar. Your flame is fed
With twenty thousand loaves of bread.
Silence. A million hungry men
Seek bread to fill their mouths again.

A lie has to be louder than the truth. And the greater the lie, the louder the detonation with which it is set off. As a rule, a lie is much louder in the world than contemporary truth. It makes a greater resonance on the street corner. Consequently, that large company who never apply to anything a more searching test than the noise it makes on the street corner, readily give their plaudits and suffrage to, lies. Sometimes, of course, truth explodes with a thunder clap which can be heard around the world, even by the morally deaf. But, for the most part, truth grows quietly like a mustard seed. It is the lie that shouts, blusters and wins the ears.—*Halford E. Luccock.*

The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.
The foolish fears of what might happen—
I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay;
Among the husking of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born
Out in the fields with God.
—*Elizabeth Barrett Browning.*

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Prejudice

Here is a word although in common use many fail to realize the deadly affects it has upon them. The verb really means to pass judgment before all the facts are in, or before they are considered. Were a court in this country to announce its decision of a case before the defendant had been heard its act would be criticized most soundly and justly by the public press. But an individual may reach his conclusions about you or me without even consulting his facts; may judge us harshly without hearing us, and escape even mild criticism from the public. When Philip told Nathaniel that he had found the Messiah he got for his pains the question, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? To Nathaniel Nazareth was a little, insignificant place out of which no prophet had ever come. So all through the ministry of our Lord he bore name of Nazarene as a stigma. How deep and wide this monster, Prejudice, has left its trail upon public opinion. Prejudice colors facts; makes the man of humble birth defend his right to a place among the great. It affects the decisions of courts at law; inspires lynchings and provokes summary trials of the supposed guilty person. It is the companion of greedy ambition in politics and public honor. It feeds the flames of conquest and keeps the spirit of war alive through race hatred and greed. It has divided the Church with the help of its twin sister Biggotry. Yes, the wrongs it is responsible for are legion. But say all you can about its atrociousness, and still you find men and women holding to it, being guided by it; are blinded by it as they go about their daily tasks.

Could men be made willing to hear all the facts in a case before it is decided what a great change would come over our nation. Such a change would do away with lynching quicker and surer than any act of Congress; many of the denominations now far apart would work together in peace. Destroy prejudice, and such words as Dago, Chink and Nigger, would become obsolete. Capital and labor would find it much easier to reach agreement on hours and wages. All nations might reduce their armaments at least fifty per cent at once. In short, most of us would be so changed in thought that we would have to find a new list of subjects for conversation.

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Breaking Prison Bars

Most of us have daily to contend with those forces and influences which hem us in; influences or circumstances which narrow our activities and make it difficult for us to succeed at our chosen tasks. We find frequently on our tongues such words as, "I wanted to do this or that, or it was my ambition to be so and so, but I was prevented." Life's boundaries were too narrow and too unalterable for much change to be made. Describing the bounds of life as they would a state, they would tell us how life was bound on the east, its beginning, by hampering inherited tendencies; bound on the south by a lack of ample preparation; bound on the north by some physical infirmities; and bound on the west by galling poverty. What a discouraging picture they draw; what an uninspiring study in "physical geography." No outlook to speak of, and not room enough within to operate successfully.

And yet all such people are not unlike the psalmist said he was. He speaks about being hemmed in . . . being in distress . . . being stuck in the miry clay. He said "When I was hemmed in thou hast freed me often." Let us take heart, for the psalmist found his lift fixed in the narrows of circumstance, his feet were slipping . . . he was almost gone. Then said he, "I called on the Lord in distress; the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place."

It is most interesting to note how so many since the days of the psalmist have shared his experience were hemmed in on all sides, but found deliverance, St. Paul is a shining example of this sort of a life. Beaten, shipwrecked, imprisoned, forsaken by his friends, hindered by poor eyesight. How cruel circumstance impinged upon his opportunity to serve; but in all his trials God helped him . . . "freed him often." A roll call of all the faithful servants of the Lord from the beginning of time until now would show how closely their experiences paralleled the psalmist.

There are the Israelites with the Egyptian army pursuing them; the Red Sea in front and no escape on either side. Hemmed in. But they called upon the Lord and the waters parted to make a way of escape for them. Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail, their feet in the stocks. What chance did they have to escape? In their sorry plight they sang hymns. Deliverance came. When Martin Luther was hunted by the ecclesiastical and civil powers as a wild beast. Even his friends did not see much chance for him. But neither the pope nor all the officers of the Holy Roman Empire could keep the spirit of Luther bound. And out of that freedom, although his body was hemmed in, came the Bible in the German language and the Protestant Reformation.

The Anglican Church guided by the spirit of biggotry put the body of the lowly preacher, John Bunyan in Bedford jail. He was separated from his friends and his loved ones, but not from his ideas. And out of old Bedford jail came Pilgrim's Program to preach the gospel of deliverance hundreds of years after the voice of Bunyan instilled in death. Blind Milton, William Wilbeforce, the hunchback, the invalid Robert Louis Stevenson, all broke prison bars of physical handicaps and rose above them to fame.

Indeed there has possibly never been a great saint, or scholar, or discoverer, or inventor, or physician, or minister, who did not have to break prison bars which seemed most secure, in order to win in life's battle. And they thus bear testimony to the living truth that there is no ruler or government which can fasten ideas in prison stocks, nor keep an immortal soul in a foul dungeon made with hands.

Rev. R. S. Troxler

After suffering for many months Brother Troxler entered into the fuller life where there is no sickness, pain nor death, early Monday morning. Funeral services were conducted in First Church, Burlington, Wednesday at 2 p. m. The President of the Conference had charge and was assisted by Drs. Paschall, J. D. Williams and R. M. Andrews. His body awaits the resurrection in Greene Hill Cemetery, Burlington. We expect to have a full report of his ministerial life at a later date.

No Paper Next Week

There will be no HERALD published next week. Look for it again on August 11.

For the Benefit of This Generation

Our older readers may recall the name of Josh Billings, it often appeared at the head of a column in the weekly and daily newspaper. And it gave the readers something to chuckle over for the day. Here are some of them:

The only reason why a monkey kreates a sensshun wherever he goes is bekause he is a monkey.

Flattery is like Kolone waterr, to be smelt ov, not swallowed.

A broken reputashun iz like a broken vase; it may be mended, but alus shows where the krak wuz.

Sins is the only thing i repent ov; i never kould make ennything repentin ov blunders.

Mules is like sum men, very corrupt at hart—i have known them to be good mules fur six months just to git a good chance to kick sumbody.

Convince a phul of his errors and you make him your enemy.

Mankind luvs mystery; a hole in the ground excits more wonder than a star in heaven.

There is cheats in all things; even pizen is adulterated.

Thanks to Mrs. W. M. Howard

We have received the copy of the HERALD for May 12, 1938. This completes our files for this year. Many thanks to Mrs. Howard. If any of you have other copies mentioned and will kindly send them to me we will greatly appreciate the favor.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT RALLY

Hebron Church—Fallston Charge

Sunday, July 31—11 o'Clock

Hymn, Congregation.
Devotional, Rev. L. S. Helms.
Our Children's Home, Mrs. Guy Dellinger.
High Point College, Miss Nathalia Lackey.
Four Ways Through Which to Support Our Missionaries, Miss Avis Hull.
The M. P. HERALD, Rev. T. G. Madison.
Lunch.

Afternoon—1:30 o'Clock

Hymn, Congregation.
Devotional, Mrs. Rupert Ivester.
Solo, Miss Kate Hendrick.
Reading, Miss Fairy White.
Pageant, "The Open Door," by Bess Chapel Mission Band.
Special music and songs during the pageant.
Benediction.

MRS. B. L. HEAVNER, *Chairman.*
MRS. EVA MAUNEY, *Secretary.*

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"I believe each individual is naturally entitled to do as he pleases with himself and the fruits of his labor, so far as it in no wise interferes with no man's rights."—*Taken from the Rock Pillars in Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N. C.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Substitutes for Religion

Every normal man hungers for religion whether he knows it or not. There is a restlessness, longing, "divine discontent" in the soul that seems ever to be calling for some new experience. Man's inadequacy is felt, and he turns this way and that in search of satisfaction. As Sperry says, "Sooner or later every man discovers that he must have something or some one to worship, something to which he can give himself wholly . . . He is conscious of an incompleteness in his nature and character. He is perpetually seeking a something-he-knows-not-what which shall meet and match his half a life and make him whole."

It is interesting to note too that this incompleteness is felt as much by the good persons as it is by the sorry ones. One does not have to be an outlaw to feel his spiritual unworthiness. I doubt if criminals experience this sense of longing as do the saints. In fact, the writer above quoted goes on to say, "The better we know ourselves, the less self-sufficient we become and the deeper our need and desire for this otherness of things." The more one tastes of God, the more he craves to experience Him.

But if all have this inner restlessness for communion with the Eternal, why are they not all religious? If the normal man really hungers for God, why does he not feed on Him?

The answer is that there are many substitutes for religion. As one puts it, "This Real Other has many forerunners." One's restlessness, for example, first takes pleasure as a substitute. Of course pleasure will not take the full place of religion, yet it is one of the first substitutes. The Real Other the mind seeks seems to come to us first in the form of satisfied appetites. Some, to be sure, never get beyond this stage in their search for total experience, their soul never leaving the "world" in looking for enjoyment. In this case pleasure is their religion.

Another substitute is a "cause" in which one can lose himself. So long as a person is absorbed, his interest all consumed in a definite undertaking that undertaking will for the time being fill his mind and attention. Some people get this far on the way to real religion and no further. They live for something but that something is not God.

Again, I find a great many individuals who make morality a substitute for religion. They get far enough along to accept the social and ethical implications of Christianity but stop there. This tendency, in my humble opinion, is one of the chief blinds to real religion today. It puts the Golden Rule before the Cross. There is danger that Christianity will be wrecked on the rocks of mere morality. Much preaching gives this interpretation of religion. But morality is a plan of action set up between human beings. It is good so far as it goes, but it is not by any means comparable to religion. Religion is communion with God, whereas morality is a type of dealing with other folks.

Now, having listed a few substitutes often accepted for religion, I wish to state more emphatically that real religion is a conscious experience with the Divine Other. To quote Sperry once more, I may suggest that no one need hardly be called religious until he can in a pretty deep sense say, "I and my Father are one." This is the kind of religion Job had; it is that sublime experience running through the Psalms, and it is likewise the glorious fact about which St. Paul consistently rejoiced. The religiously saved soul is the soul that has found its other, and that Other is God.

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SAMSON: STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, July 31, 1938

By J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Judges 14:5, 6, 11-14; 16:15-21.

Golden Text—"Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might." Eph. 6:10.

Today we have another story told in the rather familiar frame-work which is so characteristic of the book of Judges. The Children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord and He delivered them into the hands of their enemies. After an extensive period of punishment He sends a deliverer, this time in the person of Samson, the son of Manoah. As we follow this story which is told in Judges thirteen through sixteen we lose lose sight of the nation and its sin in favor of one individual struggling with his temptations. We are intrigued by the unusual exploits of a man who was foreordained to be a Nazarite, set apart unto the Lord to live a life of absolute purity the symbol of which was an unshaven head, called to be the leader of his people but who took his spiritual mission so lightly, fell into temptation and sin, suffered its consequences, turns to the Lord for strength and comes to a tragic ending as he uses that strength for revenge. For all his strength Samson is just another man walking the streets every day who is completely blind to the sacred responsibility resting upon the shoulders of every individual who has a talent that can be used in the service of the Lord.

The first lesson that is written boldly across the face of this interesting story has to do with the dangers of temptation. In this Samson was intensely human. He was constantly trying himself out apparently to see if he could resist. He would voluntarily create for himself difficult situations thus playing with temptation to which of course he didn't intend to yield. He must have been warned not to associate with the idol worshipping Philistines but he didn't heed the warning. So he finds himself falling prey to sins involuntarily the temptations of which he had invited. Such is the nature of a strong headed youth and such always happens. More and more I come to appreciate the wisdom of that prayer which Christ taught us to pray, "lead us not into temptation." An invited danger often brings disaster.

Along with the dangers of temptation we see the power of sin. Samson was a strong man. Single handed he could whip an army of Philistines but once he yielded to sin he couldn't whip that. Such is always true. Every man through the help of God can resist temptation. One can choose his own conduct but one cannot choose the consequences thereof.

You may let sin alone but there is no such thing as mastering it; if you fool with it it always masters you.

The next thing we see here is the tragedy of genius without appreciation and spiritual direction. Samson lived in a day when God and Israel needed strong men. He was what we might call a physical genius and could have become the greatest force for righteousness in his day. In fact it seems that he had been especially fitted to be a great servant of God. But the trouble was that Samson didn't care half so much about spiritual destinies as he did about his own love affairs. He was proud of his strength and liked to display it in moments of anger but he wasn't in the least concerned about the responsibility that went therewith. To him the will of God and the destiny of Israel were not half so important as his own selfish appetites. We see his like in every generation, talents wrongly directed, genius squandered or used selfishly, institutions and inventions that might be of great social value but instead turned to sinful uses. Genius, power of any kind, without reverence, without a due sense of responsibility, without spiritual guidance is always a curse instead of a blessing. This man possessed powers he couldn't control. He was a slave unto himself. He reminds us of the giant-like civilization of our own day with its many uncontrollable forces. In industry, upon the highways and in warfare men are being enslaved by the children of their own creation, victims of their own genius. Such always happens when a nation or a man forgets God.

The most important lesson set forth in this story of course is that strength always comes from the Lord. That strength was only a trust to him from the Lord. The thing that the writer of this story is trying to say is this, with the Lord there is strength and victory; without Him there is defeat. The hair upon Samson's head was but a symbol of his consecration, but when that hair was gone his strength was gone. When he proved unworthy of his strength God took his strength from him. Only when Samson had suffered the full consequences of his sin, had turned to God in prayer and had offered his own life did his strength return.

This story ends without the romantic touch of "they lived happy ever afterwards." It is extremely realistic. It ends in tragedy as is befitting a life that was so strong yet so eternally weak.

JOHN WESLEY'S LOVE OF HORSES

In the spring issue of *The Horse*, published in London, Animal Life tells us there is a very interesting article on the great evangelist, John Wesley, and his love for, and common-sense knowledge of, the horse. As is commonly known, this great preacher, who lived in the latter part of the 18th century, rode on horseback on most of his tours of England. Between 1738 and 1790 Wesley rode on horseback more than 250,000 miles. Remembering what he owed to the faithful horse, among the thousands of sermons he wrote was one on the horse. He promised animals their fair share of the general deliverance and prophesied at the last day they would enjoy a state of exalted happiness. A fine equestrian bronze statue of the leader of the evangelical movement is in the center of the city of Bristol.—*Our Dumb Animals*.

THE TROXLER FUND

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P. P. Richards	5.00
Mrs. Marjorie Neal	1.00
Mrs. R. E. Laughlin	1.00
Total to date—July 26	$180.70

While I am writing this Mrs. Bates calls my attention to the notice of Brother Troxler's death in the morning paper. His life on earth is ended. But the hospital and funeral bills remain. Will you make it easier for Mrs. Troxler to bear the burden by contributing to this fund. I am sure you will—without urging.

This card came the first of the week from Mrs. Troxler:

> "We received your letter containing the two checks. Please accept our gratitude. It's hard for us to say in words just how much we appreciate it . . . I would like very much to see those letters."
>
> Mrs. R. S. Troxler.

No thanks are due me. I'm only helping you to do a kindness. So send in your gift in memory of a good man, who gave all he had in the Master's service.

C. W. Bates, Brown Summit, N. C.

GOOD CATHOLIC DOCTRINE ON PACIFISM

Let us have the truth: a Catholic is not bound to belong to any party, least of all a militarist party, even one that proclaims itself his champion. Tyrants have presented themselves as protectors of the Christian religion while mouthing of war, battles, hatred: and now a general offers to deliver Catholics from the yoke of atheists while commanding heathen blackamoors to kill Catholics. On the other side Communists, atheists, anarchists, and Catholics fight side by side for what they think a common cause. The world is mad—always mad but never so mad as when it goes to war.—*Catholic World.*

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"The only reward for real service to humanity is the opportunity to do more."—Henry Ford. *Taken from the Rock Pillars in Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N. C.*

WHEN DR. MAYO SPEAKS THE WISE LISTEN

Dr. Mayo is a renowned surgeon and also of equal ability in his capacity to talk wisdom. And with his wisdom goes the gift of a charming simplicity of style.

Every man, woman and child can see what the eminent surgeon is driving at in the following:

''You can get along with a wooden leg, but you can't get along with a wooden head.

''The physical value of man is not so much. Man as analyzed in our laboratories is worth about ninety-eight cents. Seven bars of soap, lime enough to whitewash a chicken coop, phosphorous enough to cover the heads of a thousand matches, is not so much, you see. It is the brain that counts, but in order that your brain may be kept clear you must keep your body fit and well. That can not be done if one drinks liquor. A man who has to drag around a habit that is a danger and a menace to society ought to go off to the woods and live alone. We do not tolerate the obvious use of morphine or cocaine or opium, and we should not tolerate intoxicating liquor, because I tell you these things are what break down the command of the individual over his own destiny.

''We have not lived up to our laws; education is what we need to combat this condition. When we have our younger generation completely educated we will not have types who say: 'Why should I not have my rights as a citizen?' It is through the boys of today that we hope to see sound and everlasting prohibition worked out in this country. If there ever was any great man who accomplished anything through the use of alcohol I would like to have the fact pointed out. We in the United States of America have tried to give you a field of action free from the barricades which used to be set up by the legalized liquor traffic. Keep yourselves free from all entangling habits. Remember, it's the brain that counts.''—*N. C. Christian Advocate.*

HOW MUCH DO WE THINK?

We are all supposed to do some thinking. Some people do think, while others do very little thinking. It is very unfortunate that, from all indications, others do much of our thinking for us. That is a reflection on our originality, and copying of the thoughts of others does not improve our output, since the views of others may be right or may be wrong. But whether right or wrong, it is a severe indictment against those who will not do their own thinking. It is a confession of weakness.

The Scriptural adage that ''as a man thinks so is he'' is true in about every field of life. We are what we think. Our thoughts, motives, attitudes determine what we are and the tendencies of our lives. This does not mean that we are to deny the reality of things. Life is real. Death is real. Disease is real. The weather is real. In fact we are living in a world of realities. All the thinking and planning in the world will not set aside or abrogate what is real. Destiny always has its way in the end.

But that does not alter the fact that we can make or break ourselves by our mental processes. Each person is his own university. We cannot change everything that is about us, but we can change ourselves. We can adapt ourselves to circumstances. We can make the most of every opportunity and the best of every situation. It is wholly a matter of attitude and all of will power.

This principle especially holds true with relation to money. A man may have plenty to do with, may be able to meet all obligations, has more than he needs, lays aside something each month, but still calls himself poor. Another has far less than the first one, finds it difficult to make both ends meet, can hardly meet obligations, much less save any appreciable amount, but still is contented. The latter maintains a scale of living inferior to the first, but finds nothing to complain of. The personal attitude explains the difference between those two persons.

Consider the obstacles of life. To one an obstacle stands in the way of success. To another who faces the same condition there is no obstacle. The latter person surmounts it, goes around it, combats it, or removes it, but never lets himself believe that it stands between him and his attainments. It is all a matter of thinking right.

A growl by one and a smile by another in the same social circle indicate two minds and two ways of thinking. One person spends much time, too much time, looking at the external world and thereby neglects his own self-development. His opposite places the greater emphasis on bringing out and increasing the inner resources that spell success.

This reasoning leads us to recognie that how we think, what we think, how we train ourselves to assume the right attitudes will answer the question as to whether our lives count for the greatest possible usefulness.—*Nathan Howard Gist.*

NEARING HOME

The story is told of an old Omaha chief who had ruled his tribe with wisdom and justice for many years, now blind, and the victim of an incurable disease, and quietly awaiting death.

''Why are you content?'' asked an officer. ''Pain and old age are not good things.'' The aged chief was silent a while before answering according to the Indian habit when a grave question is discussed, and then said:

''The fish that is spawned here in this little creek will go down the Mississippi to the great Gulf, but in the spring it will find its way back—back to its native waters.

''The bird that builds its nest on the tree near my wigwam in the summer, leaves it when winter is coming and travels thousands of miles to the southward; but in the spring it will come back across mountains to that very nest.

''How do such creatures know the way? They have no map, no guide. The Great Spirit puts something in their hearts to draw them back to their homes. And he has not forgotten to put something in each man's heart that draws him, draws him all his life long, up to his Home. I am coming near to mine. Shall I not be glad?''—*Herald of Light.*

''The better part of one's life consists of his friendships.''—*Taken from the Rock Pillars in Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N. C.*

OUR STORY PAGE

MR. SNOOKS

Jim walked slowly, looking thoughtfully into each store window he passed. Today was his twelfth birthday, and in his pocket were twelve new dollar bills, his present from Uncle Jim. Other years, when he had been given birthday money, his father and Uncle Jim had advised him about spending it, but this birthday was different.

‘‘Buy whatever you want,’’ Uncle Jim had said, ‘‘but try to choose something that will give you years of pleasure.’’

‘‘Uncle Jim is right,’’ his father had said. ‘‘You are old enough now to know how to spend your money wisely.’’

Suddenly Jim quickened his step. He was nearing the pet-shop, and instantly he knew what he wanted. A dog! He had never owned one, and he knew both his father and Uncle Jim would approve heartily. At the thought of having a dog for his very own his heart pounded hard. He walked faster, and when he reached the pet-shop he was nearly running.

In the window was just one dog, a shaggy, half-grown, white pup. The little fellow glanced up at Jim, then turned away his head. Jim tapped on the window, but the pup acted as though he did not hear. Again and again Jim tapped, and failed to interest the shaggy white dog.

‘‘Unhappy, boy?’’ Jim asked. ‘‘Want a good home?’’

He entered the shop and asked the salesman the price of the white pup. For a few seconds the man hesitated, as though he was not quite sure himself.

‘‘You look like a boy who would take good care of a dog,’’ he finally said.

‘‘Yes, sir,’’ Jim replied quickly. ‘‘I'd try awfully hard.’’

‘‘I've been having a little trouble with him,’’ the man said thoughtfully. ‘‘I bought him from a friend to help her out, and I can't make him eat. All day he sits in the window watching the people go by, hoping to see the lady who used to own him, I guess.’’

‘‘How much do you want for him?’’ Jim asked.

‘‘He's worth fifteen dollars,’’ the salesman said.

Jim ran his hand into his pocket and felt of the purse that contained his birthday money. The little dog was not exactly pretty, but he was cute, and Jim felt sure he could make him happy.

‘‘He's a good dog,’’ the salesman went on. ‘‘Wire-haired fox-terrier, not thoroughbred, but mighty good and smart.’’

‘‘Well, all I have is twelve dollars,’’ Jim said, and looked longingly at the pup in the window. As each person passed, the pointed ears straightened up, but only for a second, as the dog turned his head, failing to recognize the one he looked for among the people passing by.

‘‘Twelve dollars is what I paid for him,’’ the man said, ‘‘but you may have him. He'll be sick if he stays here much longer.’’

‘‘Thank you!’’ Jim said. ‘‘I'll be good to him.’’

‘‘His name is Mr. Snooks,’’ the salesman said as he tied a rope to the little dog's collar.

Mr. Snooks did not object to being led. He walked behind Jim, and was indifferent to all they passed.

Uncle Jim was at Jim's house when he reached home with the dog. Both Uncle Jim and father were pleased with the way Jim had spent his birthday money. The two men helped the boy make the dog a bed in the garage. Jim's mother showed him how to prepare a meal of chopped meat and vegetables. When Jim set the tempting place under the dog's nose, he lifted his head and turned away.

‘‘Come on, old fellow,’’ Jim begged. ‘‘Smell your supper. Isn't it good? Then have some, please. Oh, please, Mr. Snooks.’’

But the dog acted as if he neither saw nor smelled his dinner. For a long time Jim sat with the little dog, talking to him, petting him, trying to arouse some interest in him. Finally he gave up, closed the garage door securely, and went inside.

The next morning Jim was up early, feeling sure he could win the dog's confidence now. He ran out to the garage, but to his surprise the door stood open a few inches. Mr. Snooks was gone. Inside the door were long scratches that showed he had worked hard to free himself.

‘‘Now what shall I do?’’ Jim asked himself.

Really discouraged, he returned to the house. His father had a suggestion that sounded good to Jim.

‘‘The dog has probably gone home. The man at the pet-shop can give you the address of the lady who used to own him. You had better go after him.’’ Jim's father was right. The man at the pet-show knew both the name and address of Mr. Snook's former owner. Jim rather disliked going after the dog, but as he recalled what his uncle had said getting the dog back seemed the right thing. ‘‘Buy something that will give you years of pleasure,’’ Uncle Jim had said.

Jim was nervous when he knocked at the door of a shabby little house blocks away from his own pleasant home. A very young lady came to the door, a pretty lady with blue eyes and a kind face.

‘‘I bought Mr. Snooks,’’ Jim managed to say. ‘‘Did he—has he—come home?’’

‘‘Yes,’’ the lady answered simply, and for a minute looked rather old. ‘‘Come in.’’

As Jim followed the lady into the house, he wondered if his coming had made her look old or if she really wasn't so young as he had thought at first. They went into a small kitchen that was very neat but rather bare, and then into a tiny bedroom. Here in the half-light Jim saw a crib and beside it lay Mr. Snooks asleep. The lady motioned for Jim to peek into the crib. He saw a dark-haired baby asleep with its little fist under its chin.

‘‘Snookie!’’ the lady whispered, and instantly the little dog was awake. He sat up straight and cocked his head, eager to understand what the lady was going to say.

Mr. Snooks, Jim, and the lady went back into the kitchen. When the lady sat down, Mr. Snooks sat beside her with one paw on her knee. His serious eyes looked into hers. He paid no attention to Jim, not seeming to recognize him.

"He's a lovely dog," the lady said and brushed her hand across her eyes. "He adores my baby, but——"

"I bought him yesterday," Jim said awkwardly.

Mr. Snooks lifted his head to look more closely into the lady's eyes. Not satisfied with one paw on her knee, he laid the second one in her lap, too. He wagged his stubby tail, not knowing what else to do.

"The man at the pet-shop offered to buy Mr. Snooks a long time ago," the lady told Jim. "He knew we were—in need of money. You see my husband was sick and out of work for a long time, and we got to the place where there wasn't money for baby's milk. There wasn't food for Mr. Snooks either. My husband took him to the pet-shop, and left him there with the man—I'm very glad it was you who finally bought him."

Jim wanted so much to say the right thing, but all he could think of was the expression in the shaggy dog's face as he looked into the eyes of the pretty lady.

"Now don't worry about us," she said. "My husband went to work this morning, and with the money we got for Mr. Snooks we can manage until he gets his first check. Everything is going to be fine."

Then Jim said something he wasn't sure he meant. "I'd better leave the dog with you. He wasn't happy at my house, and he——"

"He's yours," the lady said, looking very tired. "I couldn't buy him back for ever so long. He'll get used to you. Please take him—right away, if you don't mind. I—I'd rather not argue about it."

Before Jim realized what was happening, he was outside leading Mr. Snooks away. He thought of the twelve dollars Uncle Jim had given him, how both Uncle Jim and his father had trusted him to spend his money wisely this year. But he also thought how the little white dog had looked asleep by the baby's crib, and how he had gazed with serious eyes into the lady's face.

Instead of going directly home, Jim went to the stately brick house where his Uncle Jim lived. The man was in the garden looking at his flowers. He listened closely while Jim told his experience with the shaggy dog and the sweet-faced woman who had owned him.

"What shall I do?" Jim asked. "It was your money."

"No, Jim, it was your money," the man pointed out, "and whatever you do now is entirely up to you."

"The lady didn't ask my name," Jim said thoughtfully, "and the man at the pet-show doesn't know me and could not give her my address."

"Go on, Jim."

"Well, if Mr. Snooks goes home again, the lady can't return him to me," Jim explained. For a minute he scratched the little dog's head. Then he untied the rope on the collar. "Go home, Mr. Snooks!"

The little dog raised his head, held it high a minute, then whirled and was gone in the direction of the shabby little house from which they had come.

"There goes my present," Jim said. "In a way I don't feel disappointed." He tried to laugh. "And you told me to buy something that would give me years of pleasure."

The man laid a strong hand on the boy's shoulder. "I did say that, Jim, and what you have done today will give you pleasure for the rest of your life."—*Laura Morrison, in Junior World.*

A STAY-AT-HOME TRAVEL CLUB

"It seems that almost everyone in our class is going on a grand trip this summer," Alice said wistfully, as she and two of her classmates walked home one afternoon just before the close of school.

"Why don't we stay-at-homers get together and do something to have some fun during vacation, too!" exclaimed Sue, who never spent any time worrying over what couldn't be helped. Instead, she used her brain to find an interesting substitute.

"Why can't we form a club and meet regularly?" questioned Sarah, the practical.

"A club would be jolly. Just getting together occasionally would be fun," Alice said happily.

And that is what started their Stay-at-Home Travel Club which met once a week all summer. Each girl chose a country that she was interested in. They studied the chosen countries in alphabetical order one at a time. The girls read and discussed everything available on their chosen countries. They had a lot of fun at each meeting, tracing imaginary trips over the maps. Each girl was expected to explain why she selected that especial trip. They clipped everything they found in papers and magazines about the countries they were studying. These were read at the club meetings. You would be surprised at how very many clippings were discovered after they began to watch for them.

Travel advertisements were scanned eagerly, and as most of them offered free literature, a wealth of fascinating travel material was secured for the cost of a few penny postal-cards.

Twice they had guest speakers. One was a talkative old gentleman who had formerly lived in the country they were studying. He told them many interesting things—things the ordinary tourist seldom discovered. Their other guest was a lady who had visited the country they were "exploring." Of course, hers was the outsider's view-point.

At the last meeting of the summer the girls had a luncheon that featured foods prominent in the countries the club had "toured." This was easy because it is surprising how many of our everyday foods may be suggestive of other lands. For example: their dessert was rice pudding for China, a banana-salad for South America, and cocoa from Mexico. You see how any number of such menus could be planned.

Really, the girls' Stay-at-Home Travel Club was no new thing, for one of our prominent universities gives college credits on a home-study travel course.

If you start a stay-at-home travel club of your own and choose to "see America First," the National Park Service Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., will send you free an interesting booklet on any of our national parks. Also, they will mail you a very fascinating big map of the United States, showing the location of all the national and state parks, for the asking.

Now let me give you a tip on map study: lay the map so the directions on it correspond with the points of the compass. In other words lay the map so north on it points north from where you are standing; then naturally the other directions will point accurately also. This helps one to locate places more definitely.—*Pearl Spencer Arnold, in The Girls' World.*

A JUDGE BRANDED A CRIMINAL

Judge Lon J. Moore, of Craven county, was fined last week $50 and costs, and his driver's license revoked for one year for driving "in a zigzag fashion" on the streets of Wilmington. The papers were silent as to which liquor store sold this judicial officer his liquor. Surely an officer in either of these counties where they have "liquor control" would not have got his liquor otherwise than "decently," to quote another North Carolina judge. Both Craven and New Hanover have "liquor control," but this Craven county judge got caught in New Hanover. Perhaps the officers in Craven were better acquainted with their judge's style of driving than were those in Wilmington.

Notwithstanding the record made in the boasted liquor control counties of this state, the loose talk in western North Carolina continues and liquor men would lead the people to believe that liquor stores are a remedy for all the ills that come to the dry territory which, under the XXI Amendment, was to be protected by the government. National and state enforcement is the one sore need—and not the setting up of stores from which to dispense poison to the citizens of the state. It does seem that the people of America and even of North Carolina are averse to law enforcement. — *N. C. Christian Advocate.*

THE WONDERFUL TEMPLE OF CHRISTIANITY

Here is a masterpiece of pulpit eloquence by Billy Sunday: "Twenty-two years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my guide, I entered this temple, called Christianity. I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down through the Old Testament art gallery where the pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob, Daniel hang on the wall. I passed into the music room of Psalms, where the spirit swept the keyboard of nature and brought forth the dirge-like wail of the weeping prophet Jeremiah to the grand impassioned strain of Isaiah, until it seemed that every reed and pipe in God's great organ of nature responded to the tuneful harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel. I entered the chapel of Ecclesiastes where the voice of the preacher was heard and into the conservatory of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley's sweet scented spices filled and perfumed my life. I entered the business office of Proverbs, then into the observatory room of the prophets where I saw telescopes of various sizes, some pointing to far-off events; but all concentrated upon the bright and morning star, which was to rise above the moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation. I entered the audience room of the King of Kings, and caught a vision of His glory from the standpoint of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; passed into the Acts of the Apostles, where the Holy Spirit was doing his office work in the formation of the infant Church. Then into the correspondence room where sat Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, James and John, penning their epistles. I stepped into the throne room of Revelation, where all towered into glittering peaks, and I got a vision of the King sitting upon His throne in all His glory, and I cried:

> 'All hail the power of Jesus' name,
> Let angels prostrate fall;
> Bring forth the royal diadem,
> And crown Him Lord of all'!"

—*N. C. Christian Advocate.*

PROFIT FROM LIQUOR STORES QUICKLY ABSORBED

I noticed in Saturday's *Record* a statement that Wake was another county to reduce the tax rate on account of the ABC stores, the inference being that this was getting to be a rather common occurrence.

About ten days ago I wrote to the sheriffs of all the wet counties as follows:

"We will soon have an election in this county and I am writing to ask what the tax rate was before the ABC stores were established and what it is for this year."

To these letters I have had twelve replies:

Halifax county, decrease from 90 to 85 cents.
Vance county, decrease from $1.03 to 89 cents.
Dare county, no change.
Nash county, no change.
Pitt county, no change.
Johnson county, no change.
Wilson county, increase from $1.05 to $1.10.
Beaufort county, increase from 99 cents to $1.37.
Warren county, increase from 66 cents to 85 cents.
Craven county, increase of 25 cents.

The sheriff of Lenoir county stated that while there had been a decrease of 14 per cent, the property valuation had been increased by 20 per cent, leaving a net increase of six per cent.

The sheriff of Wilson county explained that while there was a considerable revenue from these stores, just as soon as they were established salaries were all increased, several new offices established and in other ways all the profit had been absorbed.

It is evident from the above that from a monetary standpoint the counties have lost rather than gained, for more counties have increased the rate than have lowered it, and it is not hard to find counties that have no liquor stores that have decreased the rate, Catawba being one of them.

While I am writing this primarily to refute the idea of reducing taxes by means of these saloons, I can not resist the opportunity of saying that the history of families making their money by selling liquor has been tragic and I can't see how we as individuals and part owners of these stores, if they are established in this county, can hope to escape. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink."—*G. F. Ivey, in Hickory Record.*

MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, Editor
909 West College Drive
High Point, N. C.

MINNIS SALARY

There are $702.00 of the Minnis salary that have not been apportioned. I have been asked to keep this before you and secure it. The Minnis salary is $1,500, and the North Carolina Branch assumed this, and it will count on the World Service budget. It is just 36 weeks from the Quarterly Meeting, held at Maple Springs July 14, until our annual branch meeting. If we can get $19.50 for each of these 36 weeks we will have our unapportioned part of Mr. Minnis' salary.

My appeal is to all the churches without auxiliaries, and to those auxiliaries that made no pledge for Minnis salary. Of course those auxiliaries that accepted an apportionment can see to it that the church as a whole sends something. Your church wants and needs to raise its World Service budget. This is a good way to personalize the budget.

The Minnises have sacrificed home and friends to work for the Master through our church. They are our very own and we want to give and sacrifice, if need be, to pay them, as they represent us in India. That is our part in helping to carry out the Great Commission in this particular field.

Now, what church will be the first to take one week of the unapportioned part of the Minnis salary? If you cannot take one week, then do just as much as you can and let me know about it; but be sure to send your money to Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C., saying it is for Minnis salary.

Anything you can do will be appreciated, you will be blessed, your church will have that much more World Service credit, and the Minnises will feel stronger and more secure as they realize more of our people are interested in their welfare.

The pastors should all be glad to have this personal urge to World Service offerings. Let us think and pray about this—see if our hearts are not strangely warmed toward India, our mission work, and Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Minnis, our workers. Then surely our purse strings will loosen. It has been said, "A praying people is a paying people." Let's pray very earnestly for our work and the Minnises, and then help to answer our prayers.

MRS. H. C. NICHOLSON.
Box 27, Thomasville. N. C.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH, WOMEN'S WORK

For First Quarter Ending June 30, 1938

RECEIPTS

Bank balance April 1, 1938	$ 70.10
Received from Mrs. Speas, Secretary of Literature	4.40
Received from Mrs. Speas, Secretary of Literature	43.00
Collection at Branch Meeting, Burlington, for Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams, but turned over to the Branch Treasurer	27.94
Difference in collections and expenses of Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams from Weston, W. Va., to North Carolina, and return to Columbus, Ohio	29.09
Funds received for:	
College	764.75
World Service	520.80
North Carolina Budget	547.99
Minnis Fund	28.22
Thank Offering	1.00
Total Receipts	$2,037.29

DISBURSEMENTS

Rev. Homer Casto, expenses to Branch Meeting	$ 10.00	
Trollinger Florist, corsage for Mrs. Horace Williams	1.50	
McCulloch & Swain, programs, Branch Meeting	2.00 2.00	
Mrs. R. M. Andrews, expenses of delegates to Tiffin, Ohio	54.65	
M. P. Herald, space for 6 months	50.00	
McCulloch & Swain, reprints of Branch Meeting and Budget	4.50	
Mrs. Bowman, Cor. Sec., expenses for 1st quarter	6.02	
Mrs. Andrews, President, expenses for 1st quarter	2.30	
High Point College	748.30	
Mrs. P. S. Kennett, Student Loan Fund	82.19	
Rev. Homer Casto, Bethel Home	109.62	
Dr. A. G. Dixon, Children's Home	273.99	
H. C. Staley, Treasurer:		
World Service Undesignated	510.80	
Memorial Membership	10.00	
Balance from the account of Rev. and Mrs. Horace Williams, sent to World Service, undesignated	57.03	
Total Disbursements		1,922.90
Bank Balance		$ 114.39

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treas.
N. C. Branch, Women's Work.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jas. H. Straughn

The Board of Administration at Tiffin in May authorized a movement for this denominational year wherein a determined effort will be made to secure our World Service budget in its entirety. A committee has been set up which will direct the effort. The committee has met, made its plans, and full announcement will be made in the next issue of this paper.

Briefly, however, in order to understand the revised schedule of visitation to the annual conferences, four areas of activity have been set up. One, centering in the Women's Convention and the Conference Branches, with Mrs. Shell and Miss Brittingham in charge; two, a northeastern area with Rev. J. L. Green, chairman, and Dr. Haddaway, secretary; a western area with Rev. Frank Shaffer, chairman, and Dr. Stephenson, secretary; a southeastern area with Rev. S. W. Taylor, chairman, and F. L. Gibbs, secretary. As far as possible, these officials will visit their various areas. We are having the usual difficulty as to dates, places. If in the published list errors appear I am expecting the proper officials to advise me. While my name does not appear in the list, it is my expectancy to get to every one I can and will be in touch with the conference presidents at all times.

Revised Conference Schedules

August 9, Onondaga, Lake View Camp Grounds, Lycoming, N. Y. J. L. Green, G. W. Haddaway.

August 10, Missouri, Elm Grove church, Christian county, Mo. Frank Shaffer, F. W. Stephenson.

August 10, Kansas, Stephens Memorial, Kansas City, Kans. Frank Shaffer, F. W. Stephenson.

August 12, Iowa-Missouri, Frank Shaffer, R. L. Shipley.

August 17, Illinois, Camp Grounds, Lewistown, Ill. Frank Shaffer, R. L. Shipley.

August 17, Indiana, Camp Grounds, Marion, Ind. Frank Shaffer, F. W. Stephenson.

August 17, Ohio, Camp Grounds, Sabina, Ohio. J. L. Green, G. W. Haddaway.

August 23, Michigan, Gull Lake, Augusta, Mich. F. W. Stephenson.

August 24, West Virginia, South Clarksburg, W. Va. J. L. Green, G. W. Haddaway.

August 26, Ft. Smith-Oklahoma, Massard. F W. Stephenson.

Sept. 7, Pittsburgh, Calvary church, Uniontown, Pa. J. L. Green, G. W. Haddaway.

Sept. 8, Kentucky, Hubbardstown, W. Va. F. L. Gibbs.

Sept. 28, Virginia, Coeburn, Va. S. W. Taylor, F. L. Gibbs.

Sept. 30, Tennessee,, Bethlehem church. S. W. Taylor, F. L. Gibbs.

October 5, Eastern, Bridgeton, N. J. J. L. Green, G. W. Haddaway.

October 19, Florida Mission Conference, Shaw church. S. W. Taylor, F. L. Gibbs.

October 21, Louisiana, Bethel church, Mt. Nebo circuit. Frank Shaffer, R. L. Shipley, F. W. Stephenson.

October 26, Col.-Texas, Col., Mission, St. Luke's church, Sheneda, Tex. Frank Shaffer, F. W. Stephenson.

October 27, Texas, Teague, Texas. Frank Shaffer, F. W. Stephenson.

October 26, North Mississippi. S. W. Taylor, F. L. Gibbs.

October 28, Arkansas, Salem church, Drew circuit. Frank Shaffer, R. L. Shipley.

November 2, Mississippi, Mutual Rights church, Avera, Miss. S. W. Taylor, F. L. Gibbs.

November 9, Alabama, Birmingham, Ala. R. L. Shipley, F. L. Gibbs.

November 9, Alabama, Col., Mission. R. L. Shipley.

November 9, North Carolina, Calvary church, Greensboro. S. W. Taylor, F. L. Gibbs.

November 16, South Carolina, Willow Creek church. S. W. Taylor, F. L. Gibbs.

November 17, South Carolina, Col., Mission. S. W. Taylor, F. L. Gibbs.

November 17. Georgia, Cedar Grove church, East Atlanta, Ga. S. W. Taylor, F. L. Gibbs.

November 17, Georgia, Col., Mission, Poplar Spring church. S. W. Taylor, F. L. Gibbs.

Arkansas-La., Col., Mission.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Matthews Chapel S. S., Greensville	$ 1.80
Union Grove S. S., Orange	1.00
Love Joy S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	2.00
Orange Chapel S. S., Saxapahaw	1.00
Rockingham S. S.	2.00
Hickory Union, Sullivan, Ind.	1.00
Harris Chapel, Vance	4.00
Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant S. S.	11.00
First church S. S., High Point	15.00
Maple Springs S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Union Ridge S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Bethesda, N. Davidson	2.46
Canaan S. S., Denton	1.00
Stony Knoll S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
Bethany, Randolph	3.51
West End S. S., Thomasville	3.11
Shiloh S. S., Shiloh	8.50
Mt. Pleasant S. S., N. Davidson	1.14
Rehoboth S. S., Creswell	5.00
Flag Springs S. S., Why Not	2.00
Bethel, Alamance	5.75

Home-Coming Day

A Friend, Denton	5.00
Lebanon Spring church	2.00
Previously reported	756.49
Total to date	$763.49

Please Help Us Out

We need not remind you that every Sunday in July has been a rainy Sunday, with a consequent reduction in the monthly offerings at most places. And with our homecoming offering cut by more than half, we are wondering what we are to do. Let all churches and Sunday schools be liberal in their offerings through August. Thank you.

A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

WHAT AM I LIKE

The Christian Endeavor Topic for August 7, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 1—Is my body healthy? Matt. 15:21-28.

Tuesday, August 2—Is my mind clear? Phil. 4:6-9.

Wednesday, August 3—Am I reverent in spirit? Col. 3:1-10.

Thursday, August 4—Am I sympathetic toward others? Acts 9:36-43.

Friday, August 5—Am I proud? How? Mark 12:38-39.

Saturday, August 6—Am I really honest? Deut. 16:20.

The Text: Rom. 7:15-25; Luke 14:28-33. (Consecration Meeting).

There is a principle of advancement that the business world has learned that most of us as individuals have failed to recognize. If we are going to make progress we have to stop, check up on ourselves, see where we stand and then be willing to advance even though it might cost us. What am I like should be a question that we ask ourselves often, just as a business organization takes its inventory. But all too often we go through life without getting the most out of our lives because we either neglect to check up on ourselves, or because we are afraid we will find something out of place and then not have an excuse for not improving our condition.

A few years ago the University of Chicago and the United Y. M. C. A. schools conducted a survey that cost $25,000 and took two years, to determine what adults were most interested in and what they really wanted to study. This survey revealed that adults are interested first in their own health—and that their second interest is in people: how to understand and get along with people; how to make people like you; and how to win others to your way of thinking.

Since the physical plays such an important part in our lives we should often ask ourselves, "What am I like physically." If I don't feel good physically I am not going to enjoy life and I'm not going to let those around me enjoy it either. If I don't feel good physically I am not going to be able to get my required word finished. Neither am I going to be able to properly develop my personality which is the thing that enables me to get along with my fellowmen. In my search, if I find that I am not in perfect physical condition, I can just know that usually my condition comes from my breaking some known law of health. One of the greatest sins that most of us commit is the way we treat our bodies. Our bodies are God's Temples and we don't keep them as clean and strong and beautiful as we ourselves like to see God's house.

The mental side of our lives is just as important as the physical. We may rival the Spartan physically but if we have failed to develop—to use our minds, we will not have a personality that will enable us to get along with our fellowmen. One of the most pitiful sights is to see someone who is perfectly developed physically but with the mind of a child. Most of us are mental cowards, and many of us have such warped and distorted minds that they often ruin our lives as well as the lives of our friends. Some people even become invalids in order to win the sympathy and attention their warped minds demand. Mary Roberts Rinehart tells us of a vigorous young woman who became an invalid in order to satisfy her warped mind. "One day she was forced to face some hard problem that she wanted to dodge so she took her bed; and for ten years her old mother traveled to the third floor and back, carrying trays, nursing her. Then one day the old mother, weary with service, lay down and died. For some weeks, the invalid languished; then she got up, put on her clothing, and resumed living again."

Authorities declare that many people drive themselves insane to escape facing the realities of life. Dale Carnegie, in his book, "How to Win Friends" tells us that "there are more patients suffering from mental diseases in the hospitals in the United States than from all other diseases combined."

Not only must you ask yourself, "What am I like physically," and "what am I like mentally," but you must look to the Spiritual side of your life. Is your Spiritual life warped? If it is you will never have that pleasing personality that is so valuable. The best way to put purpose and meaning into your life is to try to mold your life after the life of Jesus. Ask yourself often the question, Am I living a Christ-like life?

Whether your weakness be physical, mental or spiritual, if you will honestly search within to see what you are like, you will find your weak spots. Then if you will straighten up those weak warped spots your search will not have been in vain. Browning said: "When a man's fight begins within himself, he is worth something."

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RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. W. G. Starr, Grace church	$1.00
Sent by Mrs. F. R. Stout.	
Mrs. W. W. Bridges, Cleveland charge	1.00
Mrs. Alvin Blanton, Cleveland charge	1.00
I. E. Johnson, Cleveland charge	1.00
O. S. Hunt, Cleveland charge	1.00
Lillian Palmer, Cleveland charge	.50
R. C. Waters, Cleveland charge	1.00
Miss Lura Waters, Cleveland charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Madison.	
J. O. Lee, First church, High Point	2.00
Sent by W. J. Spencer.	
Mrs. W. J. Monnett, Tabernacle charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Lamb.	
Mrs. J. G. Pegg, Kernersville charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Way.	
E. F. Vaughn, Reidsville	2.00
Sent by Pastor Brown.	
Mrs. M. J. Rogers, Burlington, First	2.00
Sent by Pastor Paschall.	
C. F. Allred, Randleman charge	1.00
Mrs. Lizzie Fuller, Randleman charge	1.00
Mrs. W. H. Trogdon, Randleman charge	1.00
Mrs. C. O. Boyd, Randleman charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Boyd.	
Miss Florence Cagle, Roberta	1.00
Sent by Pastor Joyner.	
Miss Maie Hatley, Friendship-Love's Grove	.50
Friendship church, club subs.	1.50
Sent by O. L. Hatley.	
Club subscriptions, Lincolnton church	4.48
Mrs. Annie H. Falls, Lincolnton charge	2.00
Mrs. M. W. Leonhardt, Lincolnton chg.	.50
Rev. E. M. Ferrell, Lincolnton charge	.50
H. A. Chandler, Lincolnton charge	.50
Mrs. J. M. Rudisell, Lincolnton charge	1.00
N. B. Nance, Lincolnton charge	.50
Sent by Pastor Harkey.	
Mrs. Lucy E. Poythress, Vance charge	1.00
Mrs. A. D. Pittman, Whitakers	.50
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Mrs. J. T. Pugh, Asheboro	1.00
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FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Spring Hill Ladies' Aid Society.—The Spring Hill Ladies' Aid society forgets its persistent effort to beautify the church and church grounds to meet once each summer with the pastor at the parsonage. These meetings are always ended by a picnic or some other form of social hour.

The society met Saturday night, July 9, with Rev. and Mrs. W. H. and Miss Sara Marie Neese at the parsonage. Every member was present except one who was in ill health. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Carl Swaim. The program outlined in the Guide Book was followed.

The business session was opened by the roll call and the reading of the minutes. Business was quickly disposed of in order that more time might be given to the social hour. Approximately 55 plates of sandwiches, lemonade, ice cream, and cake were enjoyed by the society and visitors. Several members found a gift from their heart-sisters. Everyone enjoyed visiting our pastor's home immensely.

LUCILE CRAVEN, Secretary.

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Worthville, Randleman Charge, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor, July 25.—I want to say that the more I read the Herald, the more I enjoy it. It is like a dear friend that would seem hard to get along without. So I am renewing my subscription along with some others who also enjoy the paper.

The work of our church seems to be progressing nicely. There were 92 at Sunday school on a rainy day yesterday.

Mrs. Spencer led the mid-week prayer meeting last week, giving a very impressive talk on the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians. We always enjoy hearing her.

At the 8 o'clock service Sunday evening our pastor brought a good message, using the 19th verse of the 5th chapter of Mark, "Go home to thy friends and tell them what the Lord hath done for thee." He pointed out that if we had not been called to a special service, we were to live our religion in our homes and among our neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Foust celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 17. Many friends and relatives called. Dinner was served picnic style on the lawn. They are two of our oldest members and we wish for them health and happiness in their old age.

MRS. C. O. BYRD, Reporter.

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Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—Work is moving on here just fine. We have just closed a great revival. One of the greatest we have had in some time. Everybody has been working and praying together for this end. All the Christian people were revived and many souls were born into the Kingdom of God—young men and women and children. This church welcomed 10 new members into its fellowship on the closing night of the services. We certainly were fortunate to have with us Rev. C. P. Morris and Mrs. Morris during this week of the revival. During this short stay with us we learned to love them both dearly. They are splendid young people working for the Lord. We invite them to come again to visit us when they can. We were also glad to have Pastor Bingham and family in our homes. All appreciate the good work they did for us.

Our revival has set the church on fire for God. A much revived interest is being manifested by our splendid Sunday school superintendent. We are hoping and praying to work together with him in the Sunday school programs. Many suggestions were given today to help make the church work much better. First was to meet Sunday evening and have an old time singing and prayer service. Second, to each person in the Sunday school and church to invite some one else or to go and bring them if they did not have any way to come. Third, for the entire Sunday school and church to have a picnic.

We are very sorry to report the critical condition of Mrs. T. H. Moore.

BESSIE COBLE, Reporter.

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Roberta M. P. Church, Rev. Q. L. Joyner, Pastor.—It has been some time since our report to the Herald, but our church work has been moving along nicely. Our attendance for Sunday school has been holding up fine for the summer months.

We are having ten days of singing school which began last Monday night under the direction of Mr. Bunting.

Mrs. Laura Herring, who has been a patient at the Concord hospital, is at home now doing fine. Mr. Z. D. Cochran also has been a patient in the hospital the past week. We wish for these a speedy recovery.

Our revival meeting will begin the first Sunday in August. Rev. O. C. Loy will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to come and worship with us.

Quite a number have remembered us with good things to eat that helped to cut down our grocery bill. Those that donated these gifts were: Mr. J. Ivey Cline, Mrs. Sarah Blackwelder, Miss Florence Cagle, Mrs. Carl Blackwelder, Mrs. Z. D. Cochran, Mrs. Solon Cochran, Mrs. Dan Furr, and Mr. Mike Garmon. Each one of these has our sincere thanks.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the church has raised $90 on the conference claims this year. This leaves only a small amount to be raised on World Service, which we hope to raise very soon.

PASTOR.

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First Church, Burlington, Dr. F. W. Paschall, Pastor.—Our attendance hasn't been so good in the Sunday school and church due to the fact that so many have been on their vacation. We trust that it won't be long before our people will get back into the church and all organizations running smoothly. On Sunday, July 17, our pastor was away helping in a revival meeting. He was very fortunate in securing Mr. Charlie Coble, of Haw River, to fill the pulpit at both the 11 o'clock worship and the evening service. Mr. Coble is a very young man, preparing himself for the ministry. We were very glad to have him fill Dr. Paschall's place, and enjoyed very much his sermons. They were heart-stirring and helpful messages. His morning theme was "Burning Hearts" and his evening theme was "What Shall I Do With Jesus?"

On Sunday, July 24, our pastor was back with us. Holy Communion was held Sunday. The theme for Sunday evening was "Be Still and Know." Our choir is still giving us good music each Sunday. They never give up; it seems that they are always the "faithful few." We appreciate the choir and are sure of the fact that it adds much to the worship services.

Next Sunday evening the children of the Sunday school will have charge of the evening service, since it will be Children's Day.

Our pastor will be away for his vacation August 22 to September 9. The following committee will arrange for the services in his absence: Mr. J. G. Rogers, Miss Ila Stafford, Mr. C. R. Way, Mr. W. W. Wiles, and Miss Swannie Coble.

Our revival meeting begins October 2. Let us pray and read the Bible daily; each week do some personal work; and always live for God's glory.

The Sunday school picnic will be held Thursday, August 4, at the V. F. W. Lake near Graham. Everybody plan to go. Take a basket full of good things to eat.

We have several in our church family who are sick: Howard Anthony, Mrs. G. W. Allen, Mrs. Pauline McPherson, Mrs. Ruth Snipes, Mr. John Shaw, Mrs. Annie Shatterly, Mrs. Holt Pickard, T. A. Williams, Jr., ad Mrs. T. J. Hargrove. Let's visit them, pray for them, and remember them in some way.

REPORTER.

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Haw River Circuit.—In my last report I said an improvement was about to be made in the Mizpah church, but that I was not at liberty to tell what it was. I can do that now since it has been placed. It is a new carpet for the pulpit, donated by Mrs. J. D. McCollum, of the very finest material. In addition, the pulpit chairs have been refinished, the expense being borne by Miss Lola McCollum. The old carpet on the kneeling board has been removed and the board stained. The membership is very grateful for these splendid improvements.

We ended the series of special services for the churches on the charge last Friday night, with the closing service at Friendship church. While there were no additions at Midway, where the first services were held, we had a good meeting. One young lady has united with another church as a result of that meeting. We had 13 additions at Mizpah, four at Fair Grove, and six at Friendship. We are expecting several more before the year is out.

After much entreaty, which I think was a weariness to the flesh for those who had to listen, we have finished raising the College apportionment on the charge. Friendship lacks something less than $10 of being out on all claims. The other churches will be out, we think, well in advance of the meeting of conference.

A much appreciated improvement at the parsonage is the replacing of a wooden drain leading from the kitchen with a tile drain. We feel a little safer from typhoid germs than we did.

At my request the Friendship and Mizpah churches have agreed to hold their appointments on the fifth Sunday of this month, which is this coming Sunday, and give me the first Sunday in August for a vacation. The hours remain the same—10 o'clock at Friendship and 11:30 at Mizpah.

We continue to be the recipients of many kindnesses at the hands of the members of the charge. Except for the fun of it, there is hardly any need of the pastor of Haw River charge having a garden, for every garden on the charge is open to him. He has only to go after it to look like the spies did when they returned with the fruits of the land. And we are grateful.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

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Friendship-Love's Grove, Earl A. Cook, Pastor, July 18.—It has been some time since I have reported, and since both our reporters have failed to report, I will attempt to make some kind of a report.

We have been very busy in revival work during the summer, but we have been at home the past few weeks, trying to make a full hand in the work we, as a church, are finding to do. Children's Day has been observed by both churches. Splendid programs were rendered. The program at Love's Grove was under the leadership of Mrs. Will Little and Mrs. Henry Tarleton. This was an all-day program and a large congregation was present. The program at Friendship was under the leadership of Miss Margaret Fink. This program was given at night, and was raining; despite that, we had a very good congregation.

Friendship has been working on a project since the first of June. An electric pump has been installed. Running water and bath have been put in the parsonage. This is a project that has been needed a long time, and we are indeed thankful to this people for their kind consideration and cooperation. The people at both churches have shown the greatest Christian spirit I have seen manifested in a good while. The result is that they have made a wonderful progress in the past year. Love's Grove is out for the entire year except Herald subscriptions, and we all can depend on them for that. Friendship is not behind on her budget, and they will come out on the Herald: at least I am going to ask both churches for this, and they have not turned us down as yet.

Mrs. Hubert Howard is very sick, and is in the Yadkin hospital for treatment. Mr. John Love, of Love's Grove, is seriously ill at this time. He suffered a stroke. Colene, four-year-old daughter of the pastor, was very ill recently.

Miss Dickie Sides, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sides, has accepted a position in Charlotte.

The Sunday shools are doing splendidly. The Friendship Sunday school is under the leadership of Mr. Oscar Hatley. Mr. Hatley is a young man of the church and community, and has the church and its work at heart. The school is growing, and our attendance is well over 100 at this time. At Love's Grove the Sunday school is under the leadership of Mr. J. S. Polk. Mr. Polk is a well informed man and the school is prospering under his work and lead.

There are many things that have been brought to the parsonage or placed in our car just lately, and they are too numerous to mention in detail; but I wish to recognize two nice gifts from Love's Grove. Mr. Sam R. Bivens, Jr., gave us 140 pounds of flour, and Mr. Henry Tarleton gave us 100 pounds of flour. We wish to thank not only these, but the others who remembered the preacher. These and all others will be printed in our monthly bulletin.

Our revival at Friendship will begin the first Sunday in August. Brother Fred Love will assist in the work here, and we are all looking forward to this revival. The revival at Love's Grove will begin the second Sunday in August. Brother F. W. Paschal will assist in the work there. On the second Sunday, August 14, the first day of the revival, we will observe Home-Coming day. All friends of Love's Grove church are invited to come and spend the day with loved ones and friends. All former pastors are invited.

I will stop for the time being. It may be that the reporters will write some time. But I remember now, our reporter at Love's Grove married recently; Miss Virginia Smith and Mr. Charlie McGee of Union county, married on May 13. They are making their home in Charlotte.

I would like to make a request of you who may read this report: I need three copies of the Herald of 1931 having that year complete. Look through your Heralds and see if you have these: January 15 and 22, and August 13, 1931. If so please mail them to me or let me hear from you.

EARL A. COOK, Pastor.

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Asheboro.—Our work at Central church is moving along in an encouraging way. The summer slump is being felt some now, although not any more than is normal. Upon the whole, the work up to now seems slightly above par for the summer months. Particular activity is noted among our young people under the direction of William Lewis, our young people's worker. A play to be given soon by the C. E. society is in process of preparation. Gaming tables, and other equipment for our night game programs are being made ready, and will be installed this week. We expect this to provide our young people with pleasing and helpful recreation. And while all this is being done we are not forgetting the one thing needful. Along with the social and recreational life of our young people, we are seeking to develop them spiritually. The results are very gratifying.

We will soon begin our preparation for our fall programs. An important part of that is our revival meeting, which is to begin September 14. Brother J. G. Madison will do the preaching, and Brother C. E. Ridge will direct the singing. In the meantime, we shall seek earnestly to break up all fallow ground and have everything in readiness for a rich spiritual harvest. A pleasing spirit of cooperation and progress maintains in the church in all departments, and the outlook for the weeks and months ahead give us courage.

During the month of June we received the following members: Mrs. Eva L. McCullers, Marguerite McCullers, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Andrews, and Dorothy Alice Andrews, the first four coming by letter. During July Mary Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Pritchard have been received, all by letter. We hearily welcome these new members to our fellowsship. Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, with their little daughter, have recently taken up residence here. They come to us from High Point. Mr. Pritchard has an important position with the Asheboro Hosiery Mill. We heartily welcome them to Asheboro, as well as to our church.

Brother W. C. Hendricks, our good neighbor and faithful church member, has the deep sympathy of our congregation in the passing of his father, whose death occurred July 18. There is much comfort in the fact that he died in the triumphs of the Christian faith.

S. W. TAYLOR.

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Flat Rock Church, Flat Rock Charge.—Our church is looking forward to a dedication service Sunday, July 31. In 1928 the church was remodeled. Sunday school rooms were added and the whole church made longer. A handsome stone structure surrounds the old frame church of wide, hand-dressed boards. When this work was done and new furniture placed, the church was considerably in debt. This debt has been cleared up mainly within the last four years, and largely through the efforts of the Ladies' Aid society. $200.00 was advanced by one of our members to finish paying off the note in May. $100.00 of that has been returned since that time, and we know where part of the remainder is coming from, and by Sunday perhaps that remnant will be still further reduced, if not entirely gone.

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for both church and school house. The second was of logs, and the third was the frame building—itself a handsome country church in its day, contained in the present stone building. The Guilford Granite Quarry Company, at that time operating the quarry, cut and donated the granite from the immense flat rock from which the church derived its name. This church has been a unit of the Methodist Protestant church since 1831.

Dr. Paul S. Kennett, of High Point College, a son of the late W. F. Kennett, who was pastor of this church for 17 years, will preach the dedicatory sermon at 11 o'clock. Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of the N. C. conference, will have charge of the afternoon service. There will be special music by the choir, and picnic dinner on the grounds. All former pastors, and friends from other churches, are invited to come and rejoice with us.

MRS. IRA N. JOHNSON, Reporter.

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Randolph Charge.—Our third quarterly conference will meet at Gray's Chapel on Saturday before first Sunday in August at 2:30 p.m. All official members are urged to be present.

Our special meeting, held at Bethany last week, was a success. There were 20 conversions and reclamations and 10 joined the church. Eight of these came from two homes; viz., Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Garner, with their two children, David Charles and Wanza; also Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Sapp and their two daughters, Margaret and Doris. These two families recently bought farms near the church and are establishing permanent homes. Both church and community give them a hearty welcome, and we all feel proud of our new members and neighbors.

Rev. H. L. Isley, of Alamance charge, was our pulpit help and did all the preaching. His sermons were orthodox, plain and convincing. The people and pastor not only enjoyed his very helpful sermons, but also his congenial fellowship. Because of rain and other local conditions, our congregations were small, but attentive and appreciative. All were delighted to see Mrs. Colon Redding able to return to church. Mrs. Redding has been one of our most consecrated church workers until her health gave way. Now that her health is returning, we all rejoice with her and her family.

G. L. REYNOLDS.

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Littleton Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday morning and we enjoyed his message very much.

There has not been a report made from us for some time now, but this does not mean that we haven't been working and cooperating together just the same. Everyone is awake to his duties, and we are progressing along nicely with our work.

We have just had one of the best meetings I think we ever had at our church. Rev. C. G. Isley of Albemarle, who helped us last year in our revival, helped us again this year. Although we enjoyed having him last year, I think we still enjoyed having him with us this time more than before.

We had rather large congregations each night to hear him, and whenever you heard him once you always come back again to hear more of his sermons. I think there was much good accomplished in the meeting, many souls were warned and led to Christ by the revival. There were eight that united with our church at the close of the meeting, and all are glad to have them unite with our church.

Our auxiliary meeting met on Tuesday after the second Sunday, at the home of our pastor, Mr. and Mrs. Trolinger. Many plans were discussed for raising funds and one of the projects put into action was the making of children's sun suits to sell. The members responded readily to this and they are being made with lots of pleasure, and some have been sold.

We had a representative to attend the Leadership Training School at High Point this time. I, the reporter, was sent as a delegate. We are hoping that more will be able to go next year.

We are at present painting our church on the inside. But this is just one of the many things we resolve to do during the year's work. So let's hope and trust, by God's help and the cooperation of the people, that we can continue to be successful in our work.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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Alamance Charge.—Our revival at Sapling Ridge was a success. The attendance was gratifying from the beginning until the close on Friday afternoon. Rev. Geo. L. Reynolds, the pulpit help, presented the gospel truths in a very forceful and convincing way, resulting in five conversions and three additions to the church. For Brother Reynolds it was a renewing of friendships and old acquaintances. Thirty-five years ago he was called to Sapling Ridge to preach the funeral of Mr. Charlie Self, a brother to our good brothers, A. A., I. E., and J. L. Self; he and Mr. Charlie Self being schoolmates at the University of North Carolina. Pastor and people were pleased to have Brother Reynolds in our homes and community for one week.

Recently the people of the Rock Creek community gave a dinner at the home of Brother O. N. Hornaday honoring the three Confederate veterans of Alamance county, two of the three being present—Messrs. J. H. Euliss, 97, and Alfred Newlin, 92. The pastor was in a revival and had to miss this enjoyable occasion.

On July 16 Center Sunday school enjoyed an outing and fish fry at the Quackenbush pond, near Saxapahaw.

In reporting about the new pulpit chairs at Center, I failed to say that they were donated in memory of Anderson Glenn, one of the first members of the church.

Children's Day services have been held at Rock Creek and Sapling Ridge with splendid programs. Bethel and Center will hold their service later.

One of our faithful Bethel members, Mrs. O. C. Braxton, is in the Burlington hospital, having had an operation. She is a daughter of Rev. A. H. Harris and a sister of Rev. Ed Harris, ministers in the Friends church. Mrs. Wake Spoon has just returned from a Greensboro hospital, where she was operated on for appendicitis. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Foust and little granddaughter received painful injuries in an automobile collision a few days ago. A few others are sick in their homes. We hope all these will soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. John Glenn and Mrs. Rufus Johnson have our thanks for donations.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Oak Grove, Cleveland Charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, Pastor.—Our pastor met with us at Christian Endeavor society Sunday night and gave a very interesting talk. Miss Dorothy Pearson was in charge of the program. Miss Kate Palmer will prepare the program for next Sunday night.

Rev. Mr. Harkey from Lincolnton will be helper in the protracted meeting at this church, which will begin August 28.

Mrs. Lem White was appointed as a committee to distribute the empty fruit jars to be filled for the Children's Home.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with a nice number present.

Our pastor brought to us a most inspiring sermon Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Sunday school was held following this service.

REPORTER.

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NOTICE

Revival services will begin at Union Grove church on Orange charge the first Sunday in August, with preaching by Dr. J. D. Williams. There will be services on Sunday in the morning and afternoon, with dinner on the ground. The services throughout the remainder of the week will be in the morning at 11 o'clock, and at night at 7:45. Everyone is invited to attend.

C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

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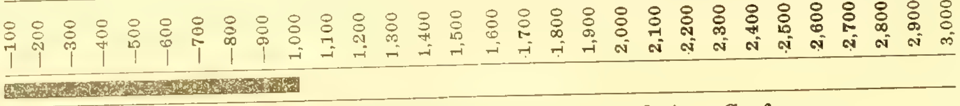

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Thought I could find the boost Dr. Pritchard gave West End when he had charge of this corner, but somehow that particular copy got mislaid. It would have been good to see it again. Perhaps he said too many good things as he had West End arrayed in big letters all the way through. I promised you that there would be something unusual when we got over, but somehow my horn is not working this morning. Wonder what a fellow can say the best anyway when he is trying to boost himself or his work that he has charge of? Well, I am going to switch it off on the one to whom it belongs, along with the others that helped her to make it possible. Mrs. F. S. Stockard did the work and we are all rejoicing with her that we have reached our quota and we are capitalized all the way across! West End, don't you think that is the best looking line in Greensboro's area after all? Subsidy and the quota of subscriptions, PAID IN FULL! Thanks for the agent to all who made it possible!

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Quite a freshet up the road! Did you hear about it? Yes, the bridge was washed out and the fellow who started with something we need was delayed and did not get into the mail for this report. He must have had his subsidy along with him for his charge. Get an airplane, brother, and send it on! It will be good next week. If the bridge is not repaired we will be at the airport looking for you and your subsidy.

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For America, We Give Thee Thanks, O God

By DR. DANIEL A. POLING

I am of the opinion that four-fifths of the earth's population live either in constant hunger or unrelieved fear — or both. After leaving Great Britain, France and the Scandinavian countries until I reached Manila I found nowhere freedom of the press, freedom of speech, freedom of worship, or freedom from the terror that makes men question their neighbors and start at the sight of a uniform.

Again and again I felt the passport of my country in my breast pocket and thanked God for the significance of the flag under which it was issued. Do I overlook or seem to ignore the hunger, the squalor and the dissension, the selfishness, the crime, the social and political inefficiency, the economic inequality, that even a casual student of affairs cannot escape as he moves to and from the Atlantic to the Pacific and between the Mexican boundary and the Dominion border? I do not overlook them and I shall not ignore them. But here let me say that in spite of these ills and wrongs, and overwhelming these at last, is the fundamental virtue of our American democracy and the fundamental integrity of our American people. — *From Youth Marches.*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Kernersville Quarterly Conference

The third quarterly conference for the Kernersville Charge was held at Pine Grove on Saturday afternoon, July 30. Rev. C. B. Way, the pastor, reported considerable activity for the charge during the quarter. All of the churches were represented except one. Revival meetings had already been held at some of the churches and were to be held later at others. While the revivals had not brought in any large number of new members yet it was felt that good had been done. Financial reports showed that the charge was somewhat behind on pastor's salary and very much behind with both the Annual and General Conference Budgets. It seemed to be the feeling of the pastor that finances would improve as the end of the year approached. This is Brother Way's first year on the charge and from what I could learn both pastor and people are well satisfied.

Flat Rock Dedication

Sunday, July 31, was a very important day in the history of Flat Rock Church, Flat Rock Charge, in that the new church was formally dedicated. The house was almost completely filled with people. Rev. J. A. Burgess and his people had made all necessary preparation for the services, using a printed bulletin. Various ministers took part in the morning service. The sermon for the occasion was preached by Dr. Paul Kennett, of High Point College. After the sermon the church was dedicated by the President of the Annual Conference. Also, the President of the Conference preached at the afternoon service. The present building was erected some few years ago but had not been formally dedicated because the debt had not been paid. But now the debt is out of the way and the church has been dedicated. The building is faced with gray stone on the outside and is plastered on the inside. In addition to the regular auditorium there are two Sunday School rooms at either side of the church which can be made a part of the auditorium when needed. The entire building has a neatness about it which makes it one of our nicest rural churches. The organization here is one of the oldest in our Conference and it has sent, perhaps, more men into the ministry than any other church which we have. I trust that the coming years may be just as fruitful as those in the past. This is Brother Burgess' second year on the charge and the people are delighted with his fine sermons. He is always popular wherever he serves.

Glen Raven Quarterly Conference

Leaving Flat Rock in the afternoon I drove to the Glen Raven church on the Glen Raven charge to hold the third quarterly conference at the evening hour. This charge was at that time without a pastor on account of the death of Rev. R. S. Troxler who has been pastor of the charge for the past three years. Even though Brother Troxler had not been able to render much service during the year, the reports showed considerable activity. A considerable effort had been made to keep the salary paid to date since the pastor had had such considerable expense during his long illness. The part of the salary still due was arranged for. Also the family of the pastor was given the unanimous permission to remain in the parsonage until the next session of the Conference at least. The chief item of business was to get a pastor to finish out the remainder of the year. Several names were presented and it was decided to take a secret ballot. When this was counted it was found that Brother Charlie Coble, of Haw River had received the largest number of votes whereupon I appointed him as supply pastor for the remainder of the year. Brother Coble is a licensed ministerial student and has preached for these people a number of times during the year. He hopes to enter school again this fall to complete his preparation for the ministry.

A Sunday on the Creswell Charge

Last Sunday was spent on the Creswell Charge, Rev. Forrest Wagoner, pastor; the appointments being at Creswell at 11, Woodley's Chapel at 3 and Mt. Hermon at 8 p. m. These churches are on the south side of the Albemarle Sound and are on the north side of Lake Phelps, an inland lake nine by twelve miles in size. The Sunday morning appointment at Creswell was extra, the pastor being at the regular appointment at Mt. Hermon. But the congregation at Creswell was about the usual size, so I was told. The congregation at Woodley's Chapel in the afternoon was considered very good for this place which has a small membership. At Mt. Hermon at the evening hour the house was almost filled with people. This charge has the disadvantage of being so far removed from the rest of the Conference. However, they are carrying on and are greatly delighted with their pastor. Brother Wagoner is spending his first year with them and is giving himself whole heartedly to the work. He is hopeful that the charge will pay everything in full this year.

Third Quarterly Reports

The report blanks for the third quarterly reports will be mailed out this week. It is requested that they be returned as quickly as possible. And it is earnestly urged that all pastors return them.

The Third Quarterly Assembly

Again, I am giving notice that the Third Quarterly Assembly will be held at the State Street church in Lexington on Monday, September 5, beginning at 10:30 a. m. The program is being worked out and it is hoped that it may be ready to pritn in the Herald next week. Anyway, let every pastor who can do so make plans immediately to be present. We want to plan for the remainder of the year.

Appointments

Sunday, August 14—Rockingham Charge, Rockingham at 11 a. m. and Bethesda at 3 p. m.

Sunday, August 21—Anderson Charge, Fairview at 11 a. m. and Liberty Hill at night.

Sunday, August 28—Asheville, 11 a. m.; Mountain Valley at 3 p. m.; and Clark's Chapel at night.

J. E. Pritchard.

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“The Waking World”

O Master of the waking world,
Who hast the nations in Thy heart—
The heart that bled and broke to send
God's love to earth's remotest part—
Show us anew in Calvary
The wondrous power that makes men free.

On every side the walls are down,
The gates swing wide to every land,
The restless tribes and races feel
The pressure of Thy pierced hand;
The way is in the sea and air,
Thy world is open everywhere.

We hear the throb of surging life,
The clank of chains, the curse of greed,
The moan of pain, the futile cries
Of superstition's cruel creed;
The peoples hunger for Thee, Lord,
The isles are waiting for Thy word.

O Church of God, awake! Awake!
The waking world is calling thee.
Lift up thine eyes! Hear thou once more
The challenge of humanity.
O Christ, we come! our all we bring
To serve Thy World and Thee, our King.

—*Frank Mason North.*

Worth Remembering

Our Constitution is no stronger than the moral attachment of the people.—*Senator Bailey.*

God wastes no history. In every age and in every land He is working for the elucidation of some moral truth, some riper culture for the character of man.—*Phillips Brooks.*

A love that is proof against all must be always trustful; for an abiding love grounds in trust. There can be no persistent, glad sacrifice for men, without faith in men, in their possibilities, and in their future.—*Dr. Henry C. King.*

The value of a hitching post is in the fact that you can find it precisely where you leave it. A principle is something “to tie to,” because it does not change. When you have laid hold of a principle, young men, you will know where to find yourselves, and the world will know where to find you. Trying to impulse or to mere notion, however popular, is being bound Mazeppa-like where you will be tomorrow.—*Josiah Strong.*

As a Man Thinketh in His Heart

The range of human thought is wonderful. The globe is a mighty large affair, being some 24,000 miles in circumference. But it does not afford the human mind sufficient range, it must roam into the infinite spaces above us; consider the heavens, the works of the finger of God, the moon and stars ordained of Him. And these are inhabited or uninhabited as man thinks them to be. The earth is flat or round as a man thinketh. It was created in six days of twenty-four hours, or came into being through a process of millions of years, as a man thinketh. To him it is ever as he thinks it to be.

So life with all its opportunities is never more than we think it to be. That is, it is good or bad, fine or poor, as we think it to be. The wise man of old said, ‘‘As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.’’ His conviction of truth, his purpose supported by his will, makes him. In this sense religion takes its shape through our thinking. It is lifted out of ignorance and superstition through knowledge, the result of thinking. People are to be pitied who depend entirely upon their emotions for their religious conduct. Jesus pitched conduct upon choice, the will. ‘‘Ye will not come unto me.’’ ‘‘If any man will do,’’ etc., he shall know the doctrine. ‘‘Whosoever will may come.’’ In all the messages of our Lord we fail to find a statement which implies that a man is as he feels. He may really feel bad but be good; and he may feel good and be bad. But he who has purposed in his heart not to defile himself, will be found among the justified in the presence of our Lord.

So one must justify in himself the sins of covetousness, lust, malice, envy and such before they can master him. Not until they have taken possession of his soul by his consent is he their slave. The fleeting impulse never enslaves us, let it be what it may. ‘‘As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.’’ That which a man agrees with, loves, admires, approves; that is the thing which moves him up or pulls him down.

The Editor of the Herald Takes a Vacation

Keeping up the custom of former editors of this paper we suspended publication for one week. We took off two Sundays, and now we begin again, ready to make the Herald serve the Conference as best it may, and hope personally to present the Fellowship Crusade in as many churches as may be open to us. We have much to do if we shall accomplish all we have hoped to accomplish by the time of the meeting of the Annual Conference.

Many pastors must bestir themselves if their charges shall secure the full quotas of subscriptions and raise an amount equal to $1.00 per member for the Crusade by Conference. Let's make these three months LOYALTY MONTHS. Let us show our loyalty to the Church we love by doing our very best to secure the three objectives. Last year at this time the following charges had secured their full quotas of Herald subscriptions: Cleveland, Concord, Danville, Denton, Draper, Graham, Calvary, West End, Greensboro; Liberty, Midway, Mill Grove, Siler City and Whitakers. Compare this list with the one in this week's Herald. See who is absent.

A Cloud of Witnesses

The writer to the Hebrews concludes a list of valiant souls who had endured hardships, stood up under persecution, remained faithful in times when others deserted; suffered famine, peril and death for the cause of the Lord whom they had pledged to serve. A noble company. These, said the writer, are our witnesses. ‘‘Wherefore, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." What a challenge to pass on to us.

Let us today recall the faithfulness of those who preceded us and try to do even better than they did in their day. If indeed they today look down upon us what can they say of our faithfulness? Surely we want to have their approval, but how can we get that approval unless we shall like them faithfully serve the same Lord and Master they served.

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Hurrah for Catawba. The advocates of liquor stores received a most signal defeat in Catawba county last Saturday. The advocates of the liquor stores have worked hard and are by no means quitting. The devil never quits and whoever heard of an advocate of the liquor interests quitting? However, the results of last Saturday are encouraging to all who oppose the operation of these stores.

Three Months and Then—

All pastors and Church officials especially ought to mark November 8th on their calendar, for that day is a most important day to all Church workers in the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina. The books close on that day; the records will be made so that what is written must remain written. Those who have been faithful will receive the reward of the faithful. And those who have been more concerned about other matters than the Conference claims, pastors' salary, increase in Church membership, paying off Church debts, etc., will have many regrets to rise up and trouble them. No pastor, no Church official, nor Church member who cares two straws for his Church, should remain idle during these months. "Let us then be up and doing with a heart for any fate."

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It hardly seems necessary to prolong this appeal. If our hearts have been moved to help, we will not delay sending in the money. So I am giving notice that we shall close the Fund, at least so far as I may have anything to do with it, two weeks from today. Whatever comes in will be reported in the HERALD for that week. "In as much as ye did it unto one of these . . . ye did it unto Me." The response has been wonderful. The need is still great. Mrs. Troxler is deeply appreciative.

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YOUTH

Youth is not a time of life — it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips, and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the emotions; it is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear, and despair — these are the long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether 70 or 16, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and the starlike things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing childlike appetite for what next, and the joy and the game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart there is a wireless station. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, grandeur, and power from the earth, from men, and from the Infinite, so long are you young.

When the wires are all down, and all the central place of your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then are you grown old indeed — and may God have mercy on your soul.—*Selected.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Four Types of Temperament

According to the old, classic philosophers, there are four types of temperament. Aside from the four particular groups there are, to be sure, every shade and mixture of temperament between these outstanding classes. Yet, roughly speaking, all humanity may be labeled one or the other category. Certain individuals, again, may seem to possess two or more characteristics as if to belong to more than one temperamental order.

First is the *sanguine* type. This pattern of personality is known for its shallow, responsive, fleeting interests. It is easily aroused and easily cooled. It is caught by the fancy of the moment. People of this temperament are lively, impressionable, and easily led. They are usually good company, not taking life seriously enough to burden you down with their philosophy and solemn meditations upon life. Most children exhibit the sanguine temperament. They, you know, are interested in one thing today and something else tomorrow or even earlier. Perhaps the best thing about this type of person is the light, jolly, sunny attitude on everything in general. It is refreshing — in case they do not bore you — to come into fellowship with this sort of folk. They are wholesome, versatile, and optimistic. Their danger lies in their superficiality. They may scatter their interests and ability over so much territory that their energy is lost in a jack-of-all-trades approach to life.

The *melancholic* temperament comes next. In this group we have the serious, gloomy individuals — those given to moods and brooding. They take life seriously and often make great contributions to poetry and religion. They are known for depth of emotion. They not only think seriously, but they feel deeply. They are of a melancholy disposition. This temperament, says MacCunn, ''dips deep in moods, and is prone to brood over them till they touch the dark fringe of morbidity.'' One danger of this group is its tendency to feed upon emotion for its own sake. It enjoys deep feelings and gathers them up as a sort of sentimental luxury. People of this sort can hardly get over a grief or disappointment, but brood upon it long after their neighbors of the sanguine type have let it go and have found enjoyment in some new endeavor. Many good people belong to this classification, however. They may be a little long-faced, but they are serious, profound, always looking deeply into the meaning of human existence. If you belong to this temperament I think you are in good company.

Then there is the *choleric* type. Here we have those persons known for their determination of purpose. The lad who starts out to be a printer or a preacher, and who clings to the ideal until manhood finds him in his chosen field, illustrates this group. Persistence in action marks this type. Perhaps the interest one selects and wishes to follow is rather narrow; yet one thing is sure: he has something to live for, and that is saying quite a bit. The man who has loved money-making ever since he sold his first rabbit, or the girl who adored music since the day she struck the first key — these fall into the choleric class. Such individuals find success easier because they are governed by a deep, native urge to move in a certain direction.

Finally, there is what is called the *phlegmatic* temperament. People of this group are known for their slow, calm, undisturbed natures. You cannot upset them. They are never excited, nor perturbed. In sorrow they are steady, in panic unafraid. They are slow, indeed never get in a hurry. Not flighty nor nervous, they serve as a balance among their more excitable neighbors. I have great respect for this temperament. Of course it is rather clam-like, inaccessible. Individuals of this type are cool, impersonal, distant, and hard to impress. Tell a joke and they may not laugh; preach a sermon and they show no signs of emotion. What they are, they are. But after all they possess poise and stability. And I like to see them around when everybody else is losing his head in emotion. The phlegmatic man may be terribly slow, but he at least possesses his own soul, and this is more than you can say about most of us.

RELATION OF TEMPERANCE TO CHARACTER

International Sunday School Lesson for August 14, 1938

By REV. J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—Proverbs 4:10-23; 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8.

Golden Text—''Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; And whosoever erreth thereby is not wise.'' Prov. 20:1.

In his commencement address to the recent graduating class of the University of Georgia Mr. Edwin R. Embree, president of the Julius Rosenwald Foundation, made a plea for the revival of the good old southern ideal of an educated man as one who is ''a scholar, a gentleman and a judge of good whisky.'' As the Christian Century has suggested this statement may have been made whimsically or possibly it was made in an effort to get away from the usual platitudes of a commencement address. But still it is a little bit beyond the kind of humor that some of us can appreciate as has been indicated by the attitude of the southern press. Whether said humorously or not the statement implys a tolerance of a state of affairs that is becoming all too prevalent, a belief that a cocktail has its place in a party of well-to-do people, a belief that the final course to be served to a little social gathering should be a well-mixed drink, a belief that to be able to take a drink and still keep oneself in control is one of the crowning virtues of culture. Liquor never wins approval from respectable people through the drunkard that is down and out but it always wins sympathy through those who pass as gentlemen and scholars as well as judges of good whisky. Highway and magazine advertizing never shows a picture of the man in the gutter but rather pictures of well-dressed men and women who are examples of prosperity and social standing. At least liquor manufacturers can agree with Mr. Embree, but as for my part whenever being a judge of good whisky becomes a mark of a educated man I choose to take my place with the illiterate. Drinking is like every other vice, it is none the better or less treacherous for being clothed in tuxedos or evening dresses.

In regard to advertizing it is interesting to remember the cry for more freedom which was so common a few years ago. The argument was that prohibition interferred with the rights of men. Well, I wonder if respectable people do not have the right to read a magazine without having a beer ad thrust in their faces. Do people not have a right to ride the highways without being subjected to a powerful scheme of education which is calculated to tear down individual resistance to strong drink or else to enlarge the per cubic tankage of those who have no resistance? Does the right to drink mean the unprohibited right to teach children from Christian homes to drink also? Long ago Jacob, the shrewd business man, took advantage of the weakness of his brother, Esau. That is what the liquor manufacturer is doing in a very adroit manner today. He is no friend of society; he is simply profiting by the weakness of men. He is encouraging those who have no better sense than to become slaves to their appetites.

Now that most everyone knows the dangers of liquor I suspect is beyond question. From Solomon down to our own day the better minds have been reminding the world of its destructive qualities just as science and medicine is doing today. In other words the wisdom of the ages points to the dangers of drinking. To ignore that wisdom is a sign of stupidity as well as of sin. It is true that some people drink lightly some or all of their lives without suffering any serious consequences so far as the world can see. No one will deny that. It is also true that a slot machine will pay back as much as one puts in it occasionally. But the fact remains that liquor and slot machines were made to cheat people. I like to take a chance, but I want it to be an intelligent one. I want it to be a chance of winning and not altogether a chance of losing. It may be possible to drink and get by with it but no one can claim that liquor has ever added to this spiritual or moral strength. That wine is a mocker of those who think to out-wit it is a settled fact. To say that whosoever erreth thereby is not wise is expressing it much more mildly than it might be expressed. Intelligence as well as righteousness points to the virtue of sobriety.

Yes, an individual may drink and get by with it, but a Christian is not one who is simply trying to get by with things. This is a fact we constantly overlook and so spend our time talking about the things we can't do and still be Christian rather than the things we may do to make us better Christians. The Christian life is one that is lived by a positive standard as an individual seeks to follow that way of life that contributes to the strengthening of his own character, the enrichment of his own spirit and to the glorification of Christ within the society of men. Whenever I become convinced that liquor will contribute to my efficiency in Christian living or to my usefulness as a citizen then I shall consider the use of it more sympathetically, until then I shall point to other traits and accomplishments as marks of an educated man.

Truly our Christian life begins in an uplift, but the road to perfection leads uphill all the way. From the exalted heights we understand rightly the meaning of "full salvation."—Ex.

SPRING MIRACLE FOR A DIME

I paid a dime for a package of seed
And the clerk tossed it out with a flip.
"We've got 'em assorted for every man's need."
He said with a smile on his lip.
"Pansies and poppies and asters and peas—
Ten cents a package! And pick as you please!"

Now seeds are just dimes to the man in the store,
And dimes are the things that he needs;
And I've been to buy them in seasons before,
But have thought of them merely as seeds;
But it flashed through my mind as I took them this time,
"You have purchased a miracle here for a dime!"

"You've a dime's worth of power no man can create;
You've a dime's worth of life in your hand!
You've a dime's worth of mystery, destiny, fate,
Which the wisest cannot understand.
In this bright little package—now isn't it odd?—
You've a dime's worth of something known only to God."

Not only the seed, but the plants are here,
With their petals of various hues;
From these little pellets, so dry and so queer,
Mother Nature will answer her cues.
Here is one of God's miracles soon to unfold,
Thus for ten cents an ounce is Destiny sold!

—*Author Unknown.*

ABSOLUTELY CORRECT

Addressing the fathers and mothers of students attending Gonzaga (Roman Catholic) High School, Washington, D. C., Police Court Judge Edward M. Curran recently charged that parents who fail to exert control over their children are largely responsible for juvenile crime. Said his Honor:

"If you parents and teachers would accept your responsibility in fuller measure I'd have less to do."

The jurist pointed out the necessity of instilling in children respect for their parents, adding:

"If they have respect for parents, they will have respect for the law when they grow up. The solution to the crime problem—if any there be—lies in the cradle; and that's where the parents' duty comes in."

Speaking from his experience on the bench, Judge Curran explained that most first thefts on the part of juveniles are for the purpose of obtaining money for movies, candy, or the admission price to a ball game. This petty thievery not only broadens in extent as the youthful perpetrators become bolder with success, but gradually involves higher "stakes." Finally, the grand larceny stage is reached, and the now hardened criminal, realizing the desperate chances he is taking, arms himself to resist apprehension and sooner or later—well, we all know the answer.

Stating that his own court shows an increase in crimes being committed in the District of Columbia, Judge Curran held that crime could be minimized whenever public sentiment is sufficiently aroused, *stays aroused,* and is wisely directed.—*L. W. in Supreme Council Bulletin.*

TRY ORANGE JUICE FOR THAT TIRED FEELING

For that tired feeling — try orange juice.

No, it's not an advertisement, and for orange juice you can substitute any other fresh fruit or vegetable that contains plenty of anti-scurvy vitamin C. The list of such foods runs from apples and cabbages to tomatoes.

Tiredness, along with ''rheumatism, anemia and other common afflictions'' may result from lack of vitamin C, it appears from an announcement of research by Dr. Lawrence E. Detrick, research associate in chemistry on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

Dr. Detrick believes that the ''deep-seated cause'' of these conditions is borderline scurvy, due to not eating enough vitamin C. Violent survy, due to complete lack of vitamin, is a disease of past history, but borderline scurvy is ''more prevalent today than is generally realized,'' Dr. Detrick stated.

Wounds of animals fed plenty of vitamin C in orange juice healed much faster and withstood greater pressure than those of animals that were given scanty amounts of orange juice, although the latter animals got enough vitamin C to escape severe scurvy.

Dr. Detrick is conducting his research under a grant from the California Fruit Growers' Exchange. — *Science News Letter.*

AMERICANISM IN REVERSE

Mormons in and around Salt Lake City, Utah, are going without two meals on certain days, donating the money equivalent to construction of a regional warehouse for storage of this year's bumper crops.

The reason is melancholy, but the action is not. The Mormons have been persuaded that a new depression is coming, worse than the one just ending. This is sad. But by way of meeting it, they are preparing to store up their own food and not to rely on the government to feed them, and this is anything but sad.

There is something about the old American independence of public help that does not lead to tears. Most Americans seem to have dropped it. The new style is to look to the government for everything, and it is useless to quarrel about it.

Nevertheless, when one does encounter a group whose ideal is personal independence, a group that has reversed the new trend and turned it in the old direction—well, there is quite a kick in it.—*Editorial in Baltimore Sun.*

ANCESTOR OF DINOSAURS EXHIBITED AT HARVARD

One of the world's oldest and oddest animals, the ship-lizard, is now on display in Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology. It lived in Texas some 225,000,000 years ago and its fossil remains were discovered and collected from the famous Texas red-beds by Prof. Alfred S. Romer, L. I. Price and R. V. Witter.

This ancient lizard, forerunner of the giant dinosaurs, gets its name from a sail-fin, two feet long, that runs along its backbone. It is about eight feet long, half tail and half body, and its head is only half a foot long. Scientists call it Edaphosaurus. — *Science News Letter.*

FINDS ANOTHER CLUE TO RIDDLE OF CHLOROPHYLL

Another clue to the riddle of how plants, ultimately responsible for the world's food supply for only plants can manufacture food from simple substances, combine carbon dioxide and water to form sugar was reported by Dr. E. D. McAlister, of the Smithsonian Institute.

Chlorophyll, the green coloring matter of leaves and also the chemical which enables plants to manufacture food, acts as a single molecule at a time and not in large groups, he told the Philosophical Society of Washington.

''Looking inside'' a plant by means of his new spectrophotometer, which he invented recently, while the plant was ''waking up'' after being left in the dark for varying periods has enabled him to reach this conclusion, another step toward the still future day when scientists will attempt to duplicate one of nature's fundamental processes.—*Science News Letter.*

OTHERS

Others, Lord, yes others,
Let this my motto be.
Help me to live for others
That I may live for thee.

Carve your name high o'er the shifting sand
Where the steadfast rocks defy decay;
You can hold in your dead hand
Only what you have given away.

Count your wide conquests of sea and land,
Heap up the gold and hoard as you may;
All you can hold in your cold dead hand
Is what you have given away.

Culture and fame and gold—Ah so grand;
Kings of the Salon, the mart of the day,
All you can hold in your cold dead hand
Is what you have given away.

LIGHTNING MAY BE SLOW AND MINUS THUNDER

Next time you say ''quick as greased lightning,'' you'd better qualify that word ''lightning'' with ''quick lightning.''

For K. B. McEachron, General Electric engineer, reports that he has found ''slow'' lightning that produces no thunder when its leisurely bolts traverse the sky.

''Our studies,'' he reports, ''have revealed that in some cases the electrical current is built up and released slowly; that is, in one- or two-tenths of a second as compared to millionths of a second in other discharges.

''This so-called slow lightning produces no thunder. To the human eye it looks the same, and during a general storm the fact that one has heard no thunder in connection with any given stroke is generally overlooked.''

Thunder is the result of a pressure wave caused by the sudden expansion of air created by a quick lightning discharge.—*Science News Letter.*

OUR STORY PAGE

HOW ROSALIA GOT TO CHICAGO

One night as Rosalia and her family were eating their supper, she heard her father say, "Mamma, tomorrow we move on to California. Better you get the 'keeds' ready early."

When Rosalia was four years old and her brother, Manuel, was ten, her mother and father had left their home in Mexico and come to the United States. Ever since Rosalia and her family had moved from place to place, working in the fields of lettuce and onions, cotton and fruits, in order to earn a living. "There go the 'croppers' again!" she used to hear people say as they started off for another town or state. But Rosalia did not mind what people called them. She liked to travel and see new people and places. And, besides, there was always the secret hope that maybe some time they would find a place where she and her mother and the children wouldn't have to work so hard. And what if there were a little time for play, and maybe school! But it never seemed to happen.

That night, when Rosalia's family had finished their supper, Rosalia helped her mother pack the few things they owned, and her father and Manuel fastened them onto the old car. On the top they tied their two rolled-up mattresses and a couple of sagging bed springs. Onto the back was tied the old oil stove on which Rosalia's mother cooked their meals. To the sides were fastened enamel dishes, cooking pots and pans, bedding, boxes of clothing, packages wrapped in newspapers. There was even a baby carriage that some one in the cotton fields had given them. Manuel and the little brother and their father and the dog were in the front seat. The mother and Rosalia and Nita and the baby brother, together with the pretty geraniums, were crowded into the back seat. It was a funny sight to watch as the father started the old car. It didn't look as though it would be able to drag its own weight, but finally with a chug and a gasp and a sound that was almost like an explosion it was off. Rattle-ka-bang-rattle-ka-bang, it went.

"They'll never get a mile away," you'd have said. But they did. In fact, they finally reached California, tired and dirty, but not discouraged. One bright morning found them at breakfast in a tumble-down shack, and a few minutes later they were on their way to the cantaloupe fields, Rosalia, Manuel, Nita and their father and mother. All morning the baby played by himself strapped into the carriage they had brought from Texas.

The family stayed in this house many weeks, for there was lettuce to be picked and later fruits and nuts to be harvested. Manuel and Rosalia wanted to move again, but their father said it was better for the car if they did not move so often. Later came the news that there were beets to be topped in Colorado, and once more the family packed their belongings into the old car and once more they were off.

"It's better I get a job in the meat-packing houses in Chicago," Manuel's father said to his mother one night after they had worked in the winter beets a few weeks. "How will the 'keeds' ever learn to read and write like the Americans if we keep jumping around like the grasshopper?"

"Yes, how will they, I ask?" answered Tony's mother. "Tonight I write to my sister Angela in Chicago. She will ask Pedro to get you a job," she said. And so it was that a few weeks later the car was once again loaded for another move, this time to Chicago. Even Manuel's father wondered if the old rattletrap of a car could possibly hold together until they reached the end of the trail. It did, however. But any one with imagination would understand that the groan the car gave, as many days later it stopped in front of Uncle Pedro's and plainly said, "Goodbye, Manuel! Goodbye, Rosalia! I'm afraid I've moved you for the last time, but I'm glad I lasted until I got you to Chicago. Now you can go to school."

So it was that Manuel and Rosalia and their family became a part of the great city we call Chicago. At last they would have a chance to go to school, even though they must begin in the lower grades. But they would learn to read and write like the Americans — they would, that is, unless Rosalia's father lost his job and they must once more go back to the crops.—*Florence Hayes, in The Presbyterian Tribune.*

NAUGHTY BILL

He knew his name quite well, and should have come when he was called, but when told to come into the little stone house and go to bed, he preferred to stay outside and play.

Bill was a large baby seal in the zoo at San Antonio, Texas. He could eat as many fish as his father and mother. When the keeper told the trio to go in the house and go to bed, Bill hid under the water.

The keeper called for help, and the two men beat the water with long sticks to scare Bill, but he was too smart to be hurried that way. So they resorted to a trick. The keeper called the older seals out to the feeding rock, and came with another bucket of fish. Bill came for his share of the fish, but instead of feeding them outside, the keeper said, "Come into the house and get your fish." Bill was perfectly still for a time, but as the keeper beat the water and called with greater zeal, Bill began to get scared. He swam close to the steps leading up to the stone house and shot through the door so fast no one could see him going. Just before the door closed I heard a terrible smack and I knew Bill had gotten his wallop from the keeper.—*Albert N. Wolff in The Presbyterian.*

WORKING FOR ETERNITY

Never mind where your work is.

Never mind whether it be visible or not.

Never mind whether your name is associated with it. You may never see the issues of your toil. You are working for eternity. If you cannot see results here, remember that God does see, and if you are faithful now, your works will follow you. And so, do your duty and trust in God—*Alexander MacLaren in The Builder.*

"This old world we are living in is mighty hard to beat, we get a thorn with every rose but ain't the roses sweet."—*Taken from the Rock Pillars in Grove Park Inn, Asheville,*

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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MESSAGE FROM BRANCH PRESIDENT

As president of the N. C. Branch of Woman's Work, I feel much embarrassed at the small amount paid our State Treasurer on Mr. Minnis' salary. Without a dissenting vote at our annual meeting in Burlington, we assumed the whole support of Mr. Minnis, amounting to $1500. $375.00 is already past due on his salary for the first quarter of our year, and during that quarter our Treasurer received only $28.22 with which to meet the payment. How would you like to receive your salary in such a fashion if you were thousands of miles from home? This of course means that the Board of Missions has had to take money from some other source than the N. C. Branch in order to pay the salary of OUR MISSIONARY, if he has received any salary.

Now that our attention has been called to it, let us all pay our share of Minnis salary during this and next month, if possible, so that neither the N. C. Branch Treasurer, the Board of Missions, nor Mr. Minnis will be embarrassed further.

I am sorry for Mr. Minis to read in the Herald how little we have done. Surely churches without auxiliaries will respond to Mrs. H. C. Nicholson's appeal in the Herald of July 28 and send some of their World Service funds to Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Treasurer, designated for Minnis Salary.

Yours in the Master's service,
MRS. R. M. ANDREWS,
President, N. C. Branch.

LETTER FROM BROTHER MINNIS

Dhulia, W. Khandesh, India,
July 8. 1938.

Dear Friends:

Two weeks ago today we returned from the hills. I failed to take my typewriter, so there was no letter during the hot season. I left for the hills the latter part of April and was exceedingly glad to get away. I had to remain here to see that the most important work on the new church walls was done properly. This was the first hot season I ever stayed later than the middle of April. You at home have a hot day once in a while, but this time I was on top of the building in this tropical sun when the heat in the shade ran day after day 114 to 116 degrees. It simply took the life out of me. I was therefore very tired when I did get away. But the stay in the hills was a grand rest. We came back feeling very fit (as our British friends would say).

Since returning it has been very close and hot, with heavy clouds, but no rain. The rains came earlier this time than usual and many seeds had been planted. But we found ourselves behind, both with flowers and vegetables. So since we came back we have been going both day and night, cleaning and planting and looking after the church work. All the garden looked like it would dry up in spite of all we could do. All the plants Mrs. Minnis had put out had to be watered by hand, as our pump was not working. Yesterday the weather was so sticky that one felt like sitting down and sitting all day. But about four in the afternoon it began to thunder, and from five until late in the night it poured. So we are all very happy this morning. Now I am sitting under a tree in the yard. It is eight o'clock. The clouds are heavy and very low, but it is cool and most delightful. The grass looks green again and everything seems happy.

One of the village preachers came along and asked for help in his sermon for Sunday. Every stream is flowing freely this morning, and he has taken for his text, "The stream dried up." But we made a few changes and he will be able to talk for 30 minutes. I had to caution him that he was not to try to talk more than 20 minutes, yet with the help I gave and what he will add, we are surely in for 45 minutes. I am the chairman of the pulpit supply committee, so they all come to me for suggestions. It is a delight to help them when time will allow me to sit an hour or two with them.

Possibly you are wondering how the new church is progressing. I am happy to report good progress. The truck with corregated tin has just come from Bombay, and the men will begin putting on the top at noon today. One tower is done, and the other is above the top of the walls. Other workmen are tamping the earth to make the clay hard so we can lay the floor. We shall use flat stone for the floor. We hope that some time in September or by the latest we can open the church on the first Sunday in October. You cannot see how happy our people are, since we have gone along with fears lest we should be forced to discontinue the work when our local funds were finished; when. just when we had no more money, a check for $1,000 came from the Board. Now everyone is in the finest spirit.

I wish that you could take a walk with me and see how the work at the church is being done. We needed fine stone for the concrete to be put under the stone for the floor. So all the chips from the stone were put aside. Two days ago a contract was given to some women to break the stone into small bits. They brought their hammers and sat on the ground and began breaking the stone. The master told me that they contracted to break the stone into fine bits for about 60 cents per 100 cubic feet. How many miles of stone road India has I cannot begin to tell, but it has all been broken into little stone by hammers and not done by stone crushers. Imagine also great buildings made of brick, and every brick made of mud, one at a time by hand. Formerly they were burned by using all the sweepings of the streets and laying a row of brick and a layer of trash. Recently they have begun to use a cheap grade of coal. There is so much labor and great wages cannot be paid if everyone is to receive a little.

We were glad to read of the Southern Methodist vote on Union. We in India have already begun to practice union. We had a fine meeting on May 24, with our British Methodists meeting with us. At the hill station, Kodai Kanal, the M. E. people are not so many, but the English are very strong. So we all three bodies met together and had a most excellent time. All three bodies had parts in the services. For next year we have rented a house from the M. E. Mission with the hope that union will soon be here. We will get a house free when union comes about. Also this season we are sending a boy to the Methodist Theological Seminary about 400 miles away. I believe I have already told you that on the name plate on the new church we put "Methodist Church" only.

The work on the church is moving along well, and we are adding workmen so I have to stay near all the time. I am called to come and see something ever so often. As you know, we are doing the work without the assistance of a contractor or architect. We made our own plans and hired the workmen to do the work. It has called for very close supervision, but it has been lots of fun.

Just before leaving Kodai Kanal, Bettie Jean fell and broke her wrist. It gave her lots of trouble for three days, and I took her to a big mission hospital about 75 miles away and had an X-ray made. We stayed longer than we planned because of the accident. But when we left she was attending classes and was enjoying herself as if nothing was wrong at all. Last week when she wrote she never mentioned it at all, so it must be well. Jess and Jean are both greatly enjoying school.

It has been raining again and I had to come inside.

There were so many birthday cards this time that I am not able to thank everyone personally for them. So I want to take this opportunity to thank you now.

Wishing for all of you a pleasant summer with blessings in your homes and churches, I remain,

Sincerely,
J. F. MINNIS.

NOTICE

Revival services will begin at Hebron church, Orange charge, Sunday, August 14. Rev. J. D. Morris, of Pinnacle charge, and father of the pastor, will be the preacher. The services on Sunday will be morning and afternoon, with dinner on the grounds. There will be morning and night services throughout the remainder of the week. The public is cordially invited.

C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AT FLAT ROCK

Third quarterly conference will convene at Bethany church at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, August 13, before the second Sunday. All official members will please take notice.

J. A. BURGESS.

Teacher: "How many of you children want to go to heaven?"

All the children raised their hands except Johnny.

Teacher: "But, Johnny, don't you want to go to heaven?"

Johnny: "My mother told me to come straight home after school."—Ex.

Young Donald had told his favorite uncle that his mother was very funny about some things. When the uncle asked why he thought so, Donald said: "Well, when we have mince pie for dinner she asks me whether I will have some, but when we have spinach, she just gives it to me."—Ex.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

The following is our financial report for two weeks. The last offering to come in for Home Coming day was from Tabernacle, on Tabernacle charge, for $7.00.

Regular Offerings

Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	$ 7.53
Kistler's Union, Cleveland	3.00
Hope S. S., Siler City, May, June, July	2.27
Greensboro, no name given, two coupons and	1.00
Mt. Zion S. S., Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, June and July	7.00
Union Chapel, Granville	11.10
Caroleen S. S.	4.81
Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.00
Ladies' Aid society, Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00
Harmony Grove, W. Forsyth	2.66
Mitchell's Grove S. S., Guilford	3.00
Cedar Cliff S. S., Mt. Hermon	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Johnson, Maiden, N. C.	10.00
Bess Chapel S. S.	1.78
China Grove S. S.	1.81
N. C. Branch, Woman's Auxiliary, by the Treasurer	107.48
New Salem S. S., Randleman	2.00
Friendship, Fallston	4.06
Vickery's S. S., Guilford	2.95
Midway S. S., Greensboro Road	4.50
Mr. P. P. Richards, Lawndale, feeding child	30.00
Surratt Family Reunion, Pine Grove, Mt. Zion	6.47
Bellmont S. S., Mt. Hermon	3.81
Harmony S. S., Yarboroughs	1.00
Mt. Pleasant S. S., Mt. Zion	2.38
Canaan S. S., N. Davidson	3.50
Men's Bible class, First church, Thomasville, July and August	6.85

Just a bit of addition will show you that our income for these two weeks totals $254.96. Of this amount the N. C. Branch, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Johnson, and Mr. P. P. Richards contributed $147.48, leaving only $107.48 contributed by the churches and Sunday schools for the two weeks. Yesterday was the first Sunday in August, and whatever was given for the Home is in the hands of your treasurer, and the most of it will reach us before you read this. We hope it is a good offering.

Three Months Till Conference

You have just three months before conference, or just three offerings from each Sunday school, in which to help us balance our budget. Our budget is badly out of balance right now, but a real good offering from each Sunday school for the three months will go far toward balancing it.

Don't forget us!

Clothing and Other Gifts

Dr. J. H. Cutchin, Whitakers, one large refrigerator for our milk house.

Missionary society, Three Rivers, Mich., a box of clothing, towels, sheets, and other articles.

Friends of Denton, 10 bushels of Irish potatoes.

We are so thankful for all these gifts of money and substance, and for the thoughtfulness of our people in caring for the needs of the children gathered here. God bless and prosper each of you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"MY ATTITUDE TOWARDS GOD"

Topic for August 21, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 15—My belief in God. II Tim. 1:12.

Tuesday, August 16—My worship of God. Psalm 103:1-13.

Wednesday, August 17—My confidence in God. Dan. 3:14-18.

Thursday, August 18—My obedience. Phil. 3:12-14.

Friday, August 19—My fellowship with God. I John 1:1-10.

Saturday, August 20—My conception of God. John 14:1-12.

The Text: Acts 17:22-30.

Today many forces are in operation to prevent the easy attainment of a joyous spiritual experience. The air is filled with doubt; confidence and trust seem to have fallen into disuse. "The modern interpretation of the Bible has worked havoc in the ranks of believers. So long as the Scriptures were considered a direct and inerrant message from God to man, their power was unquestioned. Practically every person believed the Bible literally, word for word, and stood in awe of its terrible threats. To doubt the inspired Message was to become a sort of religious outcast. Recent scholarship has divested the Book of some of its mystical qualities." To scholars this has not made the Bible less beautiful or less full of messages to sinners, but for many the loss of mystery has destroyed the Bible for them.

Young people are having a much harder job to decide what to believe than did their forefathers. On every hand they are met with doubts concerning God. A few Sundays ago I heard a group of young people discussing God. "What is God like?" "What shape does He have?" "Is He a God of love?" These young people were attempting to analyze their attitude towards God. It is a difficult thing to do. As Dr. P. E. Lindley writes in "Human Nature and the Church," "It is unwise to try to make ratilonalists of everybody when so few possess adequate equipment with which to begin. More people can be saved through emotion than through intellect."

The world today is also questioning the goodness of God. The Scripture today is being questioned in the face of humanity's great suffering. Can we believe there is a God who loves us in the face of war, crime, famine, and other stark tragedies? Today men and women long for that sense of certainty that God is love. As Dr. Lindley writes, "Providence may mark the sparrow's fall but scores of people fail to see signs of the same loving care in the puzzle of human affairs." We today too often have the faith in God until some great sorrow or blow hits us, and then our faith is not strong enough to withstand the blow. We today need "Faith of our fathers, holy faith, in spite of dungeon, sword or fire."

Many young people have difficulty in reconciling the facts of the Old and New Testament and that the God of the Old Testament was a God of word and the God of the New Testament is a God of love. The religion of the Hebrews in the time of the Old Testament was a nationalistic religion. The Jews were even expecting a political Messiah, who would set up his throne in Jerusalem and proclaim Israel's God as the ruler of all mankind. Jesus set himself up against all this. He reached back to the prophets and took all that was best in their idea of God and then expressed in one word all that he believed God was—Father. God feels with men as a father feels with his children,—loves them, suffers with them, seeks only their good, and cares for them all alike, whatever their creed, race, or color. Hardly a day goes by but something happens that a skeptic may point to as evidence that there is no God, or that he is one who does not care. Because God is our Father does not mean that He guarantees us freedom from hardship. The test of our faith is our belief; Jesus is our supreme example of this faith.

The Heart of the Eternal

(Frederick William Faber)

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice
Which is more than liberty.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word,
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord.

TOO MANY DEATHS

Preventable accidents are killing off North Carolinians at the rate of more than 1,600 a year, a study of vital statistics compiled by the State Board of Health shows.

During the year 1937, for which complete figures have been compiled, 1,633 persons were fatally injured. The total for the preceding year was 1,610.

Automobiles do their share of removing the earth's inhabitants, but there are other preventable routes taken by humanity. For example, last year's total of those who died from burns was 244, compared with 203 the preceding year. In 1937 there were 153 persons drowned, 88 died from firearms accidents, and 98 were victims of railroad accidents other than those connected with automobiles. In two brackets—accidents on railroads associated and disassociated with automobiles—decreases were shown. In 1936, 109 persons were killed in railroad accidents, as such, and 43 in combination railroad and automobile, as compared with 35 in 1937.—News Letter.

NOTE OF THANKS

We sincerely appreciate the many acts of kindness shown during the illness and death of our loved one, hubsand and father. To the many that helped to lighten the burden financially, we appreciate beyond words to express. May God bless each of you.

MRS. R. S. TROXLER and CHILDREN.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—We are now in the midst of our evangelistic campaign on this charge, and we will be in the special meeting at Greers' Chapel next week with Rev. H. W. Bell doing the preaching. Our next meeting will begin at Friendship the first Sunday in August, and Dr. Bethea has been secured to do the preaching in this meeting. There will be service at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday with dinner on the table for all.

On the third Sunday in August we will begin our meeting at Shiloh and Dr. J. D. Williams will do the preaching in this meeting. We have two services here on Sunday also with dinner for all, and we invite former pastors and friends of the churches to come and be with us and help us in this great work. We have some very definite work to do here in reaching sinners and backslidden church members, and we sincerely hope you will pray for us.

Our third quarterly conference was held at Greers' Chapel church on Saturday, July 23, at 2 p. m. All three churches were represented and the reports from the official members were very encouraging. Prayer meetings are being held weekly now in preparation for our revival. Financial reports of treasurers for Friendship and Shiloh are up to date on all claims. Brother Alvin Walser, of Friendship church, was declared the delegate to the next Annual Conference.

Shiloh church and Christian Endeavor society with the help of a few friends have just recently purchased a new General Electric refrigerator for the parsonage, and the pastor and family wish to express their very great appreciation to everyone who had any part in making the use of this refrigerator possible. To my mind nothing can be installed in a parsonage that is of greater convenience, and we are grateful for it.

The people here regret very much to learn of the death of Rev. R. S. Troxler, their former pastor who served faithfully and well for nine years. We extend our sympathy and prayers to the bereaved family.

C. E. RIDGE, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—On July 1st, death entered the Pleasant Union community, taking one of its oldest members, G. W. Staley, aged 73 years. The day of his death Mr. Staley helped thresh his wheat, apparently in good health. He leaves his wife, Lucinda Layton Staley, and five children—Mrs. John Sheppard, Auk Staley, Walter Staley, Mrs. Cleve Phillipi, all of Liberty, Route 2, and Harris Staley, of the home. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. A. Pollard, of Greensboro, and Rev. J. T. Bowman, of Thomasville, at Pleasant Union church, Sunday, July 5.

Rev. J. W. Braxton assisted Dr. C. W. Bates in a revival the past week at Friendship church, Haw River charge.

On Saturday night, July 23, the Business Girls' circle met at the home of Mrs. Guy Alexander. An interesting program was presented by Mrs. Trixie Suits, Mrs. Louise Shoffner, and Miss Sallie Amick, after which a social hour and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

After the Sunday school hour July 24, the Ladies' Auxiliary presented a short program and collection was taken to enable us to have more Memorial members. Mrs. Davie Shoffner, Secretary of Life and Memorial Members, was in charge of the service.

Last Sunday night we had the pleasure of having members of the Tabernacle church present the missionary play, "Ba Thane," in the Sunday school auditorium of our church. This play was well presented and all who saw it were deeply impressed.

Rev. George J. Murdock, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Worcester, N. Y., was a visitor in our midst Sunday night to see the play, "Ba Thane."

Rev. W. M. Howard, pastor of Halifax charge, is assisting Rev. J. W. Braxton in a revival this week at Pleasant Union church.

The regular Sunday school picnic will be held at the church Saturday afternoon, August 6. Plans are under way to provide a good time for all.

S. F. Wheeler, of Duke University, will help in our Vacation Church School the first week in August. The afternoon session will be for intermediates on "The Meaning of Church Membership." The night sessions will be for adults on "The Life of Christ."

We are looking forward to our revival, which will start the third Sunday in August. Rev. J. C. Madison of High Point will preach for us. Make your plans now to attend these services; it will be well worth your time.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

Bess Chapel, W. L. Harkey, Pastor.—The third quarterly conference of Lincolnton-Bess Chapel charge, will be held in Lincolnton Saturday night before the second Sunday in this month, on August 13. We hope for a good attendance. All officials are urged to be present with reports. The pastor is expecting Dr. Pritchard to be present for this meeting.

The annual meeting will begin at our church on the second Sunday morning. The pulpit help for this series of services will be Rev. R. L. Forbes, of Boger City, N. C.

Our fourteenth District Rally was held at Hebron church, Fallston charge, last Sunday. The attendance from our church was excellent, for which we are very grateful. Those on the program from Bess Chapel were Miss Avis Hull, Mrs. Guy Dellinger, and Miss Kate Kendrick; also a number of children from our Mission Band.

Mrs. E. A. Wehunt, a member of our church, has been very sick, but is very much improved now.

Mr. Lee Hauser continues to be ill at his home.

Mrs. W. R. Boyles, one of our oldest members, is confined to a wheel-chair with a broken hip. We hope for these a speedy recovery.

We are glad to welcome back to our church Mrs. Annie Hull Falls, who has been away for several years. She is one of our most faithful members; also we welcome Miss Tula Ivester, who has come to make her home in our community.

Several of our teachers have returned to take up their work in our school. We are glad to have them worship with us in church, Sunday school and Auxiliary.

Best wishes,

MRS. B. L. HEAVENER.

Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—On the first Sunday the assistant class leader, Mr. Edward Hawkins, held prayer service. His subject, "Weighed in the balances and found wanting," which brought out some very inspiring thoughts and helps.

On the Fourth Sunday evening in the absence of our pastor, who was holding a revival at Chase City, Rev. Leo Pittard preached in his place, bringing to us and refreshing in our minds just what the Apostles' Creed should mean to each and every one.

Pastor Trolinger didn't forget us as you know there was a fifth Sunday, so he brought to us an inspiring message Sunday evening.

Our revival began on the second Sunday, August 14. Rev. Surratt will assist Brother Trolinger. We need your prayer and presence. Come and be with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Harris are very proud of a little girl. Mrs. Harris, before her marriage, was Miss Myrtle Green. She is also a Sunday school teacher for the junior class.

Best wishes to all the Herald readers.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

Bethesda, North Davidson, Rev. Neese, Pastor.—The fifth Sunday in July was really a big day for our church Circuit Rally day. Each church on the work turned out in large numbers and splendid programs were given. We were indeed glad to have these good people worship with us and give them a hearty welcome to come again. It does us good to get together and learn one another better. We can do greater work for our Lord and Master.

Next Sunday is Home-coming. We are looking forward to another big day. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy the day with us. Our revival will begin at this time, also; Rev. J. C. Auman, of Thomasville, will be the help. Pray for us that great good will be accomplished in bringing souls to Christ.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

Mebane Church.—The third quarterly conference for this charge was held last Wednesday night. The reports or most of them were better than usual. There were several suggestions and recommendations made at this conference. Among them being the repairing and painting of the church. Also plans were adopted for the reaching of the delinquent church members, and enlisting them in the church program. The votes for delegate were counted and it was found that Mr. F. K. Smith had a majority of votes, so he will be the delegate at the Annual conference.

Our revival meeting began on June 22 and ran for eight days. Rev. J. Paul Pegg, pastor of the Granville charge, was our pulpit help. He was here for the first service and did the preaching throughout the meeting and did it well. We feel that the church was greatly helped by the splendid gospel messages brought by Brother Pegg, and that the revival resulted in much good.

There has been right much sickness among our members this summer but most of them are enjoying their usual health again. Mrs. Thado Smith, who has been right sick, is able to be out again. Mrs. J. E. Barnette, who was carried to Alamance General hospital on last Wednesday morning, has returned home.

D. I. GARNER, Pastor.

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Gibsonville, Rev. O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Friday afternoon the junior department of the Sunday school with their superintendent, Mrs. D. M. Davidson, Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Williams and several of the teachers went to the Greensboro Country park for an outing. After an enjoyable afternoon spent in boat riding and bathing a picnic supper was served.

Saturday the Young Ladies' class went to the Greensboro Country park and spent the day. A picnic dinner was served. All reported that they had a perfectly grand time.

Sunday morning the congregation voted for a two weeks' vacation for our pastor. Rev. Mr. Williams, after expressing his appreciation stated that he would like to be away the last two weeks in August.

The senior stewards of the church met Wednesday evening in monthly session at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Yow with Mr. Yow and Mrs. Dick Hughes joint hosts. The usual routine business was attended to with D. M. Davidson in the chair. For refreshments watermelon and cantaloupe were served on the back lawn.

The junior stewards were in session Wednesday evening with Wesley Randolph in charge of the meeting. After the business was dispensed with a watermelon slicing was enjoyed.

REPORTER.

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Union Grove, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—This is the first report sent in from our church in quite a while but our work is still going on, maybe a little slow during the bad weather we have had for the last few weeks, but we feel like it will be better and all up again soon.

Our revival meetings starts the first Sunday in August with Rev. J. D. Williams, of High Point, assisting Brother Morris in the services. There will be two services on Sunday, at 11 a. m. and dinner, and then an afternoon service. The other services during the following week will be at 11 o'clock in the morning and 8 o'clock in the evening and we want all who can to attend as many of these services as possible. May the Lord be with us in this meeting.

REPORTER.

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Fairview Church, Aug. 8.—Our hearts were saddened on July 25 when we received the news that our pastor had passed away. We were sorry indeed to have lost such a noble servant of God. But we reverently submit to the will of our Lord and we know He never makes mistakes. We have not words to express our appreciation for Mr. Troxler and the services he rendered in our church, and we will ever cherish the memory of him and thank God for his beautiful life. We will miss his inspiring sermons from our pulpit, his encouraging words and his friendly smile. But our loss is his gain, and may we all strive to follow the good examples laid down by him and do the will of our Lord so that when we have had to give up this life, we too can receive that reward that is awaiting all who do His will. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family, and may they ever look to God, Who alone can comfort in these trying days.

MRS. CLARENCE RUDD, Reporter.

REV. R. S. TROXLER

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First M. P. Church, Danville, Va., Rev. R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—With picnic time just around the corner, we all have something extra to look forward to at Sunday school. Not only the children eagerly await this period of the year, but the adults also are anxious to get out in the open and act like kids again. So everyone get in your gay, carefree mood; get a good healthy appetite and mark a circle around the date on your calendar, August 26.

We have had quite a number of visitors during the past few weeks and have certainly enjoyed having them with us and hearing some of them speak. Mr. Bob Wooley, who has been leading song services in the city-wide revival at Keen Street church, brought us a splendid sermon at the morning service two weeks ago. Mr. Robert McNeely and Mr. Clyde Francisco, ministerial students of Richmond university, also conducted services during our pastor's absence. Miss Grace Fortune, of Collingswood, N. J., and Mr. Buddy Forbes, of Detroit, Mich., are visiting us during the summer months.

Our pastor, Rev. R. L. Vickery, has returned after holding a two weeks' revival at the Yarborough charge. We're glad to have him back again, looking healthier than ever. From all appearances, we believe he received lots of fried chicken and excellent treatment. We really do hope that it was a great revival and that many were brought to know Christ as their Savior through it.

The third quarterly conference is being held Wednesday night at the church. All members and interested persons are urged to be present, and find out what the church as a whole is doing.

The Christian Endeavor society took charge of Sunday school last Sunday, and took charge of it well, too. We had several fine talks bordering on the Sunday school lesson, subject of "Adventurous Faith," and a solo by Mr. G. H. Sides. Due to vacations and the inability of a few of the Endeavorers to be present, we had to do a little "pinch-hitting"; but the "pinch" was almost unnoticeable and everyone appreciated the efforts put forth by the younger folks to carry on the work of our Lord.

The Christian Endeavorers also held a picnic supper at Ballow Park last Saturday night, and had a big time eating, drinking, and playing games. Some of them even went back a few years and played hide-and-seek. All of you who didn't come really did miss something, because we always have a good time, even though we do miss the absent ones very much.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

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Granville Circuit, J. P. Pegg, Pastor, Aug. 5.—The month of July was given to our annual revival meetings on Granville circuit. The first meeting was held at Rehoboth with Rev. J. D. Cranford preaching for us. The attendance was good both for the afternoon and evening services. The sermons by Mr. Cranford were very helpful and edifying to all. One new member was received into the church. At Mt. Carmel the pastor did the preaching. The members were regular in attendance and a large number of visitors were present at each service. We were glad to have Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Whitehead, of Henderson First M. P. church, with us in one service. The fourth week Rev. D. I. Garner, of Mebane, came to us at Union Chapel. Mr. Garner gave us helpful sermons, and the congregation was responsive. Ten new members were received into full fellowship at the last service. We are grateful for the fine spirit and excellent cooperation revealed in these special meetings.

The third quarterly conference was recently held at Mt. Carmel church. Mr. T. T. Ellis, of Union Chapel, was declared elected as the delegate for this circuit to our coming Annual conference.

J. P. PEGG, Pastor.

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West End, Greensboro.—Things are moving along normally here. That might not mean normally in some places, but what I mean to say is nothing spectacular is taking place, though by the faithful attendance of many and the good work they are doing, together with their liberality keeps us encouraged that something worth while is being done.

Our third quarterly conference was interesting. W. W. Eldridge is our delegate-elect to Annual conference. Many encouraging reports from the different organizations of the church. Finances are somewhat behind, but we are expecting a full report at conference. Plans are now being made to pay off the balance of the first half of the church debt which I found here four years ago. The last payment on this we expect to raise by our Anniversary service, which will be held on the third Sunday in September. A program committee has been elected to arrange a suitable program for that day. Our attendance, especially at Sunday school has been off some but with the closing of vacations we are expecting to reach normal again soon.

The quarterly conference voted the pastor a vacation which will be taken the last of August. Thank you folks!

Mr. B. Z. Routh, Miss Alma McCollum, Mrs. W. W. Eldridge, S. E. Ratledge, Mrs. J. K. Osborne, Thos. Dean, Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Mrs. Jack Kimrey, Mrs. Douglas Fuquay, Thos. Fain, C. C. Lemmonds have all remembered us with good things since last report. Even one of our colored neighbors has brought us some fine vegetables. Good to be remembered in ways that show that people think of your welfare. Thank you, one and all.

We have some other interesting plans in the making that we think will help the work here which will be reported later. The work in detail we will leave to our reporter. She has been ill for a few days but has recovered sufficiently to return to her work.

Asking for the prayers of those who have the Kingdom at heart.

N. G. BETHEA.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Aug. 9.—Everything here is moving along very well. Our Sunday school attendance and interest are fine. We have been conducting weekly choir practices each Saturday night for a few months, to prepare ourselves for our revival meeting. Along with this, weekly prayer services have been held. We are praying for a revival in the church because that is what we need most.

We are looking forward to having Dr. J. D. Williams, pastor of Welch Memorial church, High Point, as the pulpit help throughout the meeting. Dr. Williams was with us in a meeting some seven or eight years ago, and we know that he has a power in preaching the gospel.

Our pastor was beginning a revival at Friendship Sunday morning and did not preach at Shiloh, but left the service of the class leaders, who conducted a prayer service with good attendance.

We are asking for a specail interest in your prayers for the success of our revival.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

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Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, Rev. T. H. Vickery, Pastor.—Although we haven't had a report lately, we are still wide awake and serving the Lord.

We have just closed our revival meeting services with 30 souls finding their way to Christ. We received six new members. It is said that this has been the greatest revival at Harmony church in ten years.

We feel that our church and entire community have been greatly benefited by our revival. Rev. R. L. Vickery of First M. P. church, Danville, Va., father of our pastor, was our pulpit help. We enjoyed each message, they were heart-stirring. We can't see how anyone not saved could turn a deaf ear to the truths that he preached. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless him as he goes along in life doing the work and serving the Lord.

Rev. W. Jefferson Eury, a member of First M. P. church, a young local minister and student at God's Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio, led our song service. He is a great child of God and consecrated Christian. He has made a wonderful start in the Christian ministry and a grand song leader. May God richly reward and bless his entire life in Jesus Christ our Lord. We enjoyed having them visit in our homes during the week, and hated to see our meeting come to a close. It had hardly started, the people were just beginning to get warmed up.

Our pastor, Rev. T. H. Vickery, will fill his regular appointment the fourth Sunday in August. There will be a special service for the children and young people fourth Sunday night. The public is cordially invited to come and worship with us when possible.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely, is increasing in attendance, and much interest is being shown; while at preaching services we have a larger attendance.

SARA SIMPSON, Reporter.

Ware Shoals, S. C.

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Shiloh Church, Randolph Charge, Aug. 8.—There was a very small attendance for the time of year last Sunday, being only 63 present, partly due to sickness, some are taking vacation, and some are just neglectful. Nevertheless, I think we had an interesting lesson. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Brown and Mr. J. A. Crowson are among those who have been sick. We hope they will be able to be back soon.

Miss Pauline Whitaker, of Baltimore, is spending her vacation with her parents.

The Ledbetter family have our sympathy in the death of their husband, father, and brother, Mr. Albert Ledbetter. I am sure he will be greatly missed at our church next Sunday.

Our revival meeting will begin next Sunday, August 14. I understand there has been a change in the help. Our former pastor, Rev. Fred R. Love, will be the help. Everybody come. I am sure you will receive much from every message.

REPORTER.

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Palestine, Flat Rock Charge, July 25.—Our pastor has filled all his appointments this quarter. Each time he has brought a deeper and better message. The old and young enjoy hearing him.

Our revival meeting closed Friday night. Pastor Burgess had for his help Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, pastor of Grace church, in Greensboro. Brother Carroll's preaching was good, so plain, so interesting. We all enjoyed him. In the pulpit a Godsend, in the homes so cheerful. Yes, we are justly proud of Brother Carroll. We think of him as our own Rockingham county boy. Our prayers go with him as he goes back to his church and people. He will be kindly remembered by Palestine people, and we invite him to visit us again.

A few Sundays ago it was a pleasure to have for dinner in the home of the reporter, Pastor and Mrs. Burgess, and with them their son and his wife and two boys—Mr. and Mrs. Vance Burgess, Jimmie and Johnnie. Come again. We had several visitors during our revival meeting. On Sunday some of our members from a distance came back to visit the old home church they left years ago.

West End, Greensboro, Dr. N. G. Bethea, Pastor.—The third quarterly conference held its meeting July 27. Interesting reports were given from most of the departments. The chairman of the class leaders gave the following report: cards to the sick and in interest of church work 45; flowers to sick 28; funeral design 1; food and meals given to 8; clothing to 3; sunshine gifts 5; letters of sympathy 2; phone calls in interest of sick 106; money given $9.25.

September 25 will be our church anniversary. Every organization of the church and Sunday school is putting aside all the money they can for a special offering that will be taken at that time to go on the payment of our church debt.

Last Sunday night Mr. J. N. Wills, member of Grace church and teacher of our Foust Bible Class, brought us an interesting address on "The Church's Greatest Need." This is the first of a series of addresses that Mr. Wills is going to give us. The second of these wil be brought to us Sunday. A beautiful duet, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Teague of Grace. We are very grateful to these for giving us such a worthwhile evening service.

REPORTER.

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Community Church, Thomasville, Rev. J. Clyde Auman, Pastor.—Our pastor and his family have just returned from a two weeks vacation in Florida and other points, and report a very nice trip. We are glad to have them back with us, as we missed them especially on the two Sundays that they were away.

On Monday night of this week the Ladies' Auxiliary met in its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. A. C. Bartley. The meeting was in the form of a picnic. The ladies carried lunches and had a good social hour, after which the meeting was conducted in the open.

Tuesday night Mr. C. L. Berrier's Young Men's Class entertained Mrs. H. C. Nicholson's Young Ladies' Class with a weiner roast-watermelon feast at the High Point lake. There were quite a few present for this delightful occasion.

The church is sponsoring an ice cream supper on Wednesday night of this week. Everyone is invited to attend, but it is greatly for the pleasure of the children of the Sunday school.

Our work is moving along nicely, although a few of our people are away on vacations.

MRS. H. B. GREEN, Reporter.

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Friendship Church, Chase City Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—On Sunday morning, July 24, the president visited our church for the first time. Every one was very much pleased to have him as our guest, and we were also glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Trolinger. Dr. Pritchard gave us a splendid sermon at 11 o'clock and dinner was then served on the church grounds. I am sure every one enjoyed the occasion very much. Sunday afternoon he gave us another heart-stirring sermon and the house was practically filled with listeners, this was the beginning of our revival meeting. All of us hope Dr. Pritchard will be able to visit us again when he has longer to stay.

Mr. Trolinger spoke to us at 8 o'clock Sunday evening and each day and night throughout the week. There was very good attendance. Many hearts were touched, and souls were led to Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sunday morning, July 31, brought our services to a close, but we sincerely hope that the revival will go on: and I am sure that our church will prosper through the help of the Lord.

We were very sorry to see Mr. and Mrs. Trolinger leave the community, for we feel they have been a great help to us.

Next Sunday night we will begin prayer services at our church. The first meeting will be conducted by Mr. J. E. Johnson.

We were very glad to have present Sunday our superintendent, Mr. L. R. Jones, who has been on the sick list for some time. We also miss the presence of Mrs. Mary Bowling, who has undergone an operation for appendicitis.

Our work is progressing. We have just finished building new cement porch and steps, and that is just a beginning of the work we hope to accomplish this year.

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Liberty, Aubert M. Smith, Pastor, Aug. 9.—Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Lawrence Brown at her home on Fayetteville street. Mrs. Clarence Highfill had charge of the program and used as her subject, "Prayer." Mrs. James Lyles conducted the devotional. Those taking part on the program were: Mrs. Harry P. Fister, Mrs. B. J. Gregson, and Mrs. Clarence Highfill. Mrs. T. R. Wall, guest of the club, rendered a vocal selection. The hostess served delightful refreshments.

Circle No. 2 met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Earl Frazier at her home. Mrs. Colon Brady, circle leader. Mrs. Wade Hardin had charge of the program, choosing as her subject "The Church, Home, and Youth." Mrs. Hardin gave the scripture story of Ruth, which was followed by prayer by Mrs. J. N. Isley, and "Meditation" was played on the piano by Mrs. J. E. Cox. Mrs. W. M. Hanner gave a paper on "Home," while Mrs. J. O. Overman read a poem, "At Home in Heaven." Mrs. Banks Farmer gave a poem entitled, "A Call of Youth." Mrs. Colon Brady read "Burden Bearing," and Mrs. Earl Frazier a poem, "The Brave." After a short business session the hostess served a salad course.

On Sunday, July 31, approximately 200 friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Isley in celebration of Mrs. Isley's 47th birthday anniversary. About 1 p.m. dinner was spread on a long table on the lawn. At this time Rev. A. O. Lindley returned thanks and made a few remarks in honor of the occasion. Music was furnished by the "Spring Garden Girls" of Greensboro, and the Liberty quartet, composed of Messrs. Perry Smith, Bob Miller, N. R. McMasters, and J. G. Reitzel at the piano. Mrs. Jno. W. Curtis rendered a vocal selection, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," with Mrs. Reitzel at the piano. Mrs. Isley received many lovely gifts, among them being a 11-pound pink and white birthday cake, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. George O. Fowler of Greensboro. Mrs. Fowler was formerly Miss May Patterson, a friend of Mrs. Isley in her childhood days.

Relatives and friends were present from Crewe, Va., High Point, Reidsville, Greensboro, Elon, Burlington, Hillsboro, Siler City, Gibsonville, Julian, and Liberty.

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

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Midway Church, Greensboro, Rev. J. R. Hutton, Pastor.—We extend a warm welcome to everyone to attend our revival services that begin the first Sunday in September. There will be only evening services. Rev. J. D. Williams of Welch Memorial church in High Point will fill the pulpit.

At the meeting of the third quarterly conference it was announced that Mr. E. C. Walters had been elected delegate to the annual conference.

Mr. Hiatt has improved our church lawn a great deal this summer and we are grateful to him for his services.

We are sorry to report that our pastor's wife remains ill. We hope that with God's help she will soon be able to attend services again.

Cleveland and Allen Pinnix, two of our members, from Washington, D. C., were recently home for a few days. They were accompanied by their mother, Mrs. C. F. Pinnix, on their return. She is going to spend a week with them.

REPORTER.

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On Friday afternoon Rev. C. B. Way, Mrs. Way and Rev. J. P. Pegg worshipped with us. (Sorry the writer was absent.) Our people was real glad to have these two beloved former pastors worship with us, and Mrs. Way also: come again pastors and wife.

Friday night, Rev. J. C. Gentry, Methodist Episcopal pastor of Moravian Falls, N. C., and his wife and children worshiped with us. Rockingham county also claims Brother Gentry.

The attendance during revival week was small owing to a falling of rain. Two young girls united with our church: Mrs. Leo Thacker and Miss Anna Mae Tucker. May we give them a warm welcome.

Mrs. Walter Roberts, one of our members, has been seriously sick during the meeting, but has begun to improve now.

GRACE R. TUCKER, Reporter.

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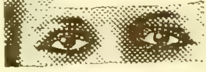

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Uniting Conference which meets April 26, 1939, to complete the plans for Methodist Union, will be composed of 900 members from the three churches—Methodist Episcopal, 400; Methodist Episcopal, South, 400; and Methodist Protestant, 100. Our General Conference at High Point, N. C., instructed the Commission on Union to apportion our delegates among the annual conferences following the method employed in the election of delegates to our General Conference, but finding a basis that would provide an even 100. It was found that a basis of 4,500 members, using the statistics reported for the last year preceding our General Conference, 1935, would produce the exact number after allowing to every annual conference at least one ministerial and one lay delegate without reference to size. The apportionment which follows was adopted by the Commission on Union and each annual conference president has been advised. In connection with the apportionment there has been sent the president certain data with reference to the election by his conference, together with a package of official printed ballots. Other detail for reporting the elections will be provided later on.

Annual Conference Quotas

Basis, 4500 members or fraction thereof, with at least one ministerial and one lay member for each conference.

Conference	Members 1935	Ministers	Laymen
Alabama	9,586	2	2
Arkansas	4,948	1	1
Eastern	5,827	1	1
Ft. Smith-Okla.	2,450	1	1
Georgia	2,168	1	1
Illinois	4,247	1	1
Indiana	8,225	2	2
Iowa-Missouri	3,524	1	1
Kansas	1,734	1	1
Kentucky	800	1	1
Louisiana	2,950	1	1
Maryland	35,822	8	8
Michigan	4,156	1	1
Mississippi	4,934	1	1
Missouri	2,840	1	1
North Carolina	30,735	7	7
North Mississippi	1,340	1	1
Ohio	22,092	5	5
Onondaga	2,301	1	1
Pittsburgh	16,278	4	4
South Carolina	394	1	1
Tennessee	890	1	1
Texas	4,320	1	1
Virginia	1,120	1	1
West Virginia	20,110	4	4

The Legal Committee

My attention has been called to the fact that in the list of committees set up for the Uniting Conference the following was omitted from the published list in this paper of July 15.

Legal Committee on Permanent Funds:
- Methodist Episcopal:
  - Mr. Ben A. Matthews, 70 Pine St., New York, N. Y.
  - Mr. H. R. Van Deusen, Scranton Life Bldg., Scranton, Pa.
  - Mr. Chas. O. Loucks, 10 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
- Methodist Episcopal, South:
  - The list has not been received.
- Methodist Protestant:
  - Judge Harry Shaw, Fairmont, W. Va.
  - Mr. Henry Gilligan, 2304 First St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

I feel I should again call attention to an article published in the Methodist Protestant-Recorder several weeks ago written by Bishop John M. Moore concerning the character of the personnel to be elected to the Uniting Conference and the crucial nature of the work to be done. The selection of the personnel for the preliminary groups which are to investigate the fields of harmonizing the three disciplines according to the Plan of Union was not a simple task. Our Commission which nominated our members and approved by the Joint Commissions was guided by two ideas—one, to select the best persons for these various tasks, and at the same time make as wide a distribution from the denomination as possible. We brought in fourteen conferences and greatly desired to use more. Then, too, there were many fine personalities in the church who could have been used to real advantage, but because of the limited number to be designated could not be appointed. It is understood, of course, that membership on these preliminary study groups does not constitute membership in the Uniting Conference. Then, too, the major business of these groups is to 'harmonize' the three disciplines, not to originate new legislation.

Appreciation Year

You remember, do you not, that the Board of Administration authorized a movement this year to secure our World Service Budget in full and the appointment of a committee to have charge of the movement. Much of the story was told in last week's issue. Our plans are proceeding very happily. The chairmen of the groups, the secretaries and myself expect to present the whole matter to the annual conferences. I feel sure our people will be much interested in the new persons who have been drawn into this effort—they are fine people. Our literature is in process, and a lovely poster, one that many of you wil want to keep, will be sent every church.

We are in a great final year as a distinct organization. We will show our appreciatoin to God for our blessed history by a tangible offering for the work of the Kingdom.

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, President.

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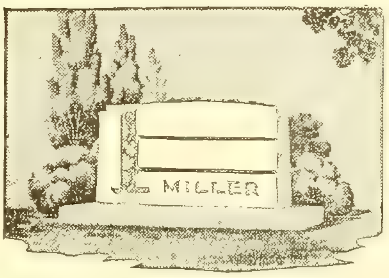

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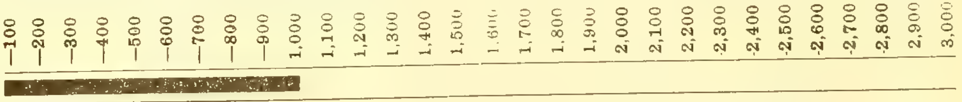

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Great thing to serve a church that does things in a big way. The pastor who has somebody that he can depend upon to do a thing that is needed to be done, is fortunate indeed. A church that succeeds in doing great things is made up of individuals that can do great things. That is where it comes from after all. To be sure cooperation must be given to get a thing put over, but somebody to convince folks that it can be done is a great asset in any undertaking. To have peace and CONCORD in a great undertaking helps to keep enthusiasm at a white heat also. But sometimes even a little opposition is a stimulant when one is determined to carry on. Thank you, Concord, for coming in with a big amount the like of which is not common at one time. And thank you, Mrs. Sides, for the good work done. May you live in peace and Concord many more years to get done just such work as you are now doing, the which, if you make such another successful effort, will put you all the way out on your subscription quota; and your subsidy is already paid. You are to be congratulated, Peeler, to be in the lead with such people. That church seems like home to me. It was my privilege to conduct their first revival meeting after the church was organized, and I have been there about eight times since for the same work. I always tell them that I have been holding revival meetings there for the last hundred years.

The airplane did arrive from some of the flying fields. Fountain Place pays out. My, but they are great folks! Somehow I am persuaded to believe that all my tracks are not spoiled out down there yet. Pleasant in every way to serve them for five years. Thanks to that young people's class at Tabernacle for always remembering subsidy with a contribution. Get the whole church or Sunday school into it, young people, and you will put your church over in this. Randolph charge also comes up with another payment. Fine! Keep it up!

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The Christian Life A Venture

The Spirit of Jesus is one of conquest. Never did He say to one of His disciples, "You are good enough, you have done enough, cease your strivings." To all inquiries he answered something like this, "If thou wilt be perfect" . . . "If thou wilt be whole" . . . "if any man will come after me" . . . "Thou art Simon but thou shalt be." The face of the saint was kept toward the future. Jesus was not interested in the status quo. To the hesitating disciple He replied, "Let the dead bury their dead." Those who are interested mainly in maintaining their present spiritual status, have most likely banked the fires of enthusiasm for progress—cooled their ardor for larger achievements, and for their daily tasks may content themselves with trying to make the formal just a little more so and the docile a little easier to control. But those who permit the Spirit of our Lord to motivate their conduct, they will become seekers after truth, not satisfied inhabitants of this globe. Abraham could not become the father of the faithful and remain in Ur; he must seek a better country. Neither can we be content with our present spiritual attainments and please our Lord. According to Emerson the world says to every new youngster that comes into it, "Wilt thou be one of us"? . . . The slogan of the world is conformity. Regard precedent, custom, stand by tradition; whoop up the good old days. And many do these things. But Jesus did not. Phariseism was the highest form of religion He found; but He did not align Himself with it. It was not good enough. "Seek first the Kingdom of God" was His slogan.

Of course, we are not to despise the past. Of this rich inheritance we should daily be sensible. Nor can we forget the deeds of those early saints who wrought so valiantly. "They climbed the steep ascent of heaven. Through peril, toil and pain." We would indeed be ungrateful souls did we not pray:

"Oh, God to us may grace be given
To follow in their train."

But to follow in their train means venture. A venture of faith. Let the glorious past instruct us; incite us to emulate the sacrificial service of those who have gone before. We must believe in them, but also believe in the less heroic, less perfect lives of those who remain with us. Faith is not only the spiritual cable which holds the soul of the saint to its Saviour and the hand which opens the closed doors before our faces, it makes us mix with the "common herd" to help them rise above their low spiritual living. Spiritual conquest can come only as men venture upon the untried experiences of life.

The Christian life is a venture through prayer to progress. "Behold he prayeth" were the reassuring words of the Lord to Annanias concerning Saul of Tarsus. All the saints knew the importance of prayer. The Apostle exhorts, "Pray without ceasing and in everything give thanks," because he knew their values. It is through prayer that we receive the Spirit of our Lord. It was the prayer of Jacob as he wrestled underneath the stars that changed the spirit of wrath in Esau. If our Lord had subscribed to that bit of nonsense, "You cannot change human nature," do you think he would have ventured His life upon the cross to save human nature?

The Christian life is also a great venture in the practice of self-denial. Hear our Lord as He declares emphatically, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself" . . . The lower motives of pleasure, of profit, of gain, must be sublimated. Pleasure must be found in Christian service; profit must come from kindly deeds. The self-centered life, the life that lives and moves and has its being in itself disbars its soul from communion with God and from the joys of Christian fellowship. For the Christian life is a venture upon God's goodness and mercy; believing that He loves us and will forgive us our iniquities.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Calendar

Third Quarterly Assembly, State Street Church, Lexington, Monday, September 5, 10:30 A. M.

Annual Conference, Calvary, Greensboro......November 9-14

Payments to be made on: A. C. Expenses, January and February; High Point College, March, April; Church Extension, May, June; A. C. Debt, July, August; Superannuates, September, October.

Rev. A. L. Hunter Passes

About 10 o'clock last Saturday night the telephone brought the distressing information that Rev. A. L. Hunter, one of our honored Superannuate ministers had passed to his reward. The funeral was held in our Church in Pinnacle on Monday afternoon. Brother Hunter was admitted to the Conference in 1889 and served most acceptably until 1935 when he had to retire on account of his health. In a great many respects he was a remarkable man. Wherever he served he was greatly beloved by the people. He was a man who served long pastorates, having given twenty-six years in all to the Pinnacle-Mt. Zion Charge. After his retirement from active duty he located near Mt. Zion Church where he led the singing and taught a class in the Sunday School. Very few men among us had more friends, both among the ministers and the laymen than did he. A host of people throughout the North Carolina Conference feel keenly his passing. An obituary committee will be appointed in due time.

Other Ministers Bereaved

On Wednesday of last week the funeral of Mrs. C. M. Madison, mother of Rev. T. G. Madison, was held at Union Grove Church. The daily press recently recorded the passing in Indianapolis, Ind., of the brother of Rev. G. L. Curry, of our Conference. All of these brethren have the sympathy and the prayers of our people.

The Third Quarterly Assembly

I am again calling attention to our Third Quarterly Assembly which will be held at State Street Church in Lexington, Rev. O. C. Loy, pastor, on Monday, September 5, beginning at 10:30 a. m. We expect to use a number of our own people on the program and our guest speaker will be the Rev. J. C. Leonard, D.D., of Lexington, pastor of the First Evangelical and Reformed Church in Lexington. Dr. Leonard has been a leader in his denomination in this state for a long time and his rich experience fits him admirably to speak on the question, "The Minister and His Church." His address will come at 11:30 a. m. Those who expect to be there for lunch that day will please write the pastor, Rev. O. C. Loy, 208 South State Street, Lexington, N. C., and tell him that you will be trere and how many people you will bring. It is hardly fair to the women of the churches where we hold these meetings to have to prepare for the people without having some idea of how many will be present.

A Few Days in the Mountains

In as much as I am to be in and around Asheville on the fourth Sunday it seemed advisable to go from the Anderson Charge on next Monday into the mountains for a week or more. Those who need to reach me with important mail may address me next week at Weaverville, N. C., care Rev. Homer Casto. It may be the middle of the week or later before we arrive there.

Third Quarterly Reports

The third quarterly reports have been coming in rather rapidly this week. Some of these are very encouraging and others are not. All I am asking the people to do, both ministers and laymen, is to do their best for the remaining weeks of the Conference year. It is true that money is scarce but we must not make the Church bear all the burden. Honor the Lord with your substance and He will reward you. The Conference Claims must be met, World Service must be raised, the Fellowship Crusade must be finished, the Children's Home must be supported and a lot of other things must be done if we are to fulfill our obligations to our Church.

Only a Few Sundays Left

For a number of weeks I have had engagements made which carry me through the month of September. I am trying to save the remaining Sundays before Conference for very special occasions and for places which need me most. Where I have not been able to make a visit on Sunday I shall be very glad to hold a quarterly conference during the week or speak on some other occasion.

A Sunday on the Rockingham Charge

Last Sunday was spent on the Rockingham Charge, Rev. H. W. Bell, pastor. The 11 o'clock appointment was at Rockingham and the afternoon one at Bethesda. This was my first visit to these churches. Brother Bell was away assisting Brother Cowan in a meeting, however, I had good assistance at each Church and things went along smoothly. The Sunday School was in session when I arrived at Rockingham Sunday morning and there seemed to be considerable interest. The attendance was slightly below the one hundred mark and was about the same as a year ago. As I sat in the men's class and heard the discussions and as I saw some of the other classes in action the thought came to me that this Church was meeting the needs of the community and serving in a splendid manner. The Church services were fairly well attended and the people seemed very appreciative. It was a real pleasure to be there and to have a part in the services.

After dinner Mrs. Bell accompanied me to Bethesda Church, directing me over the part of the road which has no markers and which would be rather difficult to negotiate if one did not have a guide. Bethesda Church is about fifteen miles rather southwest of Cheraw, S. C., and is in between highway one which goes to Florida and highway nine which goes from Cheraw to Chesterfield. While the road is unmarked it is a fair sand clay road and we had no difficulty in making the journey. Here the Sunday School was in session with considerable interest. The attendance here was slightly below the one hundred mark also. A goodly number attended the Church services and seemed to appreciate the sermon. This Church is more than a hundred years old and formerly belonged to the South Carolina Conference but was taken over

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Hope

Eternal hope. When yonder spheres sublime
Pealed first notes to sound the March of Time,
Thy joyous youth began—but not to fade—
When all the sister planets have decayed;
When wrapped in fire, the realms of ether glow,
And heaven's last thunder shakes the world below,
Thou, undismayed, shall o'er the ruins smile,
And light thy torch at Nature's funeral pile.

—*Thomas Campbell.*

Our Share

Every citizen in this country has a share in the government of his country. He may fail to do his part, but he has a share, has some responsibility for securing good government. Every member of a home has a share in its maintenance, its peace, and perpetuity. Every member of a Church has a share in its continuance, in its service to the community and in the extension of the Kingdom outside the community. What about YOUR share? Are you doing your part or leaving it for others?

Instructing Young Converts

Now is the time for the rural pastor to begin a task many of our pastors have failed to perform—to form all young converts who apply for membership into the Church into classes for instruction. Now is the season when most of the increase in membership comes through profession of faith. The writer can bear witness to the need of this thing and were he in the pastorate now he would surely do it. So very many members in the Church know positively nothing about the Church and how its affairs are to be conducted. Their knowledge of salvation is often most faulty. A few hours spent with them in the beginning of their religious life will greatly aid them to understand the meaning of their profession of faith and the Church vow which they are taking when they are instructed by an intelligent, consecrated pastor.

What's Right in the Fellowship Crusade

Since the Fellowship Crusade is to end with this Conference year, let us try to evaluate it more fully. The object of the Crusade is to emphasize three things; all of them well worth while:

1. To stimulate a deeper interest in Christian living by Bible reading, daily prayer and Church attendance.

2. To deepen our loyalty to the Church by subscribing for and reading our Church papers.

3. To pay off the indebtedness of our Church by sacrificial giving. Here are the three objectives, all of them good, right and proper. We who are in the Church ought to believe in spiritual values enough to daily practice Bible study and prayer; ought to believe in the values of the worship enough to attend it regularly, and surely ought to be honest—to pay our debts as a denomination. There are no other requirements or implications in the movement. Do these and cooperate. Do these and prove your love for the Lord who redeemed you; do these and increase your appreciation of the Church you have served the Lord in all your religious life. Do these to prove that you want to go into the merger of Methodism without entailing upon the others any debts which they did not incur. We know the above to be right and we do think all loyal members of the Methodist Protestant Church ought to have a share in doing these things.

Payments on the Fellowship Crusade

It has been the desire of the Director and of the Committee setting up the Fellowship Crusade that the movement do not interfere with the regular activities of the Church; in fact the movement was designed to coordinate with them and to supplement them.

But now as we approach September, the month agreed upon as the time to put on the big push to complete the three objectives we want to get our people Crusade-minded. That pastor and people will check up on the three objectives to see how nearly out their churches are on the 40 per cent dedication of their membership to the spiritual phase; to check on the Herald quotas to know how nearly out the churches are on it, and then to make a concerted effort to secure at least $1.00 per member to meet the requirements of the Crusade. Some churches have already reached all these objectives. We urge that in case all the money pledged has not been sent in to Mr. J. H. Allen, Reidsville, that it be sent at once.

Doing Well Our Work

There has ever been a place in the Kingdom of God for those who desire to do well what they do. Those who never slight their task, let it be small or great, seen or unseen. Paul exhorts his hearers to be not weary in well doing for in due season they will reap if they faint not. There are so many kinds of work which may be classed as well-doing we cannot mention here, but let us think of doing well the tasks which are ours as Church workers. As officials in the Church—doing well the duties of the office. Being faithful, ready, cooperative, uncomplaining. What a joy such a worker is, let him be teacher of a class of small children or of a small class of adults; whether he be Steward, or Superintendent of the Sunday School, or a trustee of the Church property; a member of the Advisory Committee or a class leader. You can trust him to do his part well.

And when you come to think of it, any of us can be well-doers by being faithful, ready, cooperative, uncomplaining.

It does not require great talent to do our work thus. But that which takes the joy out of the tasks many Church workers perform is the spirit with which they work. Grudging, unwillingly, complaining, negligent, they go about their tasks so that all who see them or work with them are made to think less of the work than otherwise they would think. Well-doing inspires those who witness the work, and is well pleasing to our Heavenly Father, and it makes the worker proud of his task.

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The Church Beautiful

It ought to be a most uncommon sight to see a Church building devoid of beauty. A building poorly constructed, poorly planned, unpainted, in neglected surroundings. But it is not. It is rather the common thing. Often the building is located in a most inaccessible place, hard to reach, difficult to get to with a car. With inside walls unpainted, marked with crude drawings, floor unswept, seats undusted, etc. All showing sad neglect, the lack of interest the members have in it.

It would not require much labor and expense to change all this. To beautify the grounds, paint the building inside and out, to plant blooming shrubbery, to arrange for parking places, etc. The floor could be swept without expense. Let the task be allotted to a different person each week, etc.

The service could be greatly enriched by a few responses, well-selected songs and hearty participation in them by the members. All this could be done with but little financial outlay or labor and the order of the service greatly improved without having members trained in such matters. The thing so many congregations lack is not money or time so much as a willing mind. I do not know a Church in our entire Conference that could not profit greatly by the above hints without the outlay of a single dollar or calling a single member from his gainful employment. Is it not a shame to leave your Church in its present plight when just a little effort on your part could improve the grounds, the building and the order of worship?

Mrs. C. M. Madison

After an illness of several weeks, Mrs. C. M. Madison passed to her eternal reward; she is the mother of Rev. T. Glen Madison. She was buried from Union Grove Church, Iredell county. Her pastor, Rev. J. F. Coble, was assisted by President Pritchard, the Editor of the HERALD, Rev. Mr. Hunt of the M. E. Church, South, and Rev. Mr. White, of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Madison died August 8.

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Rev. A. L. Hunter

Brother Hunter died unexpectedly at his home near Mt. Zion Church, August 13. Funeral was conducted from Pinnacle Church, August 15. Pastor Morris was assisted by Drs. J. D. Williams, Pritchard, Bethea, Taylor, Andrews and Rev. J. R. Hutton and W. F. Ashburn.

STOP TALKING WAR

In a speech before the American club in London recently, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, American Ambassador to England, said he could assure this country that there would be no European war this year. "As you know," continued Mr. Kennedy, "I have been bearish for a year. I feel a little ashamed of it when I see what confidence Europeans have in my country's future." He asserted that the United States would solve its problems if it stopped worrying about Europe.

Mr. Kennedy is entirely right, at least as regards the bad effects of the constant war scares. The talk of war helps to bring on those conditions which make war. And the fear of war in Europe, aggravated by this constant talk, is one contributing cause of the current recession in business.

Let's put an end to war scares, and war "jitters" in this country. We have other and more immediate problems that demand our serious attention. Chief of these is unemployment. And that problem is serious and intricate. It cannot be solved offhand, or by a mere gesture. When we hear a citizen say, "all we have to do to put men back to work is thus and so," we can be sure he has not thought the matter out very deeply. And the problem cannot be solved by mere fault-finding, or criticism, or incrimination of others. The solution will require deep thought and strong, continued, united effort.

We have had serious unemployment a long time. Mr. Hoover tried to remedy it, and failed. Mr. Roosevelt has tried, and has not succeeded. The problem is a grave and difficult one. Unless we can get these ten or twelve million men back to work we may suffer something worse than war.

And that is only one of our problems, though the gravest one. How to get our railroads back on their feet; how to build up our merchant marine and our foreign trade, how to handle our labor problems with justice to both sides; how to bring back prosperity to the small business man—these and many others cry aloud for our most thoughtful attention. Surely there is sufficient intelligence and ability in the United States to better conditions, if we can get together and apply united and persistent effort.

So to waste time and nerve force in a constant dither over a war that is not coming at any time soon is supreme folly. Let's put our minds to something else—to making this a better country for all our people. And let's have confidence in our country's future. Henry Ford sets us a good example by declaring his firm belief that a new prosperity is just ahead of us. More, he does his part toward bringing that prosperity. He does something, instead of lamenting at the wailing wall. Such assurances as he gives us do the country far more good than pessimism and fright over a non-existing war.—*From the Christian Herald.*

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NOTICE

The third quarterly conference of the Davidson Charge will be held at Liberty Church, August 21, at 2 o'clock. All official members are urged to attend.

C. L. GRANT.

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Fear God and work hard.—*David Livingstone.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Moral Character and the Love of Nature

Bryant, in his *Thanatopsis*, said, "He who in the love of nature holds communion with her visible forms, she speaks a various language." Poets and moralists in all ages emphasize the influence of the works of nature upon the mind of man. There are numerous lessons to be gathered from stream and forest, from mountain and plains, and from the flowers and the stars. The love of nature is a good index to one's moral character. The person who finds joy in raising beautiful roses, or the man who fellowships with the stars, is rarely, if ever, a bad individual. I never heard of anyone committing suicide in a garden.

Nature is our earthly hope. All that we have comes from "mother earth." It may be hard to make the city man realize it, but every item of food and drink comes from the soil. We are all the children of earth's bounties. A dweller in town may call the dairy or the grocer for his food, but these people can not supply it; they only take it from nature and pass it on to the customer. The farmer can more easily see his dependence upon soil and seasons, but in reality the city dweller is equally helpless without them. In distress the townsman calls the grocer, but the farmer in distress calls the Lord. All are dependent on nature but rural souls feel it more keenly. For this reason it may be easier for them to be religious.

Nature, too, is our inspiration. Professor Harris, of Vanderbilt, used to urge his students to see three things before they die. Be sure, he said, to see the mountains, the ocean, and the stars. These have the power to "chasen and subdue," and to lift up the spirit to lofty heights of thought and meditation. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Nature is real, art is imitation. A teacher takes his class over the stream to sketch the scene for some signs of similarity, but anybody can look across the fields and see the real landscape.

Again, nature can stir our emotions. Even the crudest among us feel a humility and an inner fear when a violent storm is raging. And finer spirits feel a gentle, subduing emotion even amid the daffodils. The fine mixture and blend of colors of a sunset is enough to move a delicate soul to rejoicing. Of course, as John Cowper Powis said, most people are not attracted unless nature stands on her head, but some, on the other hand, do appreciate and respond to the usual designs in earth and sky. Archibald Rutledge tells of a mountain boy who always took the cows to the pasture in time to see the sun rise over the distant hill. He said he asked the boy one day why he liked to watch the rising sun. The boy replied: "When the sun creeps up over that big mountain I feel that God is right here with me, and I ain't a'skeard of nothin'." The lad was employing faulty English, but he was voicing a genuine inspiration.

This implies also that nature can entertain us. An amateur astronomer enjoys every clear evening. His neighbors, the stars, come out to greet him; he calls them by name, thinks of them as his friends, and longs to know more about them. The stars of the screen delight us no more than do the stars of heaven. That is, when we know how to enjoy them. Or take the flowers: Cultivating the roses, bedding the tulips, or trailing the wistaria brings more fun than all the commercial jokes told, at high cost, to make the crowd laugh. Yes, nature will fascinate you, once you give her mysteries a chance at your time and devotion. If people loved nature more, they would love their liquor less. If men devoted attention to flowers, the stars, the birds, they would feel at home in this marvelous world and gradually come to praise our Heavenly Father for it.

And all of this means that falling in love with nature builds moral character. It sobers the thinking, inspires the heart, objectifies the mind, and sweetens the spirit of man. Walk close to nature and you are not very far from God.

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HANNAH: GODLY MOTHERHOOD

International Sunday School Lesson for August 21, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text— I Samuel 1:1; 2:10.

Golden Text—"Her children rise up, and call her blessed." Proverbs 31:28.

The first thing that catches our attention in our lesson today is the bitterness of a soul because of a situation over which it has no control. Physically speaking Hannah could not help the fact that fate had not seen fit to grant her the privilege of being a mother. As she wept in bitterness so it constantly happens that people become bitter of soul as a result of circumstances over which they have no control. Emerson's mountain might have worried because it could not crack nuts, and the little squirrel could have become bitter because it could not carry forests on its back. Happiness never comes as a result of bitter rebellion, but rather it comes in accepting life as it is and using it most wisely for God.

Hannah, of course, was saved in that she took her burden to God. She did not lose faith because of her misfortune. Realizing that it was still within the power and pleasure of God to bless she prayed promising to use her blessing if granted for His glory. In other words she did not engage in a selfish prayer. She did not want a son simply for her own joy but rather in order that she could dedicate him to the service of the Lord. She realized that the blessing of motherhood carries with it definite responsibility to God; a responsibility of rearing the child for definite Christian service. Any mother that fails to recognize that fact is not worthy of the noble trust which God has made in her.

Dr. Shipley in our teachers' journal calls attention to the suspicions of Eli, the priest. Hannah had come to the altar to pray but Eli accused her of being drunk. I can think of nothing which might be calculated more to add to the bitterness of the poor woman's soul. In the home and in the Church we constantly look for the worst instead of the best in those with whom we deal. Probably our congregations don't need to be preached at quite so much as they need to be pointed to the love and mercy of God. I know of nothing more unforgivable than to suspicion those who are honestly trying to do their best.

This story of Hannah brings to our minds the risk involved when a home brings into the world a child. By dedicating her child to God and the Church Hannah sought to prepare him for a life of service and to guarantee his loyalty to great ideals. She no doubt realized the possibility that he might be another Samson who was unworthy of the possibilities with which God had blessed him. In a child the home is always forced to take this risk: will he respond to the love of a mother or will he scorn it? Will he reed the wise counsel of a father or will he ignore it? Will he go out into the world as an honor to a Christian home or will he bring disgrace upon the name which he bears? This good mother realized the venture of faith she was about to take and chose not to take it alone but rather hand in hand with God. She stands as an example of the pious mother in every age who is more interested in her son's spiritual welfare than she is in his social position, who is more interested in his possibilities for Christian service than she is for his possibilities of material success. She felt that a child had been given to her in order that she migrt give that child back into the service of God. She gave expression to the joy of her heart in a psalm of rejoicing not when the child was born but when she brought him to Eli and dedicated him to her Lord.

As we continue our study of Samuel, this great servant of God, let us not forget those first few years which were spent under the influence of a loving and praying mother. It is not always true that a child becomes the answer to a mother's prayer. It may be because that the mother prays for the wrong thing or sets the wrong example before him. But generally children rise up to call that mother blessed who prays earnestly, loves unselfishly and dares to dedicate her offspring to God. Thank God for mothers who thank God for their children and then wisely and prayerfully give them back into His service!

NOTICE

Revival services will begin at Efland Church, Orange Charge, Sunday, August 21, with services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Rev. R. A. Hunter, pastor of Forsyth Charge, will do the preaching. Services throughout the remainder of the week will be at 7.45 p. m. only. The public is cordially invited to all of these services. There will be a service at Union Grove Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The third quarterly conference will meet at Efland Church the first Sunday in September at 3 p. m.

C. P. MORRIS, *Pastor.*

NOTICE

The revival will begin at Liberty M. P. Church, Davidson Charge, Sunday, August 21. Services at 11 and 8 o'clock. Rev. G. L. Curry, of Denton, will be the pulpit help. The public is invited to attend these services.

C. L. GRANT.

THE BREAKFAST INVITATION

Read with me the human interest, and teaching story told by the Apostle John, in the appendix to his Gospel. "When day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; calling unto the disciples, saying, "Children (lads), have you aught to eat? They answer him, No. He said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes . . . Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine." Doubtless, there were at least three surprises, namely, that it was the Christ calling them; secondly, that what they so much sought was near them; and thirdly, Jesus knew more about their business than they did.

There is a well known adage, "There is nothing that succeeds like success," and the same holds good with failures. Apparently, the Kingdom inaugurated by Christ had failed; the Apostles saw no possibility of their becoming fishers of men, and they had gone back to their old occupation of fishing, and toiled all night, taking nothing. These failures had left the hard pressed disciples very much in the dumps. Their thined ranks must have presented a desolate, dreary and melodramatic picture. It was just like Jesus to come to them, in their darkest hour, and transform their failures into successes. Christians have learned that man's extremity is God's opportunity.

Perhaps, the disciples would immediately have recognized the Lord Jesus, if He had appeared to them on the clouds of Heaven with power and great glory. But such was not the case. He appeared among the common things of life. The familiar fisherman's shore on the sea of Tiberias, the coals of fire, the bread and the fish. The obscure figure seen in the early dawn standing among them. It has always been difficult to associate dignity, royalty and majesty with the common things of life. It seemed strange that they were so slow in associating Jesus with the common things of life. He was born in a manger, reared in a most unsavory town; poorer than the birds of the air and foxes; died on a cross, and was buried in a loaned tomb. Frequently surrounded by the needy and dining with publicans and sinners. He was meek and lowly in heart, and sought such to be His companions.

Generally speaking, all the invitations of our Lord, reveal the same traits of character. The poor, the maimed the blind and the lame were brought into the Great Supper, along with those from the highways and hedges. On the last, that great day of the feast, Jesus invited the thirsty multitudes to come unto Him and drink. Perhaps, the most familiar, most comforting and most consoling of all Christ's invitations, follows thus, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (refreshment, renewal). Ye shall find rest unto your souls." The New Testament practically closes with an invitation, "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: and he that will, let him take of the water of life freely."

Authorities are agreed that the best biography of Jesus that has ever been written, is expressed in five words, "He went about doing good." When His Messiahship was called in question, He pointed to His deeds of love and mercy. "Go and tell John the things which ye hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached unto them." The casual reader of the Gospels will be impressed by the ministry of Jesus to the physical and material needs of men. Miracles of mercy were performed on almost all classes of society. The Great Physician healed withered hands, palsied bodies, opened deaf ears and blind eyes. He is still calling unto the famishing multitudes, "Come and dine." If our churches were more interested in the material welfare of the people, they would be better attended.

A very popular topic today is the Social Gospel. Some limit it to apply only to man's material needs, and go no further. Such is not the Gospel and ministry of Christ, which sought to care for both soul and body. It is possible to have a country full of bread and soup lines, and also hear the cry, "No man careth for my soul." Jesus never spoke more positive and emphatic than when He replied, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." When Jesus could do no more than feed the multitude on bread and fish, He took His leave of it. All His physical, bodily healings seemed almost preparatory to the healing of the souls of men. Jesus had scarcely completed this early morning feed till He had Peter aside, talking to him about his love. A social ministry that does not lead to a spiritual work of grace, falls short indeed.

Rev. W. A. Ledford.

Laytonsville, Md.

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DELICATE SURGICAL OPERATION ENABLES THE DEAF TO HEAR

A delicate surgical operation which promises the seeming miracle of making the deaf hear again has been reported by Professor Maurice Sourdille, of the School of Medicine at Nantes, France, to the New York Academy of Medicine in New York.

The feat has been accomplished by special technics developed by Professor Sourdille. The new operation will not bring hearing to every deafened person. Even those shown by careful tests to have a hearing defect suitable for correction by this operation can not hope to have the operation performed at present.

Much study of the method and of results so far accomplished are necessary before the operation will be performed universally on a large scale. This caution was made perfectly clear by both Professor Sourdille and Dr. Edmund Prince Fowler, of New York, who acting as chairman of the meeting, introduced Professor Sourdille.

One of the chief obstacles to immediate application of the new technic on large numbers of patients is the difficulty of performing it. Professor Sourdille uses both magnifying glasses and microscope in this operation. Complete and permanent loss of hearing and even death may result if the surgeon has not the necessary skill. The operation must be performed in three or four stages, several months apart, in order to lessen this danger, and the patient must remain in a hospital in order to have the wound dressed every day.

Another obstacle is the difficulty of selecting suitable cases. The operation is designed to relieve deafness due to otosclerosis, the condition in which hearing is lost because of bone formation in the opening into the inner ear. This prevents the passage of sound waves from the outside to the nerves of hearing in the inner ear.

Professor Sourdille's operation provides a new circuit for the sound waves. He cuts a hole through the bone into the inner ear to provide a substitute passage for sound in place of the one blocked by the abnormal formation in otosclerosis.

This has been done before by other surgeons, and the patients heard again, but the restored hearing was often not permanent. It last for a few days or at most months, because the new opening closed up. To overcome this difficulty, Professor Sourdille has devised a method of covering the new opening with a flap of scar tissue obtained from the ear canal. These procedures permit the sound waves to go through to the nerves of hearing but keep the new opening from closing. Some of the patients operated upon by Professor Sourdille have retained the improvement in hearing for as long as eight years, which is the longest interval since he performed the first successful operation by the new technic.

In properly selected cases good results can be expected in from 70 to 80 per cent, Professor Sourdille said. No other method, either surgical or medical, has ever before been so successful in maintained restoration of hearing in proved cases of otosclerosis, it was pointed out.

This condition of abnormal bone formation in the inner ear exists in one out of every twenty adults. Less than one-fourth of these, however, are deafened by the condition. Not all otosclerosis patients are deaf because of the otosclerosis. Other defects which may exist along with the otosclerosis are responsible for the deafness in some of the cases. It was pointed out that treatment which restores hearing is sometimes effective because it clears up these other conditions. Consequently physicians, although impressed by Professor Sourdille's results, are inclined to temper their enthusiasm with caution. Patients are warned not to insist on the operation unless tests show they will benefit from it, and unless skilled surgeons are available.—*Science News Letter.*

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The President's Letter

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several years ago by the North Carolina Conference. Some very loyal people worship here and it was a privilege to meet them. Brother Bell had just closed a fine revival here with several to join the Church.

This is Brother Bell's fourth year on this Charge and the people seem to be very fond of him. I trust he may finish up the year in a very satisfactory manner.

Appointments

Sunday, August 21—Anderson Charge: Fairview at 11 a. m., and Liberty Hill at night.

Sunday, August 28—11 a. m., Asheville; 3 p. m., Mountain Valley; and Clark's Chapel at night.

J. E. Pritchard.

PROTECTIVE COLORING

Every living thing has some natural means of self-defense. Some are armed with stingers, poison fangs, strong teeth, sharp claws, or swift feet, while others must depend on concealment as a protection. And some of them can blend in so well with their surroundings that it it is almost impossible to detect them as long as they are still.

Nature changes the color of certain animals and birds to suit the season of the year. The ptarmigan, a bird of the the Rocky Mountains, is white to match the snow in the winter, and mottled brownish-gray like the rocks in the summer. The weasel is an animal that changes to white in winter. The way that the chameleons assume the color of whatever they rest on is well known.

The twig caterpillar's means of concealment is most interesting. Even sharp-eyed birds are fooled when the twig caterpillar becomes scared and disguises itself as a twig. Its skin is a dark brownish-green color that looks very much like the bark of the tree's limbs. The twig caterpillar has legs only on each end of its body. When he scents danger, he rears his body out at an angle from the limb and holds it rigid. He keeps his fore feet folded down close to his body and holds on to the limb with his hind feet. Then he looks almost exactly like a natural twig on the tree.

There are several insects called stick insects that can place and hold their long legs straight out from their bodies so that they look like the twigs of the trees they are sitting on.

The dead-leaf butterfly is another example of protective concealment. When this butterfly is in flight, it looks like other bright butterflies but when it sits down and folds its wings so as to show only the undersides, it looks like a dead leaf on the limb. Even the markings of his wings look like the mid-rib and veins of the leaf.

With careful observation and study many other examples of this protective coloring in nature can be discovered.—*Pearl Spencer Arnold, in The Sentinel.*

THE FOLLY OF WORRY

Worry is a common weakness of the race, particularly of Americans, who nonetheless pride themselves on being practical. Worry is not only a weakness, but it is a devitalizing force that grows if we let it, sapping our energy, wrecking many a nervous system, inviting old age prematurely, and interfering with an individual's best work.

Why do we worry? Because most of us have built up a wrong philosophy of life that compels us to cross our bridges before we get to them. We carry our troubles home with us from work. Our yesterdays become as dead weight, hampering us and handicapping us beyond measure.

This hurrying, competitive age has wrought wonders, but it has also created and maintained the cardinal sin of worry. We boast of our high standard of living, which has given us so many comforts. But it has also robbed us of that complacent, unperturbed frame of mind which should enable us to take things as they are. We have acquired the unfortunate trait of hurrying, falling over one another to accomplish our ends, and we want everything to come our way, with the millennium ushered in in a day.

As a rule, he who worries most accomplishes the least because he does not keep his mind frictionless and functioning at its best. A mind cluttered up with yesterday's blunders and anxiety over tomorrow's trivials cannot be expected to work in an orderly manner.

If worry does not betoken a shallow mind, it indicates a warped mind. It is a barometer of one's thinking, and as a man thinks so is he. He who allows such tyranny over trifles to grow, poisons his own soul, disturbs his happiness, impairs his health, and invites old age prematurely.

We need to come out of ourselves, need to build over personality, cultivate acquaintance with great minds, adopting their worthy objectives. To study the methods and manner of one who has poise, who is not quick on the trigger, not unduly sensitive, and therefore does not mortgage the future's troubles is to study an individual who is worthy of emulation because that one gets things done. He has a mind that operates with two-way traffic. He lets yesterday lie buried. He doesn't work all of tomorrow's problems until the morrow comes. He will not impair his own efficiency nor minimize his usefulness by wondering and worrying if all of his dreams are to come true.

Most of our personal tyrannies exist because we let them. Then they grow and enslave us. Worry never accomplished anything that was truly satisfactory and constructive, but it has done all manner of harm. Universal, it is also unnecessary. It is the height of folly. It is the antithesis of self-control and self-confidence, the two manly and womanly qualities that insure a true life's victory.—*Nathan Howard Gist.*

DELEGATES ELECTED TO UNITING CONFERENCE

Onondaga, delegates Rev. G. Charles Weaver, W. C. Waterman; alternates, H. B. Loomis, W. F. Spalding, B. J. Fults, N. M. Coe, R. Johnson, F. Hagerly. Missouri delegates, Rev. E. R. Stribling, Mrs. E. R. Dillon; alternates, Rev. C. E. Henderson, Rev. C. W. Saye, Mrs. Gail Hazel, Roy Stribling. Kansas, delegates, Rev. L. E. Dixon, A. L. Cook; alternates, Rev. D. M. Pentz, Mrs. A. W. Allen. It is most interesting that the first two conferences, Onondaga and Missouri both voted against Union, but they are falling into line very happily.

JAS. H. STRAUGHN.

THREE THINGS

Three things to govern—temper, tongue, and conduct.

Three things to cultivate — courage, affection, and gentleness.

Three things to commend—thrift, industry, and promptness.

Three things to despise—cruelty, arrogance, and ingratitude.

Three things to wish for—health, friends, and contentment.

Three things to work for—security, independence, and happiness.

Three things to admire—dignity, gracefulness, and honesty.

Three things to give—aid to the needy, comfort to the sad, and appreciation to the worthy.—*Alabama Powergrams.*

OUR STORY PAGE

ANIMAL MAGAZINES

“Let’s do something different.” Carl Morton put down his book and looked at his brother.

“We have. We’ve had the mumps,” said Ernest, who was ten years old. He laughed and sang:

“Our faces grew so very round
Our eyes and nose could not be found,
Our cheeks were puffed up like balloons,
I’m sure we looked like walking moons.”

“That isn’t different, because we had them, too.” Clare turned around from the window where she was watching the rain.

“Anyway, let’s forget the weather,” said eight-year-old Marie, and she sighed so hard that she blew some papers from the table.

“If we had a dog we could play with him,” said Carl.

“If we had a rhinoceros he would play with us,” teased Ernest, who liked to use big words.

“We might pretend we each had a pet and write a story about it,” said Marie.

“I choose a kangaroo because it jumps,” said Clare.

“Or, listen!” Carl’s face brightened. “We will each choose an animal and write a little magazine about it, with stories and jokes and pictures. I’ll think of all the dog stories I know and call my magazine ‘The Dog’s Dairy.’ I’ll draw big dogs and little dogs, and dogs asleep and awake and racing and doing tricks.”

“That will be fun,” said Ernest, and he added:

“Your dogs won’t bark,
They’ll never bite,
Their tails can’t wag,
But that’s all right.”

“Oh, my magazine will be funny,” said Claire, with a laugh. “I don’t know much about a kangaroo, so I shall have to look in animal books and the encyclopedia for my stories.”

“You might call it ‘The Kangaroo Chronicle’,” suggested Carl.

“I shall choose rabbits because they are soft and pretty,” said Marie. “I like to watch them at Uncle Billy’s farm when we go there in summer.”

“Very good,” said Ernest. “You might write this in your magazine:

Rabbits’ ears are soft and long,
And their legs are swift and strong.
I like the nose upon a bunny
Because it wiggles very funny.”

“They are the only animals I can draw,” said Marie with a smile. “I’ll color them brown and pink and gray and make a little rabbit house for them on a page of my magazine. “I’ll write true stories about Uncle Billy’s rabbits. What shall we call my magazine?”

“Our town newspaper is called the *Record*,” said Clare.

“Then my magazine shall be ‘*The Rabbit Record*’,” decided Marie.

“Who ever heard of writing a magazine all about a rhinoceros!” said Ernest with a comical look. “I’ll choose him, though, and write a ‘Rhinoceros Review’.” He laughed loudly:

“My rhinoceros
Will never be cross,
But I hope he never
Gives me a toss.”

“Oh, you can put lots of verses in your magazine because you are always turning things into rhymes,” said Clare.

“I’ll do it for you,
About a kangaroo,
Before you say ‘Boo’,”

replied her brother.

“Come now, let’s get busy,” commanded Carl. “It will take quite a while to get our magazines made.”

“Yes, we must find out more about our animals,” said Ernest. “We’ll need to go to the library tomorrow.”

“Here comes Bob and Betty Kane,” said Clare, as a whistle was heard outside. “Wouldn’t it be nice if we could get them to make magazines too?”

The new idea was eagerly explained to the two children who came in dripping from the rain.

“Oh, that will be great fun!” cried Betty. “I like elephants, and Bob likes to read about bears.”

“I’ll make up a ‘Bear Bulletin’ and Betty can write an ‘Elephant Treasure Trunk’,” agreed Bob.

“Ernest, will you make up a verse for my magazine?” asked Betty.

Then Ernest said:

“An elephant is big and slow,
His trunk goes swinging to and fro,
His back is broad and very high,
But still I think he’s rather shy.”

“We ought to do something special with such nice magazines,” said Betty, as the children gathered paper ad pencils and crayon for their work. “I shall save mine for my library at home.”

“I know!” cried Carl eagerly. “Let’s get some more boys and girls interested and form an animal club in the school. You know our principal wanted some new ideas for the hour on Friday morning when all the classes meet in the hall. He would like it if we took turns reading our animal magazines. If we work hard we’ll have ours ready for next week. We’ll tell the other children to start theirs right away.”

"We can have new magazines ready each month," said Clare. "We can make them out of wrapping paper or some sheets of any plain paper fastened together."

"We might lend them to the school library and then we could all read the different ones," said Ernest. "It will be great to hear stories about lions and tigers, zebras, and strange animals." He waved his pencil and sang a marching tune:

"Pick your animal right away
And write about it every day.
Our magazines are now begun—
This Animal Club is going to be fun."

—Lydia Lion Roberts in Zion's Herald.

THE RAINY DAY

Yesterday had been a warm, sunshiny day, but this morning Betty heard the raindrops on the roof.

"Pitter-patter! Pitter-patter," they said. "Get up, little girl. It's time everybody was out of bed. We've been working ever since 12 o'clock last night. There's work for everybody to do—little girls, too. Tap-tap-tap. Pit-a-pat-pat."

"That's a joke," giggled Betty. "Raindrops don't work and I don't either. I'm too small."

"Oh, you're all wrong, Betty dear, you're all wrong. There's something for everybody to do, big or little. Something that just that person can do and nobody else. Every little drop of dew, every leaf, every blade of grass, every little star that twinkles in the sky, every little sea-shell on the shore, every little bird, everything—even the earthworms in the ground and the snails in the garden—have work to do just as much as elephants or engines or anything big that you can think of."

"I suppose they do," said Betty, hoping the raindrops would go on.

"Of course they do. We raindrops begin in the spring by melting away the dirty snow and ice of winter. Then ever so often we give the earth a good wash. The tiny pores in the leaves of all the plants and trees get choked up so they cannot breathe, and we freshen them into new life. Their roots get a drink, too, and the thirsty earth itself soaks up our drops and stores away moisture for them. Sometimes when our friends—thunder and lightning and the big, strong wind—help us we wash and clean the whole region of air above the earth. The ocean water is tossed about and mixed with air for the thousands of plants and animals that live in it. The animals on the land need us, too. We fill the wells where the horses and cattle get water, and the brooks and rivers where the wild creatures come to drink."

"You must be very busy," said Betty.

"We are, but being busy is fun. Try it and see."

"I will," cried Betty. And she jumped out of bed and dressed herself and went downstairs with a happy "Good morning." She watched the toast that it didn't burn when mother was called to the phone. She finished dressing the baby. After breakfast she put away the dishes while mother wiped trem.

"You're a great help, dear," said Betty's mother.

"We told you so " sang the raindrops dancing on the roof.—*Greta Gaskin Bidlake, in Story World.*

THE PREACHER'S MONEY MATTERS

A few weeks ago a gentleman was telling us of how a certain church in a town, which shall be nameless here, had suffered because of financial delinquencies of its minister. This minister was an able man, but lived beyond his means and getting in the habit could not find a way to leave off. Month after month he got more deeply in debt, leaving bills for groceries and other living expenses unpaid. Then he began to borrow and was unable to pay when he had promised to pay. The result was that his name was on everybody's tongue and people of the town began to express wonder that the church would retain such a man as its pastor. The attendance at the preaching services fell off and interest in the work among the church members lagged. Finally the pastor got from some place enough money to pay his debts and about the same time got a call from another church, where, having learned his lesson, it is hoped and expected that he will be more careful hereafter to live within his means. Many years ago, this friend reminded us, this church suffered in the same way, and was years in recovering.

We happen to know the minister in question, and are convinced that he is an honest man, but there is no concealing the fact that he came near being swallowed up by loose management of his money matters. This story should be sufficient to show that there is nothing about which a minister should be more careful than to make no obligations that he cannot promptly meet. People just will not tolerate a preacher who is irregular in paying what he owes. Usually there is little excuse for the pastor of a town church getting into financial difficulties. He is paid a stipulated salary, and he should not go beyond it in his living expenses; this may at times entail privation and hardship on him and his family, but he should have known what he was doing when he accepted the pastorate, and should make the best of it. It may be that in some instances the church fails to pay the pastor's salary regularly or even leaves part of it unpaid. Possibly the church members think they have reason for not paying, but they can easily see what it leads to—a discredited pastor and along with him a discredited church; so long as the minister is pastor he ought to be paid the stipulated salary.

In general our North Carolina churches pay their pastors small salaries; many of them could pay more and should do so, so that the one who ministers to them in spiritual things would have a fair living. They should remember that one of the best men prayed: "Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me; lest I be full and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor and steal, and take the name of my God in vain."—*Selected.*

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE MINISTRY

A father's tenderness, a shepherd's care,
A leader's courage which the cross can bear,
A ruler's care, a mother's watchful eye,
A pilot's skill the helm in storms to ply,
A fisher's patience and a laborer's toil,
A guide's dexterity to disembroil,
A prophet's inspiration from above
A teacher's knowledge and a SAVIOUR'S LOVE.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

THE RIGHT TO WORK

The Christian Endeavor Topic for September 4, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 29—Work in the divine plan. Gen. 2:8-17.

Tuesday, August 30—God's "Six days shalt thou labor." Exod. 20:9.

Wednesday, August 31—The privilege of work. Ruth 2:1-7.

Thursday, September 1—Work not, eat not. 2 Thess. 3:6-16.

Friday, September 2—Work at self-chosen tasks. Gen. 4:20-24.

Saturday, September 3—How are both capital and labor unions unfair to workers? Prov. 27:18; Jas. 4:1-4.

The Text: John 4:34, 9:4; Matt. 20:1-14. (Consecration meeting.)

This idea of the right to work or the right not to work isn't a twentieth century problem only but instead it has been a grave problem throughout the ages. The apostle Paul in his second epistle to the Thessalonians discusses a problem that has arisen in the church there. Some of the people there are disorderly, refusing to work and in general are stirring up trouble, yet at the same time they are expecting the church to support them because that is the church's responsibility to feed those in need. Paul says it is all right to give charity where it is truly needed, but if a man is able and does not work, then he should not eat.

In our earliest American colony all produce was put into a common storehouse—everyone was to work and everyone was to eat. If a man refused to work then he did not eat.

Every able bodied individual should not only have the right to work but should work, because "idle hands is the devil's workshop." Too many people look upon work as a drudgery, with the idea that the least they can put into it the better off they are.

Honest labor is a privilege—a privilege that everyone should have. God labored and He expected His creation—man—to work. Six days God labored making His creation, and then He expected the man that He had made, not to sit around in the Garden and enjoy the handi-work of God, but rather to work to look after God's creation—"And then God took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." Gen. 2:15.

Ruth after she left her native country, her mother and father, and went with her mother-in-law, Naomi, to the land of her fathers, she did not sit idly around saying to Naomi—now you brought me here and you must support me, but rather she asked for the privilege of going out into the grain fields to glean—a task that was menial, one that only the very poor did. And Ruth, because she wasn't afraid of hard work, because she wasn't too proud to stoop to lowly tasks, attracted the attention of Boaz, who was quick to recognize the good grace with which Ruth performed her tasks.

The fact cannot be denied that the present machine age enables the same goods to be produced with considerable less man power than of a few years ago, but at the same time there are so many more things that are being produced and men are working so many fewer hours that there should be a job for everyone who is able to work and who wants a job.

There are only two ways to get a job today if you are out of work: either be so well-equipped to fill the job that the company cannot do without you, or get the job through some pull. I didn't believe in all this talk about pulls at one time, and if you don't just go to some place where labor is wanted without recommendations to show that you are well-qualified for the job, or without some "pull." Then arrange to apply again for the job with a "pull" and notice the difference in the treatment you receive.

The church has a wonderful opportunity in this field today. The church can help prepare young people to fill positions in the business world, and the church can furnish "pull" for worthy people who desire employment. Already many business houses require a recommendation from some minister as a prerequisite to employment. Then the church has a wonderful field in which to work in instilling into the hearts of the indifferent, a purpose for life and a desire for honest work. Lack of financial independence has broken the morale of many individuals and the church is the only institution that can build back this morale and reclaim these broken men and women.

Ever since there has been employer and employee relationships, there have been labor troubles and there will be until the Christian church does its job and does it thoroughly, because legislation nor relief nor anything else that is man made will never be able to change this situation. When and not until the Spirit of Jesus Christ is instilled in the hearts of both employer and employee will all men have the right, the desire, and the privilege of working.

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NEVER REVEREND

"Call me Brother, if you will,
Call me Parson, better still.
Or if perchance the Catholic thrill
Doth your heart with longing fill,
Though plain Master fills the bill;
If that title lacketh thrill—
Then even Father brings no chill
Of hurt, or rancor, or ill-will.

To no D.D. do I pretend,
Though Doctor doth some honor lend,
Preacher, Pastor, Rector, Friend,
Titles almost without end,
Never grate and never offend;
A loving ear to all I lend.
But how the man my heart doth rend
Who blithely calls me "Reverend."

—Michigan Christian Advocate.

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WANTED!

Thirty-six churches or Ladies' Aid societies or Christian Endeavor societies or Sunday school classes, to assume the support of Mr. Minnis for one week each, amounting to $19.50. This is the part the N. C. Branch of Women's Work has not apportioned but hopes to raise for OUR MISSIONARY. Don't forget, this counts on World Service for your church. If you can't take a week try a half or a third or a fourth of a week. Send the money to Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C., and a notice by postal card of the amount to Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, Thomasville, N. C.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Marshall Hill Missionary Society, Monett, Mo.	$ 1.38
First Church S. S., Lexington	4.00
Central S. S., Asheboro	40.00
Kannapolis S. S.	6.36
Stony Knoll S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Siler City S. S.	5.00
West End S. S., Thomasville	6.00
State Street S. S.	3.00
Glen Raven S. S.	8.00
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	2.25
Concord S. S., June and July	40.00
Worthville S. S., Randleman	13.00
Rehoboth, Granville	10.00
Community Church, Thomasville	3.50
New Hope S. S., Mecklenburg	2.50
Mt. Carmel S. S., Forsyth	3.39
First Church S. S., Winston-Salem	8.00
Mt. Zion S. S., Chatham	1.00
Chase City S. S.	2.00
Friendship S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	5.88
Macedonia, Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
Tabernacle S. S., Tabernacle	7.25
Grace Church S. S.	10.00
Graham S. S.	8.00
Daily Vacation Bible School, Anderson, Ind.	6.25
Bethel S. S., Mocksville	1.35
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
First Church S. S., Charlotte	9.50
Denton S. S.	5.00
Three Rivers, Mich.	1.00
Pleasant Grove S. S.	15.00
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	3.40
Pleasant Hill S. S., Spring Church	2.70
C. E. Soc., Glen Raven, clothing child	5.00

Offerings for Home-coming Day

Concord S. S.	$ 9.63
Woman's Auxiliary, Denton	10.00
Previously reported	697.73
Total to date	$717.36

Clothing and Other Gifts

The Missionary society, Monett, Mo., one box containing towels, material for a dress, soap, pillow cases, sheets and handkerchiefs.

The Lower Lights circle, Baltimore, Md., one box of used clothing.

Anderson, Ind., one box containing soap, wash cloths, pencils and a tooth brush.

We are sincerely thankful to all who have contributed both of money and of materials. We need your prayerful and helpful consideration for the remainder of this Conference year. Most of our people will do a little better if their attention is called to the Home properly.

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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The doctor shook his head doubtfully.

"Tell me what exactly is wrong with you," he asked the patient.

"I can't explain it," replied the patient. "I only know I suffer."

"What kind of life do you lead?"

"I work like an ox, I eat like a wolf, I'm tired as a dog at the end of the day, and I sleep like a horse," was the answer.

"Hmm," said the doctor, "in that case I should advise you to go to see a veterinary surgeon."—Ex.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

New Hope, Why Not Charge, Rev. C. H. Hill, Pastor.—Our special meeting was held the third week in July. In spite of the rain and mud, services were held each night and on the fourth Sunday night it came to a close. Rev. Hill did all the preaching and the church was revived in general. When the doors of the church were opened three were received into membership.

Several from this church attended the Circuit Rally held at Flag Springs church, this charge, the first Saturday in August.

Our attendance at Sunday school holds up well, considering these hot days.

Aunt Bettie Williams still keeps in poor health, we are sorry to say.

Mrs. Boyles mother, who has spent a good portion of the summer visiting in this community and attending services here, has returned to her home. She is a very pleasant old lady.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Stuart spent Sunday with Mrs. Stuart's mother, Aunt Bettie Williams.

Mr. Lacy Williams, of Detroit, Mich., is spending some time visiting his near relatives in this section. REPORTER.

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Porter, Rev. C. G. Isley, Pastor.—Sunday, August 7, the revival began here at Porter and closed Friday night. The opening day was also home-coming day and a picnic dinner was spread at the noon hour. A large number of former members were present.

The pastor was assisted by Rev. J. H. Trolinger, of Littleton, N. C. Rev. Mr. Trolinger preached some very interesting and encouraging sermons, and we hope that he will come our way again.

We were also very fortunate in having with us for the second time Rev. Wayne Curtis, evangelist, of Burlington, N. C., and he is also widely known as a gospel singer, leader and soloist. We can say that his singing and leading the choir added much to the revival.

Each service was attended by a large and appreciative congregation. We can sincerely say that each one was greatly blessed during the revival. We received two new members into the church.

ALMA MABRY, Reporter.

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Canaan, North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor.—On Wednesday, August 3, at 1:30 o'clock the Canaan Ladies' Aid society met in the home of Mrs. Richard Primm. Mrs. Minnie Berrier had charge of the devotional program, which was as follows: Song, followed by call to worship, read by Mrs. Robah Mendenhall; Mrs. J. D. Smith read the Scripture lesson; Meditation was read by Mrs. Neese; Mrs. Emma Clodfelter led the first prayer; poems were read by the following ladies: "Sunset," Mrs. Vertie Hines, "My Desire," Mrs. Clara Smith; "Now In the Days of Youth," Mrs. Ethel Miller; "Angel of the Valley," Mrs. Richard Primm;" We'll Do Our Best," Mrs. Ida Motsinger; song, "Rock of Ages"; prayer, Mrs. Etta Berrier. When the roll was called 15 members answered, there were two visitors; 51 sick calls were reported and trays and flowers had been sent to 13 sick ones. During the business hour it was decided to serve a supper on the church lawn Saturday, September 3, to which every one is invited. The ladies have recently donated $50 toward a new roof for Canaan church and their next project is a different kind of heating plant. The ladies are always ready and willing to do all they can for church improvement. During the social hour Mrs. Ethel Miller and Mrs. Hattie Reece were winners in the contests held. Delicious refreshments were served by the joint hostesses, Mrs. Richard Primm and Mrs. Ethel Miller.

The people still remember the parsonage family with helpful gifts. Those recently contributing are Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Yokley, Mr. and Mrs. Robah Mendenhall, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Berrier, Mr. and Mrs P. C. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Sink, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Swaim, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Berrier, Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Tuttle, Mrs. Flora Weavell, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wagner, Mr. Fred Green, Mrs. Emma Green, Miss Annie Payne, and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Payne. All of these have our sincere thanks. MRS. W. H. NEESE,

Ladies' Aid Reporter.

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Zoar Church, Mecklenburg Circuit, Robert Short, Pastor.—The revival meeting began at Zoar the fifth Sunday in July with two services. Rev. Mr. Short did the preaching Sunday. Rev. Mr. Roberson, of Monroe, came to us on Monday night and remained until Sunday night, following; he did some wonderful preaching and lots of interest was shown. The church was revived and much good was accomplished. There were several conversions, six accessions to the church; others to join later. A gift of $15 was presented to Rev. Roberson for the expense of the meeting.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely under the leadership of Mr. Lester Jones. We have an average attendance of 30. Pray for us that we may go forward in his work.

LILLIE ADKINS, Reporter.

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Kistler's Union, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor, Aug. 13.—We are glad to report that all is well with this church. It is the reporter, and not the church that has been sleeping.

Our Sunday school attendance and interest is good.

Our revival meeting closed Friday night. Rev. J. C. Madison at First M. P. church, High Point, did the preaching and Mr. Overman Ivester, led the singing. Brother Madison's preaching was good, so plain and so interesting. We enjoyed having him in the pulpit, and in our homes. We feel that we as a church, have had a revival in our own hearts, and these services we pray, will be a great upbuilding of the spiritual life of the church. Four new members were received into full fellowship at the last service. Our pastor was absent the greater part of the revival services due to the sickness and death of his mother. Our heart felt sympathy goes out to him and his family in their bereavement, and may they look to God, who, alone, can comfort in these trying days.

Our hearts were saddened when we received the news that Rev. R. S. Troxler, a former pastor of this charge, had passed away. We shall always remember that friendly smile of his, the encouraging words, and the worth while work and accomplishments during his stay with us. Again, may I say, the heartfelt sympathy of this church goes out to the family and may they look to the one who can comfort them in this hour of sorrow.

Our third quarterly conference for this charge was held some time back at Mt. Pleasant church. At this time a count of the votes for the delegate to the Annual Conference was made and Mr. J. L. White, of Oak Grove, is the delegate.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary is having good interest and good attendance.

We were pleased to have Mrs. N. G. Bethea with us for some of the services.

Miss Mildred Walker, of Shelby, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ivester. REPORTER.

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First Church, Thomasville, J. T. Bowman, Pastor, Aug. 16.—Our third quarterly conference was held at our church July 13.

The reports were very encouraging considering the economic conditions of this year. Upon the votes being counted it was found that Mrs. I. A. Teague had received a large majority and was declared elected delegate to Annual Confernce.

Our pastor, Rev. J. T. Bowman, is now taking a two weeks' vacation which the quarterly conference voted him. In his absence the pulpit is being filled on Sunday morning by Rev. Tom Sykes. It was decided best to call off all regular evening services in order to give our people an opportunity to visit other churches. We are hoping that our people will take advantage of this opportunity to mingle with other congregations and that the tie of Christian Fellowship may be strengthened thereby.

A number of the members of the Woman's Auxiliary motored over to High Point City Lake Friday evening, August 5, for their annual picnic. All reported a pleasant time.

The Minnis circle held their regular monthly meeting last night, Monday. Circles Nos. 1 and 2 will meet tonight (Tuesday); No. 1 with Mrs. Clyde Watts and No. 2 with Mrs. Anna Williams.

Our attendance is off some, due perhaps to so many home-comings, reunions, vacations and other things.

We have begun to discuss our annual revival which will probably begin the first Sunday in September.

MRS. W. A. LEONARD, Reporter.

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North Davidson Charge, Rev. W. H. Neese, Pastor. — Our special meeting began at Mount Pleasant on the second Sunday in July, Rev. E. O. Peeler was pulpit help. The attendance was smaller than usual on account of unusually early tobacco curing. Brother Peeler's sermons were clear cut deliverances of an high order. The church was revived.

On the fourth Sunday in July we began at Canaan with Rev. E. A. Bingham as helper. The attendance here was somewhat below normal on account of an early curing season. Twenty-five professed faith in Christ, and 17 united with the church. Brother Bingham's sermons were marked by an intense earnestness that resulted in winning the above number for Christ.

Yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. E. Dimick, of Pleasant Hill, N. C., Spring Church charge, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Tucker, little Trilby and Sandra, of Murfreesboro, visited the family of this writer. Mr. and Mrs. Dimick are leaving North Carolina soon to locate in California. Each one of the above-named we claim as among our best friends. Our best wishes follow each and all.

Wm. H. NEESE.

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Hope Church, Siler City Charge, Aubert M. Smith, Pastor.—We were indeed glad to to have our pastor with us the first Sunday in August. He delivered a splendid message, enjoyed by all present.

Our church work is moving along nicely toward the end of the year. In the short time left may we strive to make it a perfect year.

The first Sunday in September will be the Home-coming at our church. There will be two services on Sunday, with dinner on the grounds. At this time our revival services will begin. We are planning a great day of fellowship together and it is our wish that all the members of Hope church may return to enjoy the day together.

The attendance in Sunday school is showing an increase. Last Thursday afternoon we enjoyed a picnic at Paradise Vista.

We are sorry to report that one of our much loved members, Mrs. Maggie Moore, is still confined to her bed.

LUCY MARGARET JONES, Reporter.

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New Salem, Randleman Charge, C. L. Spencer, Pastor, Aug. 15.—We are pleased to report that attendance in most of the services have been good for the summer months.

The Christian Endeavor society gave a lawn party Saturday night, August 6, which was quite a success. The proceeds amounted to about $26; it will be added to the present funds with which remodeling of the church building is expected to be made.

A large number of our Sunday school enjoyed a picnic at Guilford city lake Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Jane Doctor is confined at her home because of illness. We hope she will soon be well.

We are also sorry to report our pastor's wife has been sick for the past week. We hope she will be out soon.

Revival services will begin in this church on the third Sunday in September. We urge all our members to plan, pray and work.

Rev. C. L. Spencer is really giving us some good sermons.

MRS. R. L. WARD, Reporter.

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Bethany, Randolph Charge, G. L. Reynolds, Pastor.—The pastor filled his regular appointment the first Sunday morning. Communion was observed.

The children's services was at 8 o'clock on the first Sunday night. A large crowd attended. The small children gave a short program; and the Junior girls gave a very good pageant.

The Sunday school attendance is still increasing, for the last three Sunday we have had over the 100 mark. Last Sunday there were 113 present.

The Young Ladies' class is working to raise funds to paint the Sunday school rooms. The girls met with Miss Allene Julian Saturday afternoon and spent the time working on bedspreads which we hope to sell soon and use the funds on the painting.

The Junior Girls' class, taught by Miss Gracie Baldwin, will have a lawn party at Lois Caudle's on Saturday night.

REPORTER.

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Shoals, Pinnacle-Mt. Zion.—Rev. Mr. Presnell from Pilot Mountain filled the appointment Sunday night with an inspiring sermon. His subject was "Jesus on Trial."

Our pastor is away helping his son in a revival meeting.

Our revival meeting was postponed until the second Sunday in September. Mr. Clarence Morris will be the pulpit help.

Our hearts were made sad to hear of the sudden death of Rev. A. L. Hunter, our former pastor.

The women of the Auxiliary and a number of the young people picked blackberries and bought shades for our lights.

Miss Verner Hauser, of Purceyville, Va., spent her vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hauser. She is expected to enter the hospital at Winchester, Va., in September for training. REPORTER.

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First Church, Lexington, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—The attendance and interest at our Sunday school and church services are holding up very good during this hot weather.

Our fall revival will begin on the first or second Sunday in October with Rev. L. E. Mabry as the preacher and Rev. Wayne Curtis as the choir leader and singer.

A union service will be held in our city at the First Methodist church on the fourth Sunday at 11 o'clock. Our pastor, Rev. L. E. Mabry, will do the preaching.

Last Sunday we voted on the delegate to the Annual Conference, who were Oscar Coppley and Clifton Rowe, of Mt. Carmel.

Six of our Boy Scouts went to the Boy Scout camp for a week, four of these boys were honor campers. The patrol is eligible to go to the North Carolina Jubilee.

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Fairview Church, Anderson Charge, T. M. Johnson, Pastor.—Although there has been no report from this church in quite a while we have been very active in church work during the summer months. The church has had two coats of paint applied both to the outside and the inside. The cemetery and church grounds have also been cleaned.

During the months of July and August we have had several visitors to worship with us. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Knox Lamar and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hinshaw, of Alamance, N. C.; also Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bristow and daughter of Columbia, S. C.

On the fifth Sunday night in July the Children's Day program was given. The children did exceptionally well and our offering amounted to something over $7.00.

The vote as to who will be our delegate to the Annual Conference has been taken. The results will be made known at our next quarterly meeting.

We are indeed glad to report that Mr. Spearman, of the Easley Marble Works, recently donated to the church a marble slab with the name of the church, and the date it was organized inscribed thereon. This has been placed over the door of the main entrance to the church. A very appropriate program, of the history, etc., of the church was given the following Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet Friday afternoon, August 19, with Mrs. Henry Watson and Mrs. Thurman Watson.

Our revival services, which lasted for two weeks, were well attended. Mr. Herbert Gorman, a young minister from Charlotte, N. C., was the help. Mr. Gorman has been with us before in a meeting and we were indeed glad to have him with us again. We had a good meeting and eleven members will be received into the church on the third Sunday. We will have with us at this service the president of our conference, Dr. Pritchard. We are anxiously awaiting his coming. MRS. A. F. MAW, Reporter.

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Friendship Church, Fallston Charge, R. L. Hethcox, Pastor. — The two Methodist churches of Fallston came together for their annual revival services which lasted two weeks, beginning on the second week in July. During the two weeks of services, many inspiring messages were brought to us by our pastor, Rev. R. L. Hethcox, Rev. R. C. Goforth, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, and Harold A. Milstead, a pre-theological student of Duke university who is assisting Rev. Goforth with his church work during the summer. Together we had a very good time and we feel that both Methodist churches were greatly benefitted by the union services. The doors of our church will be opened on the third Sunday in August, at the regular 11 o'clock preaching service. We are looking forward to adding several new members to our church membership at that time.

The week preceding our revival services a vacation Bible school for the children, was taught each morning by Harold Milstead, assisted by Rev. Hethcox and Rev. Goforth. Each evening of the same week a training school on "The Educational Work of the Small Church," was conducted by Mr. Milstead for the adults. Both schools were well-attended and we are sure the things we learned will be very helpful to us.

The last regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Lewis. At this meeting it was decided that a new stove, laundry heater and rug should be purchased for the parsonage. The Auxiliary decided to raise what money it could outside and to finish paying for the things out of their treasury. Last Sunday the things had been purchased and all but $5.00 had been raised. It seems that our women have some special way of putting their ideas across and we want to congratulate them in it. Mrs. Hethcox wishes to express her thanks to them for the new things. The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. William Clay on Wednesday afternoon following the third Sunday in this month.

The Christian Endeavorers of our church are very much alive in the different phases of their work, with our pastor as their leader. A short time ago the "Methodist" young people of this county came together in a joint meeting at our church. The principal speaker for the evening was Rev. Claude Moser, presiding elder of the M. E. church of this district. His talk was unusually interesting as it dealt with "unification of the Methodist churches." A large number of Methodist young people, representing the different churches of the county, were present for the meeting. After the worship period we assembled in the basement of our church for a social hour of games and contests. At the close of the evening delicious refreshments were served by the young people of our church, assisted by Mrs. R. L. Hethcox and Mrs. R. C. Goforth.

Rev. Hethcox and Rev. Goforth planned a week of camping, for the young people, at Lake James last week. We were very sorry that Rev. Hethcox was unable to go, but with Rev. and Mrs. Goforth around 40 or 50 young people had a wonderful week of outing. During our week's stay at Lake James a Bible class was taught each day by Mr. Dixon Willis, one of the young men of our group. The purpose of this class was to better acquaint us with the meaning of the different books of the Bible. To know that each has a special meaning makes it more interesting for us to study. Rev. Hethcox and Rev. Goforth are both very much concerned about the lives of the young people, they strive to make the activities of the church interesting for them and we believe their effort will be fruitful to the community.

ELLEN BAXTER.

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A WORD FOR DR. T. M. JOHNSON

Since Dr. Johnson came to us as our pastor in the fall of 1936 he has done so many good things for us until it would be impossible to mention them all, but I would like to let the readers of the Herald know of one good act of Dr. Johnson's.

We have in our church, Fairview church, Anderson charge, an organization known as the Fellowship club. This club was organized three years ago and is composed of young people who are interested in the work of the church.

This spring before cotton planting time, Dr. Johnson suggested to this club that they plant one acre of cotton, do all the work themselves and give the proceeds to the church. This they gladly consented to do. He then presented the plan to the church and one member willingly increased the number of acres to be planted to five, so five acres of cotton was planted and has been worked by this club and Dr. Johnson; and just recently I was told (since it has been raining so much and the grass has grown so) that Dr. Johnson was out by himself one afternoon digging the bunches of grass out of the cotton. However, I can't begin to enumerate the number of times that he has said to us that you are only as old as you feel, and from the way he hustles about you would think he was only a boy.

I think that he is to be highly commended for the interest and enthusiasm he has shown in this project. His influence and the example he has set for us has counted for much, and if it be the Lord's will we sincerely hope that the cotton will yield an abundant crop, so that their efforts will not have been in vain.

This organization is not the only one in which Dr. Johnson is interested for he takes an active part in all organizations of the church. We are indeed grateful that he takes so much interest in the young people and of course I must say that he is interested in the older people as well, and both the old and the young join together in saying that we are proud of the fine work he is doing as pastor of our church.

MRS. A. F. MAW.

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TREASURER REPORTS ON MINNIS' SALARY

Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C., treasurer of Woman's Work, reports that only four Auxiliaries have sent anything for Minnis' salary. So far this month about $30 in all; we are requesting all who possibly can to designate this month's funds on their Minnis' apportionment, until their share on this fund is met in full.

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FROM THE FIELD—NEWS FROM YOKOHAMA, EIWA JO GAKKO

When the first mission schools were established in Japan many of them were named Eiwa which is written with two Chinese characters, the first meaning English and the second meaning Japanese. Both our schools, the one for boys, which is at Nagoya and the one for girls in Yokohama were called Eiwa. To the Yokohama one was added Jo, meaning girl. I presume this name was meant to signify that the schools taught both English and Japanese and also that they represented cooperation between the English speaking lands and Japan. However that may be there were two unhappy results. One was that the schools were often confused. We have received letters meant for schools in other parts of Japan and in Yokohama we have been continually confused with the school of the Reformed church, which is named Ferris Waei, the latter word bein gthe same Ferris Waei, the latter word being the same anese is written **before** the one meaning English. The other unfortunate result of the name has been to stigmatize the schools as being **"foreign."**

Because of these reasons and others we have often considered changing the name of our school in Yokohama. The Nagoya school long ago was re-named "Nagoya Chu Gaggo" or "Nagoya Middle School." Many of us have learned to love the school as Eiwa and, for sentimental reasons we hate to lose that name. However, now that the school is to be reorganized under an officially recognized charter, and is to have a new principal, a Japanese, it has been decided to give it a new name. To tell of all the councils that have been held to decide on the name would take all day but at last a name has been chosen that we think is suitable and distinctive, so, as soon as the proper amount of red tape can be unwound Eiwa Jo Gakko will pass into history and instead we will have "Seibi Gakuen." The first part of this name is written with two characters, the first of which means "to do" or "to accomplish" and the second of which "bi" means "beauty" and is part of the name of the Methodist Protestant church in Japan. Gakuen means "Garden of Learning." The name is pronounced as if it were spelled Say Bee Ga koo en.

As soon as the proposed changes at the school can be made an official announcement of the same, properly published, I shall turn over my responsibilities as principal of the school to the new principal, Mr. Otake, and leave for the United States on furlough. After my return from furlough in 1939 I presume I shall be under the direction of the new Methodist church but I hope I may be permitted to give my time to more direct evangelistic work than has been possible when my time has been so largely given to executive work.

Within the last year three of our former teachers have finished their work on earth and have left behind such testimonies that one is made to rejoice again in the privilege of helping Christ to Japan.

The first to go was Miss Tamako Kojima who for more than ten years taught mathematics and science at Eiwa. She came to us from the Tokyo Higher Normal School and became a Christian through the influence of our Christian teachers and girls. When she made her decision she said to me, "Christians ARE DIFFERENT. I want to be a Christian. I want what these girls and teachers have." Through years of service and through months of suffering she rejoiced in the faith.

Mrs. Ai Tanimura entered Eiwa as a tiny girl in the primary school, known by her friends as "Little Ai." When I arrived in Japan in 1902 she was in the seventh grade, a charming lovable, sweet-tempered child of unusual ability, and loved by teachers and students alike.

After her graduation in 1908 she took two years of kindergarten training in Kobe and later taught in our Hamamatsu kindergarten and then in our Shields kindergarten in Yokohama. For a few years after her marriage in 1916 she lived in Tokyo but after a few years again returned to teach in Shields kindergarten and also to teach music at Eiwa for a time. The children called her "the teacher with the never-frowning face." Her own children, those she taught and all who knew her rise up and call her "Blessed." She was a blessing to us all.

Mr. Okabe was educated in government schools but in early life became a Christian. He came to Eiwa in 1922 as a teacher of history because, as he said, he wanted his last work to be ALL CHRISTIAN. He was then about 58 and for 12 years he gave such service that many rejoice in the Saviour he showed them. At his funeral the other day we sang two of the hymns by which he lived, "My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus blood and Righteousness" and "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine."—Olive I. Hodges in The Methodist Protestant-Recorder.

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"What is your definition of a true patriot?"

"I think it's a man who smiles while drawing a check for his taxes."—M. P. Recorder,

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Resolutions of Respect — C. L. Gray

Remembering kindly our pleasant association with C. L. Gray and remembering with gratitude his loyal and devoted service to his church, we, the pastor and stewards of the First M. P. church, desire to give formal expression of the sincere respect and high esteem in which we held this our friend and brother in Christ.

C. L. Gray was devoted to his home; in the community he was a citizen of first rank; in his church he was a man of few words, displaying a spirit of cooperation, and to its program he was always loyal and liberal in his support. To the church and community of which he was a part his death represents a great loss which we, the members of this official board, feel most keenly. We are thankful that he lived and served among us, giving of his talent and means so freely, for we feel that his life was such that its uplifting influence will be felt for years to come.

Be it resolved, therefore, that we send a copy of this resolution, along with our sincere sympathies, to the members of the bereaved family; that a copy be presented to the next quarterly conference, and that a copy be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Your Committee:
J. C. MADISON,
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L. H. ZIMMERMAN.

James Harris Wilson

James Harris Wilson was born June 28, 1878. He departed this life July 15, 1938. His age was 60 years and 17 days. He was the son of the late John Watt Wilson and Matilda Turner. He was married to Eliza Pegram, February 12, 1903. To this union two sons were born. Surviving are his wife and two sons, Harvey and Vinson Wilson; one sister, Mrs. Fannie Stewart; and two grandchildren.

Brother Wilson was a good man and will be greatly missed by his family and neighbors, and Gideon's Grove church, and by the writer.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother Houser of the M. E. Church, South, and Rev. Marvin Kelly, of Duke University. The remains were laid to rest in Gideon's Grove cemetery.

J. A. BURGESS.

James B. McVey

James B. McVey, one of the faithful members of Bethel church, passed away at his home on July 11, having reached the age of 76 years. For almost one year he was a constant sufferer. Although he bore his sufferings with fortitude and patience, he had a great desire to get well that he might again attend church and mingle with his neighbors and friends. Bethel church has never, perhaps, had a more regular attendant than he.

Some years ago Brother McVey purchased a farm near Graham and moved there. Even then he missed very few of the regular appointments. Having a desire to be nearer the church he loved and the people with whom he was reared, he moved back to his farm near Bethel about two years ago. Here he closed his eyes to the scenes of this world. The Lord blessed him in a material way, but as he neared the end and realized that he could not live, he seemed to lose interest in these things and looked beyond this life to that "rest prepared for the people of God." He told the writer that he was putting his trust fully in the Lord.

Four sisters and one brother survive,—Mrs. Emma White, Mrs. Rebecca Pickard, Mrs. C. F. Pickard, and Mrs. Rosetta Bunting, and T. F. McVey.

The funeral was conducted at Bethel church on the afternoon of July 12 by the writer, assisted by Rev. E. A. Bingham, and the body was buried in the nearby cemetery beside his wife, who passed away several years ago.

H. L. ISLEY.

Mary Cornelia White Madison

Mary Cornelia White Madison (Aunt Mollie), the mother of Rev. T. Glen Madison, of the North Carolina Annual Conference ended her earthly journey on August 8, 1938, at the age of 74 years and 10 months.

At an early age Aunt Mollie professed Jesus Christ and began to live a Christian life. Some years later she united with Union Grove M. P. church at Union Grove, N. C. Next to her home she loved her church and always spoke of it as "Her Church."

Aunt Mollie was a loving mother, a devoted wife, and a wonderful neighbor. The desires and needs of her loved ones was the foremost thought in her mind at all times. Even though Aunt Mollie suffered much she was always cheerful.

While her physical body is gone from us her love, her devotion, and her spirit remain in the lives of those who have been touched by her—her friends, her neighbors; her husband, Charlie and her children: Rev. T. Glen, pastor of the Cleveland charge of the North Carolina conference; Blain, Sherrill, Fleet, Mrs. Leonard Templeton, and Mrs. Edgar Journey, all of whom survive her.

JOSEPH COBLE, Pastor.

Mrs. Nancy Jane Lanier

Mrs. Nancy Jane Lanier departed this life July 17, 1938, at the age of 75 years and 3 months, and 28 days.

On February 12, 1880, she was married to Leach Lanier; to this union was borned three children: Vann Lanier, Mrs. Estella Harrison and James Lanier, deceased.

Mrs. Lanier professed faith in Christ in early life and united with Pine Hill M. P. church, where she was a faithful member until death. She was a good wife, a good mother, and a good neighbor, and loved by all who knew her.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. C. E. Ridge, after which the body was tenderly laid to rest in the Pine Hill cemetery.

C. L. GRANT.

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It was one of those cold, foggy days. Peter had managed to slip off to school without his sweater. When he came home in the afternoon his mother asked:

"Weren't you cold today, Peter?"

"Not me," said Peter; "but the weather sure was cold!"—Ex.

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The patriotic ex-patient on a tour of Europe was very proud of American efficiency. The guide pointed out the beauty of Vesuvius in eruption.

"Well, my friend," he said. "I don't think you have anything in your country to equal that."

"Perhaps not," replied the American, "but we've a fire brigade in New York that could put it out."—Sanatorium Sun.

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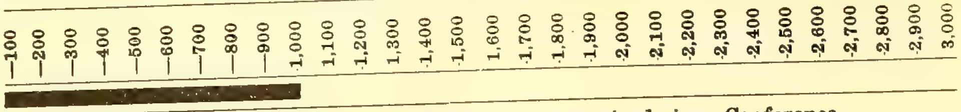

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There is that number thirteen again! Last year this time there were THIRTEEN charges that were out on their subscription quota. Now there are only seven. But that last year was more lucky for the Herald! So there must not be anything to that after all, UNLESS that number last year this time is still affecting us. Ha! I am not superstitious, but I have a lot of fun about those things as I go along.

So here is First church, High Point, bringing in the largest number this week. Hot weather to be sure, but that does not fill in our need. Crops are growing rapidly these hot nights, and things look prosperous as one drives along the highway. Wonder why we are farther behind now than this time last year. Excuse me, Brother Spencer, but my mind was on some of the things I have been seeing, "out west" and "down east," for I have been both ways recently in revival work, and I was so carried away with the way crops are looking that I forgot to say, THANK YOU!

I am sure that none of us can say that the paper has lost any of its attractiveness. Its form and its material have not fallen back any I am sure, for the Editor is putting his best into it. Fine selections from other periodicals besides the strong editorials. Then of course everybody reads my corner, or at least quite a good many have said so. Well, I wonder sometimes.

Here is Lebanon, with her quota for subsidy. They never burned their bearings out on the way, if the weather is hot. Bless my near neighbor, Midway. "Thou are not the least among the tribes of Judah" if the membership is small, for they have some who work at the business there until it is done. Thank you Brother Hutton and all connected with paying this off. We are not getting enough over in this to afford a cool drink when we get hot sweating over it, but if we can keep the other fellow cool, then we will not suffer with heat so much as we keep our bills paid up. Thank you Easter, you are all right if you did get here before time.

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Dwelling In Unity

By Rev. William E. Gilroy, D.D.

Unity among men can be attained only as we learn to value and bring into a common fellowship the differences and varieties of human life and experience. We cannot abolish these differences, even if it were desirable to do so. But it is not desirable; they represent a larger fund of human values than any one individual group, race or nation possesses. A unity that is not a unity in variety would be a poor and narrow relationship for men. Larger attitudes, larger adventures and explorations in life, larger quests of understanding alone can achieve a unity that is worth while. Unity must begin by breaking down the sectionalism and very partial aspects of our own hearts and minds. Unity comes through seeking and experiencing the whole, and a perfect unity would bring into its ken all that is good and true in all mankind.

Unity cannot be achieved without sacrifice. Sometimes the sacrifice is more apparent than real. We lay aside our cherished ideas or prejudices in the hope of meeting someone else on his own ground, and of getting a better understanding of him, and the result is the discovery that we are not so far apart, that our differences were more of words or of forms, and that they were not so great after all. But sometimes the sacrifice may be real. We must give up the narrow environment for the larger adventure into human life, when we do not happen to feel in the mood for adventure. We must practice to be fair when it would be simpler and easier to be unfair, and to act according to customary standards and prejudices. We must try to understand one another when it would be more complacent not to bother. Good relations have to be cultivated. They do not just grow, and in the garden of good relations weeds are so rank and rife that there must be the constant watchfulness and sacrificial devotion of patient, persistent weeding. Also, somebody has to give way if there are going to be mutual concessions and approaches. Strife and disunity have their anchorage in unyielding attitudes. Magnanimity is the gateway to unity.

Basic to all progress toward unity is the conviction, and the courage to act upon the conviction, that love is stronger and better than hate. Few people really believe that, or more people would act differently where occasion for hate arises. How often one hears it said concerning a man, "He's a good hater," as if that were something to commend. Everywhere today is the evidence of what that hate brings forth. The strong man who hates is as different from the strong man who loves as is night from day, as black from white. He is like a man going furiously away from the goal. All his strength and effort are in the wrong direction. And among the great obstacles to peace and unity that are the heritage of the past, we must place the great barrier of man's lack of faith and vision. We must value the brotherhood more.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Calendar

Third Quarterly Assembly, State Street Church, Lexington, Monday, September 5, 10:30 A. M.
Annual Conference, Calvary, Greensboro-----November 9-14
Payments to be made on: A. C. Expenses, January and February; High Point College, March, April; Church Extension, May, June; A. C. Debt, July, August; Superannuates, September, October.

Why the Decrease In Finances?

Treasurer Allen's financial report to the Committee on Fellowship Crusade and Dr. Dixon's report to the Trustees of the Children's Home last week revealed the fact that there has been somewhat of a let down in finances this year as compared to last year. I am not wise enough to give a satisfactory explanation of these things. Various people with whom I have talked have given various reasons. Some say that it is due to the scarcity of money and others to the fact that we have to make many drives, but whatever the reason I am appealing to pastors and laymen to make one supreme effort from now until Conference. Let our people put the Fellowship Crusade over in every Church where it is at all possible and let every Sunday School send a good offering to the Children's Home every month. And by all means let an effort be made to raise the Annual and General Conference budgets in full. We are now in the closing part of the period to raise the Annual Conference Debt Retirement Fund and the months of September and October are designated as the time to raise the Superannuate Fund.

A Sunday on Anderson Charge

Last Sunday was spent on the Anderson Charge, Dr. T. M. Johnson, pastor. The morning appointment was at Fairview Church, some four or five miles southeast of Easley, S. C. This was my first visit to this church and I was very much pleased with what I saw. The church certainly has the right name, for it is on a knoll and is visible for a considerable distance in almost all directions. The church building is of wooden construction, but it is neat and well kept. The auditorium is of medium size and there are several Sunday School rooms which can be made a part of the auditorium for overflow congregations. The church grounds have been greatly improved and shrubbery has been set out which adds considerably to the appearance of the place. The auditorium was well-filled Sunday morning and it was a pleasure to preach to this people. Eleven new members were received Sunday morning, nine of them being on profession of faith and two by letter. The people of this church seem greatly interested in the work of the church. The pastor reported that they were running on schedule with Conference claims and that all claims would be paid.

The evening appointment was at Liberty Hill Church about five miles southeast of Greer S. C. All that has been said of Fairview Church can be said of Liberty Hill Church. A revival meeting had been in progress at this church for a week, Rev. Herbert Garmon being the help in the meeting. I tried to fit into the program of the church in the evening service. Here the church building is being painted and the men were to meet Monday morning to finish the job.

The people of this charge are more than delighted with their pastor, Dr. Johnson. I have not found any other people who have expressed such admiration for their leader, and the pastor is equally pleased with the people.

I was greatly pleased with what I saw on this charge. I trust they may finish up just as well as they now think they will.

Pastors' Reports, Third Quarter

Shelby-Caroleen, Rev. L. S. Helms, pastor—Twenty conversions and 38 accessions so far this year. Had not checked with treasurer on amounts raised on budgets.

Community Church, Rev. J. Clyde Auman, pastor—Conversions 10, accessions 28, salary paid in full, to date $99 raised on A. C. Budget, $75 raised for College, $58.75 raised on World Service other than what the women raise.

High Point, First, Rev. J. C. Madison, pastor—Conversions 33, accessions 53, salary not paid in full, nothing raised on A. C. Budget nor for College, $60 raised on World Service.

Halifax, Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., pastor—Conversions 4, accessions 6, $65 raised on A. C. Budget, $53 raised for College, $6.75 raised for World Service.

Grace Church, Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, pastor—Conversions 6, accessions 12, salary paid to date, nothing reported for A. C. Budget or College, nothing raised on World Service, reached goal in Fellowship Crusade, interior of Church and Sunday School rooms painted, stage erected in Sunday School room.

Brown Summit, Rev. Paul Hamilton, pastor—No conversions nor accessions, salary not paid in full, $1.05 raised on A. C. Budget, $6.50 raised on World Service.

Creswell, Rev. Forrest Wagoner, pastor—Conversions 9, accessions 2, salary not paid to date, raised $13 on A. C. Budget, raised $3.50 for College.

Vance, Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor—Conversions 28, accessions 20, salary not paid to date, $60 raised on A. C. Budget, nothing raised for College, $10 raised on World Service.

Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, pastor—Conversions 25, accessions 51, salary paid to date, nothing raised on A. C. Budget, $10 raised on College assessment, $15 raised on World Service, new church completed and dedicated.

Shiloh Charge, Rev. C. E. Ridge, pastor—Conversions 23, accessions 15, salary not paid to date, raised $75 on A. C. Budget, raised $50 for College, and $25 for World Service.

Roberta, Rev. Q. L. Joyner, pastor—Good revival in progress, received two members, salary about paid to date, nothing raised for Conference Budget or College, nothing raised on World Service.

West End, Greensboro, Rev. N. G. Bethea, pastor—Conversions 40, accessions 33, salary about paid to date, Superannuate claims paid, raised $25 for World Service; expecting to make substantial reduction on Church debt within few weeks.

Gibsonville, Rev. O. B. Williams, pastor—Conversions 4, accessions 4, A. C. Budget $25, paid to College $50, raised

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"Don't look for the flaws as you go through life:
And even when you find them
It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind,
And look for the virtue behind them.
For the cloudiest night has a hint of light
Somewhere in its shadow hiding:
It is better by far to look for a star
Than the spots on the sun abiding."
—*Author Unidentified.*

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Sentence Sermons

To face cheerfully and eagerly the accustomed and ordinary tasks is the simple but sure prescription for enjoyment of life.—*Dr. John Timothy Stone.*

Knowest thou not that thou canst not move a step on this earth without finding some duty to be done, and that every man is useful to his kind by the very fact of his existence.—*Carlyle.*

Somewhere and somehow mercy and law are one reign; the Supreme Mathematician and the Great Father are one.—*Sir Josiah Stamp.*

What doth the Lord required of thee but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.—*Bible.*

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"To Promote the General Welfare"

Among the fine phrases in our National Constitution is "To promote the general welfare." It was put there by the framers of that document as an honest expression of their desire to form a government for the benefit of the many, not the favored few. And while many safeguards were put there to save the masses from being robbed by the designing politicians these safeguards are not sufficient. What a difference in the meaning of these two expressions, "To promote the general welfare," and "To the victors belong the spoils." The meaning of the latter clause is, whichever party gets the office has the right to plunder, to wield the "Big Stick," to work for the benefit of his own party. Shall we some day in very deed cease to be a "government for the people and by the people"?

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The Lift of Prayer

Moffatt's translation of Psalm 18:35 reads, "Thine answers to prayer have raised me," instead of "Thy gentleness hath made me great." This conception of prayer is as a power which lifts one up to new heights, into new experiences, over and above the things which corrupt and terrorize our souls. Man needs a power that raises him, that keeps him out of the slough of despond and which keeps his feet from slipping in the miry clay of sinful conduct.

The lifting power of communion with God. What a wonderful, blessed experience. It is the tendency of evil to pull us down, to keep us down, to throw us down. The answers to our prayer lift us up, keep us up on our feet, sustain us in the trying ordeals of life. It is this lift that makes life's loads lighter, makes the way smoother and the journey shorter.

The Children's Home In Need

Just now the Children's Home is feeling keenly the need of funds to carry on the work; the Treasurer of the Annual Conference reports a falling off of contributions to the causes he handles for the Church; but visit any town, take a look at the parking spaces and behold. The number of cars on the highways indicate a certain degree of financial competence. Hard times are still dogging the heels of many workers, but those who have money to spend for self, as many are doing, cannot pay the debts they owe to their Church by crying unto the Lord about them. Let us not, beloved, begin to starve our souls as we find more of the comforts for our bodies. Let us remember that there is that which impoverishes those who withhold and that which enriches those who give unto the Lord. That nine-tenths with God's blessings upon it may go farther in debt paying and bring us greater joy than the use of ten-tenths spent as the heathen spends. Let us move forward toward the land of promise by increasing our gifts to the cause of religion and by the increase of our attention to the affairs of the Church.

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Making Spiritual Progress

Pagan religions are non-progressive. Their gods are of stone or wood. Things which remain the same through the years. So those who worship them do not desire to change. For people become like the gods they worship. And those who practice heathen cults glory in their past and glorify the status quo. Their ambition is to remain as their fathers were. Standing still, lying down, or sitting down, make strong appeals to all such. The Children of Israel were content to dwell at Horeb. It is true they cried unto the Lord because of their distress, but it was an effort to get the Lord on their side; they wanted the Lord to stay with them while they worshipped the golden calf. The spirit of materialism had taken possession of them. And materialists are not progressive in their religion. They may preach political progress, they may demand economic improvement and require the highest standard of formal education; but in matters religious they prefer to dull their pains for progress in thinking of the good old days when nobody had to give much thought or money for religion. But the Israelites at Mt. Horeb discovered that just crying unto the Lord didn't cure their ills; they must go forward, leave the place which was so sacred to them for the desert country.

And so there are many things today needing to be done by us. And far too many of us are doing nothing more about changing them than to talk or to cry unto the Lord about them. The ills and evils of our land will not change by our waving the wand of our disapproval over them. There is not enough magical power in such an act. It may cost us our ease, take from us our feeling of comfort and complacency, and make us change our way of life a good deal.

But after all is that not the main purpose of religion? "Ephraim is a cake unturned" was the complaint about an ancient people. There was much reason why Ephraim should be turned over. And so it doubtless is with most of us. Being one-sided, lop-sided, many people never see both sides of an issue. And so being joined to idols of ease, contentment, self-sufficiency, they never grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord. Growth implies change. Progress may have to come through pain, through self-denial. Forgetting the past and pressing with supreme effort toward the unattained mastery of self, cannot be an easy thing to do, yet it may be the one thing we must do if we shall make spiritual progress.

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Futility

The American translators make the expression "Vanity of vanities" so familiar to us read, "All is futility," of no avail. To such life is an empty circle, each day alike in the rounds of the year and at the end is as a tale that is told. It's no use to try, say such. But if you want to reveal the idiocy of such an expression read the words of St. John, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be . . . we shall be like him." No futility in that verse. The old pessimist who uttered the vanity of vanities centuries ago did not have the faith of St. John, never knew Jesus Christ. He was a rank materialist with the blight of spiritual decay on his soul. It is too bad that there are those today to whom life offers no hope, the dawning day brings no opportunity for larger and better living. These poor souls cry out as they walk the streets or lie in prison cells or on invalid beds, "it is of no avail, all is futility, what's the use to try?"

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ELI: RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS

International Sunday School Lesson for August 28, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—1 Samuel 2:12-4:18.

Golden Text—"Train up a child in the way he should go." Prov. 22:6.

I trust that this along with the preceding lesson will not leave the impression that motherhood is more sacred or generally more Godly than fatherhood. In my opinion the old idea that a mother is always the determining influence upon a child's life is a myth. Of course in many instances that may be true but also there are a great many Godly fathers in the world whose praises are still unsung and whose influences have been the determining influences in the homes of which they were a part. In speaking of parents it is not a matter of either or but rather of both and.

In this vividly told story of Eli and his sons some of the most vital facts of religious living present themselves to our minds. Like as in many of the Old Testament stories we see life not in the ideal but in its brutal realities. It is life as we are forced to meet and deal with it day after day.

The first thing that presents itself to our thinking is the fact that people are hopelessly bound together. Here was a father who, so far as we know, was guilty of none of the sins characteristic of the day. Certainly he was not in a class with his wayward sons. Yet when calamity comes this father suffers along with everyone else. That may seem unfair but nevertheless it is one of the brutal facts of life. In a large measure our destinies are at one with the nation, community or home of which we are a part. No individual can sin without bringing the shame and disgrace upon the entire household, and when a nation goes wrong the best as well as the worst must suffer the corporate calamity. Sin cannot be a private matter, but when an individual allows his life to sag the whole world inevitably feels the sag thereof.

But that is not the whole truth of the story. If we are forced to suffer for the sins of our fellowmen is it not also true that we are allowed to share the rewards of their goodness? Is it not possible for a like transfer of results? If the world feels the sag of a sinful life is it not also true that the world feels the uplift of a life of purity and righteousness? As Dr. E. Stanley Jones has suggested, this fact makes it possible for us to think in terms of the cross, for if Christ by the universality of His love could take unto Himself the sins of the world, are we not all within the realm of His grace and privileged to share the fruits of His goodness? In my opinion it is always this voluntary suffering for the sins of others coupled with an inner purity of life that saves and transforms another. Because of what sin did to Christ men are made to feel the consequences of sin and are redeemed therefrom.

We may blame Eli for not exercising the proper discipline in his home and so his sons went wrong. That of course is justified. But in the light of the above proposition I believe that there was more lacking than that. Eli may have whipped his sons but he had never taken their sins to heart. He had never so suffered that they were made aware of what sin really is and does. Eli must have loved his children and he must have hated sin but evidently he didn't love his children well enough and hate sin bad enough to experience a cross in his own life because of their waywardness. Children may be taught to stay out of the cupboard with a hickory switch but they are not saved from sin thereby. Christ loved a world and suffered for a world's sin and over and over again the world responds to that love. It takes both the love of God revealed through Christ and the justice of God revealed through His natural law to transform and redeem a human life. When parents exercise justice unselfishly and so love their children that a son's waywardness produces a cross in the parents' hearts I believe that children will respond. Eli was not only guilty of laxity in discipline he was guilty of plain indifference toward sin. For forty years he had judged a people but he had refused to allow the sin of that nation to disturb his fat and luxurious leisure beside the gate. That is of course until calamity came when he along with his sons and fellow countrymen suffered for the sin at which he had formerly winked.

In my mind the cross is God's way, Christ's way, the only way of dealing with sin, whether that sin be in the lives of our children or in the lives of our neighbors. To wink at sin, to become angry or to scorn it is to err. Christ wept but continued to love, for Him sin produced a cross, and even as Thomas was convinced by the nail-prints so do nail-prints, suffering of soul, still convince men of what sin really does for purity, righteousness and love. In our indifference we look at community sins individually and collectively and say but what is that to us? Eli must have said that about his sons. Cain said, "Am I my brother's keeper?" To this question Christ answers yes. He saw a world of sin and said what is that to me? He answered that it is tragedy, it is a cross, He assumed that sin and died therefor. He could not do otherwise and still love a world.

We are studying responsibility for others today. In love Christ assumed responsibility for the sins of His friends, His enemies, for the whole world. Who dares to follow in His train?

The President's Letter

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$10 on World Service; improvements to Church property costing $1,000 have been made including basement and furnace.

Randleman, Rev. C. L. Spencer, pastor—Conversions 19, accessions 17, raised $32 on A. C. Budget, nothing raised for College, raised $22 for World Service. Work being done on basement at Mt. Lebanon, C. E. society organized at New Salem, Woman's Auxiliary organized at Randleman.

Anderson, Rev. T. M. Johnson, pastor—Conversions 10, accessions 11, salary not paid to date, payments to A. C. Budget up to date, $39 paid to College, $33.27 paid on World Service. Church grounds improved, "Lord's Acre" plan being used—4 acres in cotton.

Guilford, Rev. J. B. Trogdon, pastor—Accessions 26, salary not paid to date, most of A. C. Budget paid, considerable improvement made on two churches.

Midway, Rev. J. R. Hutton, pastor—Accessions 5, salary about paid to date, revival to be held later, nothing reported paid on budgets, but collections are being taken, growing interest in church services.

Why Not, Rev. C. H. Hill, pastor—Conversions 4, Accessions 6, salary not paid to date, A. C. Budget paid in full, paid on World Service the amount promised; parsonage being built.

First Church, Burlington, Rev. F. W. Paschall, pastor—Conversions 18, accessions 33, salary paid to date, paid $216 on A. C. Budget, paid $125 to College, paid $41.18 on World Service; summer slump not as bad as usual.

Kernersville-South Winston, Rev. C. B. Way, pastor—Accessions 7, salary not paid to date, paid $11.50 on A. C. Budget, paid $2.50 on World Service, Young People's organizations formed, several new subscriptions secured for HERALD.

Alamance, Rev. H. L. Isley, pastor—Conversions 5, accessions 7, salary not paid to date, amounts paid on budget not ascertained; improvements being made on Center Church.

North Davdison, Rev. W. H. Neese, pastor—Conversions 25, accessions 21, salary not paid to date, $15 raised on A. C. Budget, $1 raised for College, $30 raised on World Service.

Asheboro, Rev. S. W. Taylor, pastor—Conversion 1, accessions 10, salary not paid to date, paid $100 on A. C. Budget, paid $100 on College assessment, paid $51.47 on World Service, Church cleared of debt, Father and Son banquet held, Vacation Bible School held, had Young People's Worker for summer months, Fellowship Crusade completed; revival to be held soon.

Mecklenburg, Rev. Robert Short, pastor—Conversions 8, accessions 6, revival season just beginning, salary only about half paid to date, $13 paid on A. C. Budget.

First Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, pastor—Conversions 20, accessions 36, salary paid to date, nothing paid on A. C. Budgets; Young People's, Easter and Children's Day services held but amount of offering not stated; parsonage renovated; Junior Church organized.

Graham, Rev. H. F. Surratt, pastor—Conversions 10, accessions 13, salary not paid to date, $37 paid on A. C. Budget, $10 paid College, $50 paid on World Service, extra good offering for Children's Home on Anniversary occasion, increase in interest and attendance.

Yarborough, Rev. T. H. Vickery, pastor—Conversions 33, accessions 7, salary not quite paid to date, $15 paid on A. C. Budget, $20 paid on World Service, interest and attendance greatly increasing at one Church.

Randolph, Rev. G. L. Reynolds, pastor—Conversions 20, accessions 10, salary not paid to date, $111 paid on A. C. Budget, $35 paid College, $25 paid on World Service, fine revival at Bethany Church, Sunday School rooms built at Bethel.

Haw River, Rev. C. W. Bates, pastor—Conversions 24, accessions 23, salary not paid to date, $91.37 paid on A. C. Budget, $75 paid College—in full; $34.45 paid World Service; Midway Church painted, retaining wall built at Friendship, new pulpit carpet at Mizpah, minor improvements at parsonage.

State Street, Lexington, Rev. O. C. Loy, pastor, Accessions 3, salary not paid to date, nothing paid on A. C. Budget, $3 raised on World Service, considerable amount of interest paid on Church debt.

Asheville, Rev. E. L. Ballard, pastor—Conversions 6, accessions 12, salary not paid to date, $10 raised for College, $15 raised on World Service, new hymnals purchased, interior of parsonage painted, junior choir organized.

Rockingham, Rev. W. H. Bell, pastor—Conversions 65, accessions 2 with several more to join at next appointment at Bethesda, salary not paid in full, $8 raised on World Service, considerable amount on hand to be sent in soon, Rockingham Church recently recovered; great revival at Bethesda.

Welch Memorial, Rev. J. D. Williams, pastor—Conversions 33, accessions 13, salary not paid to date, raised $50 on A. C. Budget, raised $40 for College, raised $18 on World Service, very successful revival held.

Weaverville, Rev. W. C. Clark, pastor—Conversions 6, accessions 7, salary not paid in full, raised $8 on A. C. Budget, Clark's Chapel Church painted, "The Lord's Acre" plan being used.

Appointments

Sunday, August 28—11 a. m., Asheville; 3 p. m., Mountain Valley; evening, Clark's Chapel.

Sunday, September 4—Mt. Carmel at 11 a. m. and First Church, Lexington at night.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Why the Home Is So Important

The home, as every moralist knows, exerts a powerful influence on the character of the individuals brought up therein. The child is a sort of sponge, soaking up the elements and attitudes of the family. Whatever you would have in the character of the child, therefore, you must put into the home. To be sure, there are exceptional cases that seem to disregard this rule. Nevertheless, the principle is true, and the home does have a distinct advantage in building moral character.

For one thing, the home touches the life first. Early impressions are lasting. Before school or circus, neighboorhood or nation, cast any shades of ethical sunlight upon the soul of the boy or girl the family has already begun to shape the temper and mold the outlook of the growing spirit. Those "unconscious" years may ultimately tell the tale, for the first impressions are lasting.

Again, the home is constant, continuous in its bearing. To jump into a home and jump out would be of no effect. But the child lives there day after day, week after week, and year after year. No wonder the life takes on the nature of the family soul. The Sunday School gets the child forty or fifty minutes a week and does remarkably well with that, but the home has the child *all* of the time. Even the day school does not impress the child so long and so constantly as does the humble home. Like a lense through which the sun rays are focused until they burn the surface upon which they fall, so the concentrated influences of home converge upon the young life until they shape its moral mind.

For another thing, the home is intimate and informal. Our Sunday School and public school teachers could not become so intimate with the children, even if they wished it, as are the parents. Perhaps more real power resides in a mother's love than in a week's recitations. Hearts that reason and logic never reach may be touched by the affection of mother as she tucks the cover under the little ones at night. I remember one sentence that came out on the silent screen in the picture "The Old Nest." It was this: Mothers have no office hours. There it is! No office hours. Every cry is a call for love, every bruised toe an occasion for care and help. Parents do not love by the clock, for their assistance is ready in every time of slightest need.

Finally, home has the advantage in building character because it rests on love. Leave it to education, travel, or riches and we would have few homes. But Nature is not so foolish. This work of making homes and family is too important to be left to any such artificial means. No, God's way of building homes is the way of love. When in springtime the "young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," Nature is saying: "Behold, this is the joyous way I have of starting another affectionate home." And so it is. Ere long the home is up, and, as Fosdick puts it, love soon overflows into children. Offspring, then, are by and for love.

All of these reasons taken together explain why, in such a significant way, the home leads in the production of good, fine, enduring character in the lives of those who come within the domain of its power.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Conferences

As all of you know there is quite a congestion of conference sessions during August and it is something of a task to get to all of them. Onondaga is in the upper part of New York, on Lake Ontario. The Campground belonging to the Conference is indeed a pleasant place and one of great joy to many of the ministers of that Conference who have built there permanent cottages and with some of them homes when retirement may come. It is a very precious spot. My stay was limited to Tuesday before the session began and Wednesday morning and afternoon. It was a time of most pleasant association. In relation to the denomination this Conference, somewhat depleted in membership with the years, has steadfastly maintained a fine loyalty to the denomination, expressed in their response to the World Service payments and in general cooperation with the Church's program. Their attitude remains unchanged despite their feeling of uncertainty about the Union. Perhaps that loyalty was never more beautifully expressed than their election of delegates to the Uniting Conference and their decision to go along with the Church in its Appreciation Year program this final year.

It was a long jump to Missouri and here also I found the same devotion to the Church. This Conference also had returned an adverse vote on the Union but when the time came for the election of their delegates without the slightest murmur of dissent they heartily went about this business of playing their part. To a great extent their hesitancy has been dissipated and their vote was taken even with enthusiasm. It is interesting to note that on the lay side both delegate and first alternate are women.

Kansas as I recall was the first Conference to deliver two years ago the first unanimous Conference vote. This year they met in Kansas City near the old Kansas City University, which a few years ago, having passed from our hands to the United Brethren Church and finally to the Roman Catholic Church. The Conference program is set up for the year and so anxious and prepared is this Conference for the Union that it can be completed within a very short time.—Iowa-Missouri met at Farrar, Iowa, and was nearly through its task when I had to leave. This Conference still has the heavy burden of the Newton Church but after hard and sacrificial effort it would seem a solution is not at all distant. This Church, built by Conference action, is one of the heroic enterprises of the denomination, by both ministers and laymen, and without the harsh years of the early thirties would no doubt have been well established by now. The names of their delegates with those of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio are published in this issue. The last three named conferences are in session as I write. Illinois is meeting on its beautiful Campground with the marvelous all-year-round flowing spring. These grounds, ample and well-located, will no doubt serve a large purpose in the new Church.—Ohio this year has decided to place its president in the field on a whole time basis. It is not an easy decision to leave a fine Church like Steubenville but this is the final great year and this great Conference is determined to go into the new Church with its house in order. This afternoon I leave for Indiana — then Michigan, West Virginia and Pittsburgh.

Appreciation Year

Our conferences are responding to this movement with much sympathy and complete cooperation. The chairmen, Drs. Shaffer and Green, new in this field, have had the finest reception and I have heard praise of the highest kind of their labors.—They will report for themselves. Dr. Stephenson has met with all his conferences—Dr. Haddaway has been unable to get to Onondaga and Ohio due to the meetings of Uniting Conference groups. The work in the southeastern area with Dr. Taylor and Brother Gibbs has not yet started.—Brethren, we are launched upon a mighty endeavor and we propose to make this final year prove our loyalty and love. One of the loveliest posters—the picture on last week's paper—we have ever issued will soon go out to every Church. Place it well where it can be seen and do its work.

"The World Service budget in full."
"Every Church on the Honor Roll."

An Error—But Not Mine

In the issue of this paper, July 8, page 12, column 1, under "Uniting Conference," paragraph 4, line 2.—My attention has been called to this statement which issued from one of the *Christian Advocates*.—"The members of the three commissions officially are members without election." This is not correct for our Church. I understand that the General Conferences of the other two churches elected their commissions to the Uniting Conference but our Conference did not. Every one of our 100 members must be elected by the Annual Conferences. This statement applies equally to the members of the various Uniting Conference committees appointed to investigate the fields which must be adjusted in the new Discipline. Their work and responsibility ends next January, except in a few instances. None of them are members of the Uniting Conference by virtue of their appointment to these pre-Uniting Conference study groups.

Uniting Conference Delegates

Iowa-Missouri—Delegates: Minister, Rev. W. H. Betz; layman, Mr. Warren McComas. Alternates: Ministers, Rev. Hugh E. Williams and Rev. C. R. Green; laymen, Mr. C. D. Newell and Mr. L. J. Tanner.

Illinois—Delegates: Minister, Rev. F. B. Hanna; layman, Mr. C. A. Ruff. Alternates: Ministers, Rev. B. F. Langdon and Rev. F. E. Rueckert; laymen, Miss Lucy Stevens and Mr. C. C. Collier.

Ohio—Delegates: Ministers, S. W. Rosenberger, J. C. Williams, F. L. Brown, C. S. Johnson, R. I. Farmer; laymen, Ely D. Miller, Mrs. E. K. Barss, F. E. Stottlemire, E. H. Graver, P. M. Ellis. Alternates: Ministers, D. L. Custis, P. E. Grimm, R. S. Linton, R. C. Tolbert, C. J. Morton; laymen, Mrs. Mary Walker, C. T. Rinker, W. W. Taylor, Mrs. F. B. Gilhousen, Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger.

Jas. H. Straughn.

THREE LOOKS AT JESUS

Backward

There are three points of view in which you should look at Jesus the Christ. First you should look backward to Him on the cross, crucified for you. To look backward you will see a Divine Substitute suffering in your stead, the Just for the unjust, bearing your sin, taking on Himself the curse and sin for you in order that you, sinner as you are, might be set free from all guilt and counted innocent before God.

In that view you will see the way of pardon and peace, the way to the only plan of forgiveness, justification, and reconciliation with God. Nothing but Christ's atonement on the cross can ever clean up these things. To know that when we are guilty, He bore our guilt; that when we are lost, He died that we might be saved; to know this is to know the foundation of all saving faith, Christianity.

Then let the first look of your soul to Jesus be looking backward. Look at Him on the cross, dying for your sins, and remembering it is for you that you might have everlasting life.

Upward

Then look upward to Jesus at the right hand of God. Let your eyes of faith see Him as your Priest in heaven, doing the work of an intercessor and advocate for your soul, obtaining for us a never ending supply of mercy and grace. He is ready at all times to hear our confessions, to strengthen us for duty, to guide us in perplexity, to hold us in temptations, and preserve us safely on our journey home.

By looking upward to Him as Priest we get comfort and strength to carry on mid all the buffeting in this world. We know we have an intercessor Who understands us and constantly pleads our cause before the Father. What a joy to the children of God to have One upon Whom they can rely, Who watches over them with an eye that never sleeps, hiding us from a righteous God behind His own life blood.

Forward

The third look should be forward. Let your eye of faith look onward to the day when He shall come again. There you see Him as King, coming in great power and glory, coming to raise the righteous dead and change the living ones; to bind Satan and deprive him of his usurped dominions; to deliver the earth from the curse; to banish forever death, wars, sorrow, poverty, injustice, and oppression.

By looking forward Christians will have "the blessed hope" that will sustain and make them calm amidst the confusion in the world. In the darkest hour they do not despair. "Yet a little time," He said, "He that shall come will come and will not tarry." Then looking forward will give you a new outlook on life and in the face of perplexity you will be able to lift up your head and rejoice.—*Baptist and Commoner.*

The Editor made an unannounced visit to Mt. Hermon and Friendship churches last Sunday and presented the Fellowship Crusade; and was able to add a little more than $100 to the third objective of the Crusade allotment for that charge. We enjoyed our visit with these fine people and pastor. Brother Anderson appears happy in the work and has greatly improved the parsonage and surroundings.

OUR STORY PAGE

HOW TIPPIE WARNED OF DANGER

"Tippie was a collie. The neighbors were saying unkind things about him.

"You ought to chloroform him. He hasn't anything more to live for."

"I wonder if the Browns aren't going to get rid of that old dog pretty soon."

It appeared as if all odds were against Tippie. But what had he done to deserve such cruel fate? Nothing. To those who knew and understood him, he was a good old collie. Just because he had lived twelve years in this world was no good reason for the neighbors' unkind attitude.

Tippie and his master were in the cellar. It was "bath day." The water was ready in the tub.

"All right, Tippie, jump in," ordered Tom.

Tippie whined and acted strangely. He drew back and sniffed.

Tom could not understand. The dog always took well to the suds before.

"What's the matter with you?" said Tom, becoming a little impatient. He took hold of Tippie's shaggy hair and tried to lift him into the tub.

Up went Tippie's nose toward the ceiling. He just sniffed and wiggled his body excitedly.

Tom began to smell something and sniffed. His head began to feel light and his legs to weaken. Then Tippie barked furiously. He left his master and raced up the cellar steps and pawed hard aginst the kitchen door.

Susan, Tom's wife, heard Tippie's call, and hurried to open the door.

"Tippie, Tippie, what's the matter with you?" But she didn't wonder long. The gas heater was filling the cellar with dangerous fumes.

She rushed down the steps and turned off the jet. Through the choking fumes she managed to help Tom up the steps to the kitchen where he collapsed. She called the Life Saving Squad.

After a short time Tom was breathing naturally again. One of the husky life savers said to Tom, "Say, that's some dog you have there. If it hadn't been for him, you'd been done for."

"Yes," said Susan, her face beaming, "Tippie's the best dog we ever had. And do you know, the neighbors think we ought to do away with him."

"Oh, no," said Tom, "not yet. Tippie can live as long as he wants to. The best is none too good for him now."—*Elda Sprunger in Our Dumb Animals.*

Alaska, purchased from Russia in 1867 for $7,200,000 in gold, has produced in the past eighty years minerals totaling a value of $722,222,000. Beginning with the Klondike discovery forty years ago, mining activities have developed rapidly, the principal products of which are gold, silver, copper, and coal.

WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHAT

The great question is not who's who, but what's what. Who's Who sounds too much like an owl, and there's about as much sense to it. Who's who means a man's reputation; what's what, his ability. All sorts of things can get you into the WHO'S WHO column; somebody may have left you a million dollars, you may have been sentenced to the legislature for a year, or got lost in Alaska, or whipped Jack Johnson, or something. Only one thing puts your name on the WHAT'S WHAT list: making good.

Who's who is a matter of being talked about. What's what is a matter of doing something.

Who's Who depends upon what somebody else does to you; a college gives you a degree, a lot of people vote for you, the Governor appoints you to something, the newspapers focus the spotlight on you, and all that. But What's What depends on what you do yourself.

We are trained in Who's Whooing. History is an account of innumerable Who's Whoers, ninnies, who sat on thrones and fanatics who assassinated them. But the efficient are rarely headliners.

The What Whatters raise the food, make the clothes, run the railroads, drive the rivets, fell the trees, dig the coal, pound the iron, tame the horses, sweep the floors, cook the food, tend the babies, and watch and wait and work for mankind.

The Who's Whoers button up their Prince Alberts, and thrust the left hand into the coat, and gesture with the right, and point with pride at what has been done, or view with alarm the things we have left undone.

The What's Whatters stand flat on their own feet; so they do not seem as tall as the Who's Whoers, who ride on other folk's shoulders. What's What is in the trenches getting shot now and then.

What's What is doing the world's work, fighting the world's battles, solving the world's grim problems.

Who's Who is talking, advertising, posing.

Who's Who is Mary's son. What's What is the son of Martha.—*Dr. Frank Crane in Four-Minute Essays.*

The difficulties of government are inherent in the human race. They have attended every generation and every form in which mankind has sought to establish order by institution of artificial restraints for the cruel regime of natural law. The former are experimental and overhanging; the latter are changeless. The government of men is in the last analysis by consent, but nature demands of its subjects that they conform or die. The one is moral and within mankind's grasp; the other is physical, and quite beyond us.—*Sen. J. W. Bailey.*

Human social organization depends upon intelligence and not upon instinct as does the social life of ants or termites, it is pointed out by a psychologist, Dr. F. L. Wells of Harvard, but, he explains, beyond that certain minimum needed to learn how to get on in the world, a higher average intelligence does not necessarily mean less crime or less anti-social conduct.—*Science News Letter.*

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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MOVING MILLIONS! A PAGEANT OF INDIA

The above is the title of our Foreign Mission Study book for this year. It is impossible for me to estimate the value of having mission study made attractive to me in my youth; and I have been aware for several years that the leaders in Women's Auxiliaries in many places are not playing square with the young women of our churches. There isn't any subject more fascinating to this editor's way of thinking, than missions. The study books are prepared by those who know their subjects, and it is well worth any woman's time to read each book. We must know our mission fields if we are to be able to meet their needs. The book for this year deals with one of our own fields. Let's be fair with ourselves and get this book and read and discuss it in our churches. We are publishing a brief review of the book in the following article:

"Moving Millions"

Reviewed by Mrs. O. E. Romig
Mt. Washington Church, Pittsburgh

Moving Millions, through the eyes of nine consecrated Christian workers, gives us clear and distinct vistas into the heart of India. We seem to see her people from within instead of looking at her millions from above or without.

In city centers the new civilization sweeps in with western influence and the ox-cart and automobile battle for the right-of-way. The desire to be free and independent of British control motivates all native leaders. Many rights have been gained and the recognition of the ability of women is certainly not the least of these.

Race and color were the basis for the origin of the caste system. Occupation is responsible for the maintenance of this barrier. "My father was a sweeper; I am a sweeper; my children will be sweepers. Kismet."

Early Christian activities were directed toward the Brahmans, or cultured and educated castes. Later missionary programs embraced some of the sixty million Untouchables. Now we find that five-sixths of Indian Christian converts are from the lower castes.

Medical missions began work in India a hundred years ago. Today in America we have one doctor to every eight hundred persons. In India there is one to every twelve thousand. Over half of these are poorly trained. The great need is for Christian medical missionaries to give the right kind of training to Indian students so they may become self-sufficient.

Christian educational institutions have led to comparatively few accessions to the church but their influence is turning the eyes of educated men and women to Christ.

The Christian church of the Indian town is patterned after the western idea. Those in the smaller villages are better adapting their worship to the lives of the native people. Their own familiar music is being used as the background for gospel hymns.

The missionary says that his tasks are to teach the young, remove adult illiteracy, and provide literature for those learning to read. He sees, as the medical man does, that the Indian must be trained to lead his fellows. "The church must increase and I (the missionary) must decrease."

Dr. E. Stanley Jones strives for harmony and does not attempt to gain melody. Throwing his whole heart into the task of writing the last chapter of the book, he pleads for compassion with, and not pity for, India. Finally he calls us to choose for the morrow which it will be for India, communism, fascism or the Kingdom of God.

Truly a most readable book, a challenging book, and one well-designed for class or group use.

THE MINNIS FUND

With the Herald and Missionary Record in so many Methodist Protestant homes, I am sure most of our women know that the N. C. Branch of Women's work has assumed the support of Mr. and Mrs. Minnis. It amounts to $1,500 and reports show that a large amount of this fund has not been paid.

We should feel proud of our Missionary family who are fully prepared to carry on our work in India. They are sacrificing many of the comforts and pleasures that we enjoy, and are daily coming in personal contact with those whom we might hesitate to associate.

Mr. and Mrs. Minnis have their part in "Moving Millions" and we should feel they are our Missionaries and rejoice that someone is preaching in India for us.

Mr. Minnis writes, "We sing, act and go to every known resource in order to get them to see the beauty of the Lord.' The responsibility is upon us and we should carry it in the name of Christ; thus fulfilling His last command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

"We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er that gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust dear Lord from Thee."

As stewards of God and having a Missionary looking to us for support, how can we face India's dying millions until we, through prayer and gift, have helped send the gospel.

MRS. LONNIE McPHERSON.

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An old slab in the Cathedral of Lubeck, Germany, has engraved on it, "Thus speaketh Christ Our Lord:

Ye call me Master and obey me not,
Ye call me Light and see me not,
Ye call me Way and walk not,
Ye call me Life and desire me not,
Ye call me wise and follow me not,
Ye call me fair and love me not,
Ye call me rich and ask me not,
Ye call me eternal and seek me not,
Ye call me gracious and trust me not,
Ye call me noble and serve me not,
Ye call me mighty and honor me not,
Ye call me just and fear me not,
If I condemn you, blame me not."

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

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Offering for Children's Home Day

Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, Whitakers	$ 1.00
Miss Mollie Wheelis, Whitakers	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie McPherson, Bethel, Alamance	10.00
Mr. Gray McPherson, Bethel, Alamance	1.00
Previously reported	717.43
Total to date	$730.43

Clothing and Other Gifts

Mr. Gray McPherson, Bethel, Alamance, 1 pair shoes, and 1 pair tennis shoes.

Mrs. Pusey's S. S. class, First church, Burlington, a bundle of gifts for the girls, consisting of 11 wash cloths, 10 towels, 5 handkerchiefs, a pillow case and 83c in money. We enjoyed having Mrs. Pusey and a number of her friends bring the little girls up to the Home with their gifts. We enjoyed their coming.

We are so thankful for the interest on your part that keeps us going. We are doing our level best with what you give us, but even then we are—

Slipping Into Debt Again

We are keeping down expenses the best we possibly can, but we cannot keep out of debt on the income that we have had for the last few months. We have no way of explaining the falling off. We can only state the FACT, and wonder about the WHY.

A summing up of figures for the first nine months of this Conference year, as compared with the same nine months of last Conference year, show that we have received $3,288.86 less this year than for that same period last year, though the Duke Endowment gave us about $600 more this year than last.

Our Debt

Even though our income has been reduced, as per the above, we have striven so hard to live within our income budget that we are only in debt about $1,600. You have September and October and the first Sunday in November to help us catch up. A good offering from every Sunday school in the Conference for these two months, and that first Sunday will turn the trick. Will you please respond as liberally as you can.

Fall Supplies

Our fall supplies of coal, and shoes, and overalls, and school supplies must be laid in soon. This is another reason for boosting your offerings. Thank you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

WHAT WILL I BE LIKE?

The Christian Endeavor Topic for August 28, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 22—I will be like those I admire. I Cor. 15:33.

Tuesday, August 23—I want to be like Christ. Phil. 2:4-5.

Wednesday, August 24 — I want to be gracious and kind. Eph. 5:1-2.

Thursday, August 25—I will be like Christ in Heaven. I John 3:1-3.

Friday, August 26—Who most deeply influenced Paul? How? Phil. 3:1-14.

Saturday, August 27—I will follow Jesus. Heb. 12:1-4.

The Text: Phil. 4:8, 9, 13, 19.

Just as the doctor makes his diagnosis and then his prognosis so we after thinking a few Sundays ago about "What Am I Like," now turn to examine ourselves in the light of the future to see "What We Will Be Like."

As we face the future we begin to make plans to develop ourselves physically and mentally by a well-worked out program of exercises and of study, but how very few of us have any definite plan thought through that will help us to build Christian character which is the most important job that we have in life.

Tennyson makes Ulysses say in referring to his travels: "I am a part of all that I have met." As we face the future we can be sure that the same will be true with us. No matter how hard we might try to make it otherwise; we are sure to be a part of all that we come in contact with, whether it be good or evil.

It doesn't necessarily hold, however, that because we have largely come in contact with forces for good that we will have developed an extraordinarily good character. You may have lived near the water all of your life and know intimately many good swimmers. You may know from observation much that there is to know about swimming, but unless you have put into practice the things you have learned and are a good swimmer yourself, you will not be able to help a drowning person because that drowning person needs help and not company.

It is a great thing for you to have a desire to help your fellowmen who are not as fortunate in their opportunities as you are, but you had better be sure that your character is so high and so well developed that you can lift them up instead of being pulled down yourself. You may have grown up in a Christian home and attended Sunday school and church regularly—you may know from observation and learning all about developing Christian character, but unless you have put into practice what you have seen and learned you are going to find that your character is pretty weak.

John Wesley grew up in a Christian home. He had as fine a mother as any man ever had—a mother who did everything in her power to develop in John Wesley a Christian character. He received a wonderful education, entered the Christian ministry and came to America as a missionary to the Indians: but he realized that with all of his Christian heritage and environment—with his wonderful education and his desire to help other people he still lacked something. He had made the mistake that so many of us make today—he had given Jesus Christ everything except himself. But once John Wesley realized what was lacking he did not stop searching until his Aldersgate experience on May 24, 1738.

As with Wesley before Aldersgate, and with St. Paul as he expresses himself in the third chapter of his Epistle to the Philippians—I have not reached the goal that Christ set for me, nor am I already perfect, but I am pressing on that some day I may have developed a Christian Character.

As you bravely launch out into the future to build the kind of life that your highest ideals call for, you must remember that unless you take Jesus Christ with you as your guide you will fall far short of your ideals.

Jesus, Saviour, pilot me,
Over life's temptestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass came from thee:
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

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NOTICE

Revival services will begin at Chestnut Ridge church on Orange charge Sunday, August 28, with services morning and afternoon. Rev. Roland Stubbins will be the preacher. Everyone is invited to come and bring their dinner. Services throughout the remainder of the week will be at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

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McTavish bought a new cash register. One day a friend entered the shop and bought a six-penny cigar. To his surprise he noticed that the shopkeeper placed the six-pence in his pocket instead of in the register.

"Why don't you ring it up?" he asked. "Aren't you afraid of forgetting it?"

"I'll nae forget it,' said McTavish. "Ye ken I keep track of it in my head until I get five shillings, then I ring it up. It saves wear and tear of the machine."—Times of India.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Sandy Ridge, Kernersville-South Winston Charge. — The Ladies' Aid society of this church has been very active during the summer months, holding their monthly meetings in the homes of the members. The July meeting was held at the home of Mrs. S. B. Ridge Wednesday, July 6, at 8 p. m. The meeting was attended by the usual number of women of the church interested in the work. At the conclusion of the program, the hostess served a delicious frozen salad course.

The August meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. G. Pegg Wednesday, August 17, with the usual number of members present. After the business and program was ended, the hostess served delightful refreshments. Mrs. C. C. Sykes is president of the society, and Mrs. W. W. Evans is the secretary.

The Ladies' Aid society of our church will sponsor an entertainment at the Colfax school Tuesday night of next week when the Smiling Rangers, radio entertainers, will present a program of music and entertainment.

Our church is planning for a singing school to begin about the first week in September, to be taught by Mr. Marshall, of Winston-Salem. A similar school was conducted at a nearby church for the past two months and about all the members of our choir attended.

We are planning for another revival meeting in our church to start the first or second Sunday in October. Our pastor will secure a preacher for the meeting.

MRS. L. G. WOOD,
Member of Ladies' Aid.

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First Church, Henderson, T. J. Whitehead, Pastor, Aug. 22.—How fast our Conference year is passing!

Our pastor reminded us Sunday that in three months the Annual Conference would be in session and there was much to be accomplished during that time.

May we take new courage and press on to the completion of the task.

Our treasurer gave us our Thank Offering boxes a few days ago and in order to contribute to our Women's Work will mean self-denial and careful planning for many of us.

Circles Nos. 1 and 2 met Monday afternoon, Aug. 15 at 5 o'clock, at the King's Daughters Park and after the business session a picnic supper was enjoyed. Circle No. 4 met Monday evening at 8 o'clock with Miss Margaret Hight.

The Philathea class had their August meeting at the Park following a picnic supper there.

Mrs. J. Franklin Mills, state president of the Philathea Union gave an instructive talk emphasing the importance of organization of the class. She also discussed the needs of Philathea work. Mrs. C. L. Finch introduced Mrs. Mills to the class. Mrs. T. J. Whitehead led the devotional exercises and Rev. Mr. Whitehead dismissed the group with prayer.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Joyce and little son, J. L., Jr., are visiting Mrs. Joyce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Powell. Mrs. Joyce will be pleasantly remembered as Miss Louise Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Maurice Allen are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, John Maurice, Jr., August 3, at Maria Parham hospital.

Rev. Mr. Whitehead left Sunday afternoon for Pleasant Hill to assist in a revival meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Faulkner announce the marriage of their daughter, Katherine Virginia, to Mr. H. Norman Neubert, Saturday, July 30, Phillips Academy Chapel, Andover, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Neubert are making their home in Brooklyn, N. Y. We wish for the young couple a long and happy married life.

Mr. S. R. Harris entertained the ministers of the city at a melon feast August 5. All had a fine time.

Funeral services for Mr. J. M. Bowling, who died at his home here August 12, were held from the Methodist Protestant church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Rev. T. J. Whitehead, pastor, in charge of the services. Mr. Bowling had been a member of the Henderson church for 37 years and will be greatly missed. May our Father comfort the sorrowing family.

Friends of Mr. Charles F. Tankersley, Jr., regret very much that his work has called him to Richmond, Va. Mrs. Tankersley will join him later. Mr. and Mrs. Tankersley have taken an active part in the church and Sunday school work for years and while they will be sadly missed; yet we are wishing for them much happiness in their new home.

Rev. and Mrs. Whitehead and quite a number of our church people have visited Manteo and enjoyed the pageant: "The Lost Colony."

Mrs. Eulalie Harris Tompkins is leaving today for Columbia, S. C., to visit her children and to attend the marriage of her son, John Robert Tompkins, and Miss Mary Eleanor Thurmond, which will take place Thursday evening at the First Baptist church, in Edgefield, S. C.

We were grateful for the opportunity of hearing two splendid and helpful sermons Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Whitehead preached at the morning service taking for his subject, "Winning a Man for Christ." The union service was held at the Methodist Protestant church Sunday evening with Rev. W. C. Cummings, former pastor of the First Presbyterian church bringing the message. His subject, "When God Swore" was very interesting and enjoyed by a large congregation.

ANNIE C. LASHLEY.

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Kernersville-South Winston Charge, Aug. 22.—Since our last report to the Herald our work has been moving along as usual. We held the third quarterly conference at Pine Grove church July 30. Dr. Pritchard, our president, was with us and presided. The reports were encouraging. While we are considerably behind with Annual Conference assessments and pastor's salary, it is expected that these will be met as usual. Mrs. Ralph Fulp was declared elected delegate to the next Annual Conference. She is a talented young woman and a consecrated Christian. She will make a good representative in our Annual Conference.

The revival meeting began at the Kernersville church yesterday. Services were held at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Rev. B. A. Culp, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. Winston-Salem, arrived Sunday evening and has been preaching each evening this week. His sermons are replete with gospel truth and are very forcefully delivered. The attendance has been fairly good. We have had special music at different services.

The pastor and family have been kindly remembered by members of the different churches with numerous gifts of vegetables, watermelons, fruits, young chickens, flour and other useful gifts. The gifts were so numerous that we will not attempt to give a list of the donors, but we deeply appreciate every gift and the spirit or motive that prompted the gift. We wish to make special mention of two gifts of flour, 100 pounds from Brother R. S. Peoples and 50 pounds from Brother R. M. Whitt, both of Ai church.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Brother J. J. Peoples, at Ai church, in the sudden passing of his son, Elmer. Funeral services were held at the home and the church Wednesday afternoon of last week, conducted by the writer and Rev. Kenneth Goodson, of the M. E. Church, South. Elmer was 25 years of age, and unmarried. He is survived by his father and several brothers and sisters.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

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Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Charge, J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—The Helping Hands "Baby Contest" came to a close Saturday night, August 13, with thirteen babies and their sponsors taking part. Each baby was sponsored by a member of the class. Emma Jean Nichols and Waldo Gordon Causey, Jr., were crowned king and queen, having received the highest number of votes. Dorothy Jane Newton and Robert Bowman were second place winners and Shirley Ruth Fogleman was runner-up. The queen received a gold bracelet and the king a wagon; second prize for the girl was a gold cross and the boy a truck; runner-up prize was a silver spoon. Mrs. Howard Roberson, teacher of the class, gave Miss Lucille Phillips a gold embossed compact for securing the most votes. A program was rendered by members of the class; Sears Trio of Siler City and Dovella Bowman. Miss Katherine Causey was mistress of ceremonies, providing fun throughout the evening. $95 was made by this project, which is to be used to furnish the Sunday school room of this class.

The Woman's Auxiliary served supper to the Liberty Rotary club at the church Thursday night, August 4. The electric stove we recently installed in our kitchen was a great help in preparing this meal.

We have closed a successful two weeks of Vacation Bible school. Mr. S. F. Wheeler, of Duke university, was with us the first week, teaching intermediate class in the mornings and the adult group at night on "The Life of Christ," which was well attended. We had an enrollment of 55 in day time. The teachers and helpers were, dean of the school, Miss Ola Stafford; Mrs. Lillie Causey, Miss Mildred Spoon, Miss Lucille Sheppard, Miss Celia Garrett, Miss Maxine Smith and Mrs. Carl Curtis.

An electric stove was installed at the parsonage the past week. We hope the parsonage family will enjoy it for they have surely put up with a make-shift stove for a long time.

Sunday, August 21, was the beginning of our revival services. Our attendance at Sunday school was 235 with 25 visitors. At the morning service the church could not accommodate the crowd. Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, of Duke university, brought the morning message, using as his text, "I am poor and needy, yet the Lord thinketh about me." He told us the only way to solve the world's problems was for all of us, old and young, rich and poor, to realize that the Lord does think of us. He gave us food for thought. At the afternoon service Rev. J. Clay Madison, of High Point, brought a most forceful message on the subject, "The Inescapable Christ," saying that during the week he is to be with us he would say as Paul did, "I resolve to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." Rev. Mr. Madison pointed out that somewhere, sometime in our life we must come face to face with Christ and deal with Him.

We were so glad to have in our midst for Sunday services Rev. Will Pike, Rev. and Mrs. Millaway and son, Muncie and family; Rev. and Mrs. Will Neese, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Amick and many others.

The C. E. society of Bethany Presbyterian church, near Graham, presented an interesting program at our church last Sunday night.

MRS. CARL CURTIS.

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Lexington, First and Mt. Carmel. — We closed our annual revival at Mt. Carmel on August 12. Brother O. C. Loy, pastor of State Street church, was our pulpit help. He was able to be with us on Sunday which was the annual home-coming day for the church. This was a good day with a large attendance and a splendid gospel sermon at the 11 o'clock service. The afternoon was given over to various visiting singers and the time was used in giving those present a good program of songs. Every one present seemed to enjoy the whole day. Brother Loy did some splendid preaching all during the week. There were eight conversions and reconsecrations and one united with the church at the close of the meeting, with perhaps others to come later. This was a good meeting and seemed to be enjoyed by the splendid audiences that attended the services.

The members of this church are greatly interested in their church and its physical appearance. Recently the roof was painted by a donation by Brother R. M. Fritts to pay for the paint. Then the outside of the church looked a bit bad, and immediately a movement was put forth to secure funds to paint the outside. Some of the paint has already been put on, and it is hoped the rest will be finished in just a few days. It is a distinct pleasure to work with a people that do things with the spirit and interest that these people do.

At the close of the revival Friday night, when I went to my car to give a receipt to the stewards for one of the largest offering on the previous Sunday that the church had ever made, my car was well-laden down with many useful articles of food. The names of all the ones who gave were not given, so I will not be able to give a list of names; but the Lord knows all of them. This was a real pounding and one that was certainly appreciated by pastor and family. I know that the Lord will richly repay all who gave in many different ways. Again, I say it is a pleasure to serve people who have such an abiding interest in their church and the Kingdom's interest.

At First church we have many things to be grateful for. One is that more of the people are now employed than have been for sometime. These people, too, have a great interest in their church. The interior of the church has been completely refinished and adds so much to its appearance. All of the organizations are functioning in a normal way. Our fall revival will be held the first week in October. Brother Wayne Curtis, of Burlington, will be with us and direct the singing interest, and speak to the children each afternoon, and the pastor will preach each night. Already interest has been shown in this meeting and we hope to have a great ingathering of souls at this meeting. Pray for us that the old-time revival spirit will get hold of this people and that we will have a good meeting.

We expect to close a normal conference year in every respect. Our people are willing to work in the Master's service.

On the first Sunday of September we are to be favored with a visit of our Conference President, Dr. J. E. Pritchard. On next Sunday we are to worship in a union service for all Methodists of Lexington. Rev. O. C. Loy will preside, and the writer will preach the sermon. This service was planned by the pastor of the First M. E. Church, at which church the service will be held.

L. E. MABRY, Pastor.

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Central Church, Asheboro.—Central church will observe "Youth Day," Sunday, August 28, at both the morning and evening worship hours. There will be visiting speakers for both services and young people of the church will participate in the program.

As special feature for the youth of the church, there will be a banquet on Tuesday evening, August 30, in the social rooms of the church. This will be the last summer social function and also will pay special recognition to young people of the church who will soon leave for the different colleges.

Miss Iola Lowdermilk has returned from a three-weeks' vacation at the Soda Springs Ranch, at Rimrock, Ariz. This dude ranch is owned by her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Romaine Lowdermilk.

Mrs. N. M. Harrison and son, Nat Mason Harrison, returned Saturday from a three-weeks' visit with relatives at Mobile, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., their son, Frank, III, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Pritchard and son, Porter Pritchard, Mrs. Mary Porter and Miss Cleta Rich, were at Manteo last week for a presentation of Paul Green's symphonic pageant, "The Lost Colony." Miss Elizabeth Phillips left Monday for Lemon Springs school, Lee county, where she is teacher of home economics. Van Elmer Rich, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rich, is spending one week with his cousins, Bill and Betty Bradley, in Greenville, S. C. Mrs. W. C. Cummings, of Reidsville, was the guest last week of her sister, Mrs. S. W. Taylor, in Greystone Terrace.

Mrs. George Hasty had as guests this week, her niece, Mrs. C. L. Scarborough, and Mr. Scarborough, of Midland City, Ala. They were en route home, where Mr. Scarborough is superintendent of schools, from a summer of study at Columbia university.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Grimm, their two daughters, Miss Helen Grimm and Miss Jane Grimm and their son, Preston Grimm, of Baltimore, Md., were week-end guests of William Lewis, director of young people's activities at Central church during the summer months.

Mrs. W. F. Redding has recovered from a tonsilectomy which was performed at the McPherson hospital. Mrs. Charles F. Smith has recovered from an extended illness at her home. Mrs. E. G. Lowdermilk, of Liberty, was the guest of Mrs. Smith during the past week.

The friends of Mrs. S. L. Hayworth, extend sympathy in the passing of her son, Dr. C. A. Hayworth, local surgeon, whose death occurred August 5.

A. C. Cox, of Asheboro Star route, on Cox road, had as guests Sunday, August 7, his four sons and two daughters, and the occasion was the first time when the members of his family have assembled together at the Cox home in ten years.

The sons present were Ross C. Cox, and Mrs. Cox, of Tampa, Fla.; Fred J. Cox and Mrs. Cox and daughter, Miss Ella Stuart Cox, of Lexington; Elroy C. Cox, Mrs. Cox and three children, Miss Clara Louise Cox, Billy Cox and E. C. Cox, Jr., of Asheboro; and Clarence Cox and Mrs. Cox, who reside with A. C. Cox.

The daughters are Mrs. L. D. Burkhead and Mrs. Rodema Cox Ingold, of Asheboro. Others present were Mr. Burkhead and their son, L. D. Burkhead, Jr., and Mrs. Ingold's daughter, Vera Mae Ingold, of Asheboro.

Frank Burkhead, of Asheboro, and Fred Cox, Jr., of Lexington, were the only grandchildren absent on this occasion.

A. C. Cox, who is 79, has fully recovered from his serious illness of early summer and is again able to direct affairs of his farm. All the members of this interesting family are members of the Methodist Protestant denomination, except the R. C. Coxes, of Tampa.

CLETA RICH.

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Mt. Moriah, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor.—Revival services were held in our church last week. We had a glorious meeting; there was around 25 conversions. Rev. C. E. Ridge, assisted Mr. Madison in preaching as he was a former pastor of Cleveland charge and was loved by all the people on the charge. A large crowd from the other churches were present to hear him bring his wonderful messages. I'm sure it made Mr. Ridge feel good when he was preaching to look into old faces.

The class leaders are to meet Wednesday night to organize a prayer meeting. I'm sure this will meet the approval of all the members.

We haven't had a report in the paper since the death of Mr. Troxler as he also was a former pastor of ours, we were sorry to hear of his death. We still remember his good work while he was with us. In behalf of the church I wish to say that our greatest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Troxler and the children.

Funeral services were held for Miss Mary Jane Paige Saturday, August 13, 1938. Miss

Paige was 66 years old and had been an invalid since her early girlhood, regardless of her handicap she was always cheerful and was loved by all who knew her. At the time of her death she was making her home in Shelby, N. C., with her brother, W. R. Paige, but in recent years her home was in this community.

GILLIE DEVINNEY, Reporter.

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Community Church, Thomasville. — It is good to be back in Thomasville after a trip to Florida, one week, assisting in an Educational school at Orlando, the other visiting interesting places, such as Tampa, St. Petersburg, Daytona Beach, and St. Augustine. We had never been in this section of Florida before and we thoroughly enjoyed the trip. And even though it was summer time we found it quite pleasant and profitable. The family went along and had an apartment while the writer assisted in the school. We found our Methodist Protestant people in Florida to be very fine and thoroughly enjoyed working with them.

Last week we were with Brother W. H. Neese at Bethesda on North Davidson in their annual revival services. These are fine people at Bethesda. We feel richer by having known them. It is always pleasant to work with Brother Neese. I trust the visible results will amount to some permanent good.

Next Sunday Dr. R. M. Andrews, director of the Fellowship Crusade, is expected to be with us in the morning service.

September 11 to 18 special Go-To-Church Week services are being held in all the churches of Thomasville. A similar week was held last year and much good was accomplished.

J. CLYDE AUMAN.

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Concord, E. O. Peeler, Pastor, Aug. 21.—Our pastor has been giving us some wonderful sermon as he ever does. While he was away helping Rev. Mr. Holt in a meeting. Mrs. Peeler gave us a beautiful message on Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Peeler are away now on their vacation and many of our folks visited different churches today.

Mrs. J. L. Sides, the vice-president of our Missionary work, will have charge of the Missionary meeting Monday night.

The Ladies' Aid is having the parsonage painted inside while Mr. and Mrs. Peeler are away.

Our Sunday school has had some one to make a five-minute talk each Sunday on some Bible character. Mr. D. A. McLaurin made a talk about Sampson one Sunday. Mr. Peeler made a talk about Paul and Mrs. J. L. Sides made a talk. We have trouble getting our folks to reassemble after Sunday school and thought maybe that would make it more interesting.

In September Mr. Peeler will have a series of services on Sunday morning and night. He will do the preaching and we hope to get each Sunday school class organized and working in a way that we can reach all the church members that are not active, also those who are not members. We were very happy to receive into our church family Mr. and Mrs. Smith from Salisbury, also Mrs. Lettie Furr and Miss Estelle Furr from Love's Grove. This makes 51 members added to our church family since Conference. We are happy to have Miss Margie Pittman back with us.

We are glad to see Miss Margie Burris able to be out after a serious operation. Mrs. R. O. Atwell is still very sick; our sympathy goes to her family, especially her daughter, Mrs. Earl Helderman, with whom she makes her home. Mrs. Arvel Bundy is in a serious condition from a snake bite. We are glad that Mr. T. F. Newton is able to be back at church, he has been real sick for several weeks. We are sorry that Mr. Dewey Newton has gone to the hospital, we hope he will soon be well.

We were very happy to have Mr. Peeler's brother and family with us one Sunday; also a little niece, Billie Adams from Charlotte, and Mr. Joe Scarboro from Albemarle.

The Cradle Roll class is very proud of a nice little room the Sunday school has fixed for them in the new basement.

Our women are looking forward to a Missionary meeting that will be held in our church in October.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Mt. Hermon, Mt. Hermon Charge, J. R. Anderson, Pastor, Aug. 22.—Silence of the reporter is no indication of a dead church. The pastor brings good messages, all organizations are functioning, and a spirit of optimism prevails.

One week of the revival meeting is past, the pastor did the preaching. Mr. D. Ward Milam from Lincolnton, had charge of the music. John Nance, of Swepsonville, accompanied on the piano. The incessant rains drowned out the meeting, so we plan for another in October and we hope for better weather. Our prayers are for much and lasting good.

The third quarterly conference declared John P. Loy delegate to the Annual Conference.

We were delighted to have Dr. R. M. Andrews present the Fellowship Crusade. He has many friends and several High Point college "children" who are always glad to see and hear him. He assisted the pastor to administer the Holy Communion.

Several of our people have been in hospitals, several have been hurt, but all are at home, improving now.

The Auxiliary will meet at the church Friday evening at 7:30. It is important, so let the members and all interested women be there.

REPORTER.

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Fairview Church, Aug. 22.—The work here is moving along very well; our Sunday school is largely attended and it seems that there is right much interest being taken at this time.

Plans are being made for our annual revival meeting to be held in the near future. At the last quarterly conference which was held at the Glen Raven church it was decided that Rev. Charlie Coble would be our pastor to serve out the last quarter of our Conference year; this pleased us very much as we all like Mr. Coble and always enjoy his messages. Mr. Coble filled his first appointment the second Sunday in this month and brought us a fine sermon using as his topic, "Cleansing the Temple."

Our community was very saddened by the death of Mrs. Thomas Rich, who died at her home August 16. "Grandma" as she was better known among her friends, lived to the ripe age of 79 years. The last few years of her life were spent in much suffering, yet she was always cheerful. While Mrs. Rich was not a member of our church she was interested in its welfare and attended whenever her health permitted. Mrs. Rich's chief interest was her home and family and there with them was where she remained most of her time. Her greatest joy was to have her friends come in and talk with her. While her physical body is gone from us her love, her devotion and her spirit will ever remain with us. Funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Parrish, pastor of the M. E. church. The body was laid to rest in Pine Hill cemetery, Burlington. The floral tributes were large and beautiful, proving the high esteem in which she lived. Our sympathy goes out to her family in their bereavement.

MRS. CLARENCE RUDD, Reporter.

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Brown Summit.—Although your have not heard so very much from Brown Summit church, yet it is not asleep. Brown Summit is alive and active in carrying on the work of God's Kingdom.

Last Friday evening our revival meeting came to a close, however we trust and believe that the influence and results of the services conducted there will live on in the hearts and lives of the people. We had a wonderful revival, and to God be all the praise. Rev. T. E. Strickland brought some very effective messages to us throughout the week of the meeting. During the meeting there were 13 conversions with nine of the 13 giving their name, asking to be received as members into our church. This will be done next Sunday and of course we are happy to have them decide to unite with us.

We trust that the beginning of a great accomplishment has started in our church at Brown Summit.

E. P. HAMILTON, Pastor.

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Flag Springs Church, Why Not Charge, C. H. Hill, Pastor, Aug. 22.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment here on the third Sunday in August at 11:30 a. m. Brother Hill brought us a very helpful message, using as his text Isaiah 30:1, "Woe to the rebellious children sayeth the Lord, take council but not of me, and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin." His subject was "Adding sin to sin."

We held our Children's Day service on the first Sunday in August. The children of the Sunday school rendered an interesting program. Mrs. C. T. Luck had charge of the program.

Our revival meeting will begin on Thursday evening, September 1, at 7:30 p. m. We

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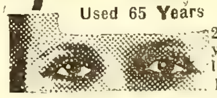

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are expecting the meeting to run ten days. Our pastor is expecting to have a number of ministers and workers to assist in the meeting, including Rev. H. W. Bell, of Rockingham, N. C. There will be a cottage prayer meeting at the home of C. A. Lewallen on Saturday evening, August 27 at 7:30. On Sunday evening, August 28, there will be prayer meeting at the church: on Tuesday evening, August 30, there will be a cottage prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Cornie Williams at 7:30. On Sunday, September 4, there will be three services at the church, as follows: Preaching at 11 o'clock, dinner on the grounds, preaching again at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m.

C. A. LEWALLEN, Reporter.

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Bethesda, Rockingham Charge.—Our revival services began the fourth Sunday in July and closed the following Sunday night. Our pastor, Rev. H. W. Bell, preached through Friday night. The remainder of the week Rev. Wayne Curtis did the preaching until the close of the meeting. We hope he can come our way again. Both speakers brought us some splendid messages, and the church was greatly revived and strengthened with the "Old-time Religion." Not only were there about 75 souls born into His Kingdom but there was a real awakening in each Christian's heart.

We were very happy to have with us members from Rockingham church and also the following singers: Mrs. S. H. Gardner, of Patrick, Wood's Quartet, of Teal's Mill, and part of the Blue Ribbon Band.

We were glad to have the President of the Annual Conference to fill our pastor's appointment, August 14. He brought to us an interesting and inspiring message. We hope he can be with us again.

We are so glad to report that Mr. Elbrus Jacobs, who has been sick, is able to be with us again.

We are sorry our Sunday school secretary, Miss Florrie Boan, had to be in school at Greenville during our revival but glad she is back with us now.

We are very grateful to those who served us in the absence of our pastor.

Let your prayers be with us in our work.

MARY JACOBS, Reporter.

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Draper, J. L. Love, Pastor.—As I haven't seen anything from our little church in some time will try to write a few of the latest happenings. We are still having some wonderful services. There was a soul saved Sunday night: Mrs. Roy Harris, and we are all glad to see her take her stand for Christ.

Our Sunday school is showing some improvement, and we hope that it will continue to grow.

Sister Boyles has been on the sick list for some time, but she is able to be back at work again.

We are looking forward to a great revival that will start in the near future. All the churches joining in and we feel that there will be great work done. We are asking the prayers of all the Christian people that this might be one of the greatest revivals Draper has ever known for we know there is much work to be done. Pray that this may be the time that many souls may be saved.

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Union Grove Church, Joseph Coble, Pastor.—Our church and community were blessed and lifted up last week by our church school which was conducted under the direction of the N. C. Council of Religious Education, with Rev. Sterling Wheeler as instructor.

Two courses were given: "The Life of Christ" in the afternoon; and "The Meaning of Church Membership" in the evening. From a none too enthusiastic beginning, because the people had never come in contact with such a school before, the interest and attendance increased until by Friday evening over 100 were in attendance. Comments such as these were heard from leading people of our community who were not all members of our church: "This is better than any revival meeting that we have ever had"; "I wish I could get all of my friends out"; "This is the best thing that we have ever had in this community."

Part of the enthusiasm was due to the vital material that was presented and part to the personality, enthusiasm, and spirit guided life of Mr. Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler is a Texan who has studied at Southern Methodist university, at Duke School of Religion, and is entering Union Theological Seminary in New York this fall. He was loaned to our Council of Religious Education by the Duke Foundation.

There were 14 who received credit in "The Life of Christ," and 19 in "The Meaning of Church Membership."

Not in robes of purple splendor, but in lives
  that do His will,
And in patient deeds of kindness, He comes
  still.
And the people cry in wonder, though no
  sign is in the sky,
That the glory of the Lord is passing by.

JOSEPH COBLE, Pastor.

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Efland, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, Aug. 21.—Pastor Morris brought us another of his inspiring messages today, using as his theme "Contagious Religion." A large audience was present to hear him, including several friends and former members from Danville and Kannapolis.

Rev. R. A. Hunter, of Winston-Salem, came for the evening service and using "Prayer" as the subject of his splendid sermon, helped us to see more clearly than ever the value of prayer and its importance in our lives. We are indeed fortunate to have Brother Hunter with us to preach each evening this week. We are praying that this series of services may mean much to Efland and the surrounding community.

Each morning this week the Vacation Church school will meet. Mr. and Mrs. Morris will be assisted in this work by Misses Eloise Efland, Maxine Efland, Mrs. Robert Nichols, Mrs. E. S. Taylor and probably others. Much interest is being manifest by the pupils and we feel that much good will come from this project.

REPORTER.

VACATION OF SORROW

It has been our custom to take a little vacation each summer. We have tried usually to go to some place of interest. This year we had looked forward to visiting my brother and other friends in Indianapolis, Ind., and vicinity. My brother had been sick for some time in the Methodist hospital of Indianapolis but was rapidly recovering. We were planning to start on our journey on July 26. On the morning of July 21 a telegram brought the news that brother was rapidly recovering and that our visit was anxiously looked forward to. On the night of the same day another telegram brought the information that very unexpectedly a very serious operation had become necessary and that my brother was critical. I was asked to come at once. There was no time to arrange for the trip for the family as had been expected but the first schedule that could be found to take me to the western state was secured. I arrived in Indianapolis on the next night to find my brother in a very serious condition. The family joined me a few days later. How suddenly and how sadly our plans can be changed. Everything was done by skilled and attentive doctors, the best of nurses and by the use of the best equipment of a most wonderful hospital to keep my brother with us, but God saw fit to take him and on August 5 he peacefully passed into the Great Beyond. He had lived in Indianapolis for about 40 years as a business man. He had made a great number of the most loyal friends I have ever seen. Not only did they do everything possible for him, but their treatment to my family and myself was most wonderful. For all this I am most thankful and may God be praised. This most unusual kindness was greatly appreciated but it was all mingled with the most bitter experience of giving up a dear brother and the last of the old home ties of years ago. While it is indeed sad we try to humbly bow to the will of a good God who saw fit to bring this experience to pass.

While in Indianapolis I received the very sad intelligence of the death of my good friend and brother, Rev. R. S. Troxler. This added to my sorrows. Brother Troxler was one of my very best friends. In his first work he followed me. We have on so many occasions worked together. And in all our relationship there was never a moment of anything but the most pleasant and brotherly fellowship. He was a good man and I thank God for this great life and the very pleasant memories and happy relationship we had here as we labored together. Most sincere sympathies are extended to his family.

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In the quiet of the evening just as we were assembling for the church srevice on July 2 a messenger came to us to say God had again sent His angel among us to claim one we loved. This call came to the home of our Sunday school superintendent, Mr. John M. Dunn, to beckon his devoted companion home over there.

Mrs. Dunn had been seriously ill for almost two months and while her going was not unexpected it cast a gloom of sadness over the entire community where she had lived practically all of her life.

She remained a faithful and helpful member of the Efland Presbyterian church, but since her marriage she attended church with her husband and was a most efficient teacher of the Young Ladies' Sunday school class, an active member of the Ladies' Auxiliary and ready to help in any way she could to promote the cause of Him whom she loved.

Mrs. Dunn will be greatly missed not only in her home and community but in the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Auxiliary of the Rural Letter Carriers' association where she was a valued member having held responsible officer in both organization.

The last rites were conducted from her church by her pastor, Rev. N. N. Flemming, Rev. C. P. Morris, pastor of the Methodist Protestant church, and Rev. B. M. Williams, a former pastor, with interment following in the Methodist Protestant cemetery.

The host of sorrowing relatives and friends and the large and beautiful floral tribute were an expression of what the departed one meant to us.

At her request her Sunday school class, which she affectionately called "My girls," acted as flower bearers. Hymns which she loved, were sung by the choir of which she was a member.

Before her marriage Mrs. Dunn was Pearl Efland, sister of Mrs. D. E. Forrest, Mrs. C. A. Boggs, Mrs. N .C. Harris, John L. and Mack P. Efland, all of Efland, N C.

While we realize fully that hers was a triumphant battle, she ran a good race and the victory was hers, yet it wrings our hearts to know that never again in our church choir, in our Sunday school class shall we see her ever cheerful face nor listen to her allwise council, but as becomes Christians men and women with grief-torn hearts we say, "Not our will, but Thine, O Lord, be done"

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To tread in her footsteps so grand
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Gambling in the United States has become a four-billion-dollar occupation, employing about 401,450 persons, reckoning only 37 of the larger gaming rackets, 34 of which are unlawful in all states and one or more of three forms are permitted and licensed in 24 states.

It is still true, as Ambassador James Bryce of England told an audience at the Pan-American Building in Washington, when he delivered his farewell address in 1913: "In America, where the people lead the world in their power to make their own laws, is the amazing paradox of the same people leading the world in the violation of their own laws," and he warned our country of the future peril of this proclivity.

This anti-social vice of gambling, ever enriching the gamester and impoverishing his patrons, is steadily increasing all over the United States, as I observe it, either by racketeers developing new gambling territory, or securing the repeal of existing anti-gambling statues, or by intensifying the gaming interest through new and attractive games of chance, like "bank night," "bingo," "number game," "pin-ball table," "pari-mutuel wagering," and "sweepstake lotteries." Only 18, of the 37 gambling games now in use, were known 50 years ago. Currupt politics and ignorance of many legislators enabled the gambling interests, since 1927, to push pari-mutuel bills through 21 state legislatures, on the misrepresentation that a net, financial advantage would follow.

In the summer of 1937, Texas, after four years trial of racing, repealed its pari-mutuel law, which had paid about $500,000 yearly into the state treasury, on a 4-7 per cent division of the wagers, the Jockey Club operating and taking the larger share Governor Allred and a majority of the legislature believed that the aftermath of crime and misery more than offset the financial benefit, and that it was unethical for the state to be in partnership with gamblers.

In 1936 and 1937, twenty attempts were made in as many state legislatures, none of which legalized the opening of any additional track for wagering in the United States. In 1937, Florida repealed its permissive statute for the operation of slot-gambling machines, which were blasting the legitimate business of shopkeepers everywhere.

America's seven leading vices .cost our country nearly $10,000,000,000 a year, besides the indirect cost of shame and suffering by the innocent, of degeneracy, invalidism, non-employment, insanity, and premature death. Our "civilization" is largely veneer, and worn off in places. Except for drug addiction, our politicians and many officials have little or nothing to say against vice racketeering, which ought to be a prominent subject, as to protection of the innocent, aid for the victims, and merciless pursuit of the offenders.

The slot-gambling machine and punch-board rackets (legalized in Nevada, South Dakota and Maine—law invalid in latter state) total $500,000,000 yearly for implements. Of course, all of these devices are rigged to take money, but both boards and slots can be used to swindle players. Several Chicago slot-machine producers aid criminal, secret set-ups, in cities and large towns, where a little clique corrupts the police and compels every operator to install a certain company's machine on a 50-50 division of the take.

Thus, single sales of $15,000 to $50,000 worth of machines may be made. The company also gets a "cut" for its local repair shop service. When all of the machines in pool rooms and clubs are of one manufacturer, I know in ten minutes that the police are protecting this vice.—H. N. Pringle, in Civic Bulletin.

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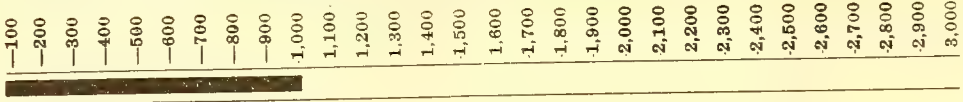

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Concord	86%
Yarborough	83%
Midway	75%
Reidsville	69%
Liberty	66%
Pleasant Grove	64%
Pensacola	60%

When a tie comes from what might be termed extremes of the Conference, it becomes more interesting. Extreme on the north, not quite on the south. But there is this interesting feature about the two places, they are comparatively young. Anyway they have not been in business as long as some of our churches, but are doing good business. Chase City, Va., and Kannapolis tie in the amount of money sent in. We thank you big husky fellows, you are the kind that can get things done when they have the energy you have. Then, too, it takes some people who are willing and have the willingness that puts money into action. Huss and Trollinger do not mind the work that it takes to make things hum.

And I wish you would pick up last week's paper and see what Pastor Anderson did from Mt. Hermon! I tell you contributions like that count in a hurry. A few like that would send subsidy's market skyward. First Church, Lexington, sent in a liberal contribution to this cause also. Thank you, too, Mabry. Another couple of big fellows that gives us something to think about, I mean if we are not trying, and if we have paid ours, it makes us rejoice to know that others are interested in what we are doing.

Next week these lines will be filled in from "the land of the sky." A few days of work on the Buncombe charge, and then a few days of rest. My! but we are getting anxious to reach that time when some real rest will be taken. It would be fine to find in this week's Herald a bigger bunch of subscriptions than usual and subsidy, too. Send them along, we'll boost you high as we will be living high (up) as well as living on the good things that are to be found in that great country.

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Ridge-Farabee

A quiet and beautiful marriage was celebrated at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Ridge, Shiloh parsonage, near Lexington, when Mary Inez Ridge became the bride of Gilmer Blackburn Farabee. The ring ceremony of the Methodist Protestant church was used, the writer officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Craver, of Lexington, furnished beautiful music, violin and piano being used.

The bride has been teaching at Reeds high school since her graduation from High Point College. The groom is in business with his father, G. B. Farabee at Reeds. They are setting up housekeeping nearby.

These are deserving young people and we predict for them a prosperous and happy journey through life together.

The prayers and best wishes of many friends follow them.

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What Shall We Do

For many decades the leaders of the Methodist Protestant Church have sought the Union of Methodism. Sermons were preached extolling its values; personal conferences were held from time to time; our General and Annual Conferences endorsed it and made urgent appeals for Union. And now that we face it, as we are told that this longed-for hope is soon to be realized, what are WE going to do about it?

There certainly ought to be among our people vital interest enough to send us into this Union with all the debts on our boards and institutions paid. Or this ghost of our failure may rise up to trouble us when we meet to celebrate the consummation of so great a plan. It ought to be plain to every one who considers it, that thirty thousand Methodist Protestants in the North Carolina Conference can, if they would, pay $30,000 on these debts without depriving them of one of life's necessities. And yet just two months now remain for many of our pastors and people to show more than a passing interest in so worthy a deed. For the Fellowship Crusade has presented to both pastor and people a splendid method by which progress in spiritual living may be made. Their loyalty has been appealed to. Loyalty to their Church and to their Lord. A moral obligation is laid upon us. These debts are the debts of our denomination and ought to be paid by us. If we are to go into this Union morally solvent, it will be because we are unwilling to remain financially insolvent. We must cure this financial sickness before we can enjoy a high state of spiritual health.

Or to change our figure of speech, we Methodist Protestants are going to make a mighty poor exhibition of one hundred years of progress if we cannot mobilize enough men and women to pay these debts on our boards and institutions before the Uniting Conference meets. What is the meaning of the proud boast of lay rights, and of the grand adventure of our fathers into a new Church, if after a century of growth we must declare our inability to pay the debts incurred by our growth.

Now while there are those of our brethren busy holding meetings to find a place for us to unite, where the consummation of the plans already adopted shall be declared, let the Church prepare itself for this Union by putting on garments free of debts; let old mortgages be cancelled. Let us prove to the world that we are at least able to go back to our Mother Church as free of debts as our fathers were when they went out of it. And that the returning prodigal has lost neither his self-respect nor his appreciation of the old Mother.

Of course, we can discuss this matter; we can deplore the existence of these debts for many days; we can discount our ability to pay them; we can spend much time in telling how indifferent our people are to the whole thing. But none of these will pay the debts; they will be just as big and even more difficult to pay after all this is over. There is just one thing we can do to relieve this most disagreeable situation. This will count when nothing else will help—PAY. And finally my brethren, pay your part.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Writing Away From Home

This article is being written on Monday morning in Weaverville, N. C., nine miles north of Asheville. Knowing that I was to be away from home and away from my typewriter, I prepared enough material before leaving home for two pages in The Herald, expecting one page to be used last week and the remainder left over for this week, so that all I would need to do today was to write a paragraph or line about my experiences of yesterday. But when I borrowed a copy of The Herald Saturday my heart almost melted within me when I saw that I was given two pages in The Herald last week with my material practically all used up. If this page is short this week this will be the reason.

The Third Quarterly Assembly

Again I am calling attention to our Third Quarterly Assembly which will be held at State Street Church in Lexington on next Monday, September 5, beginning at 10:30 a. m. We are to have a revival of the Fellowship Crusade activities by Dr. R. M. Andrews. Dr. A. G. Dixon will speak to us on the Children's Home; Mrs. Andrews will speak on the Women's Work and Dr. G. I. Humphreys will speak to us on High Point College. At 11:30 a. m. Rev. J. C. Leonard, D.D., pastor of the First Evangelical and Reformed Church of Lexington, will speak to us on "The Minister and His Church." In the afternoon Rev. J. C. Madison will speak to us on "Training Young People for Leadership." Rev. Edward Suits will conduct the devotions and the beginning of the morning service. While it will be a little late to do so, yet if you have not already done so, please write the pastor of the church, Rev. O. C. Loy, 208 South State Street, and tell him that you will be there for lunch and how many will be with you. The women will serve lunch for 35 cents.

With the Asheville Church

I have been with the Asheville Church in two services during the past few days. The first was a called meeting of the Quarterly Conference held on Thursday evening of last week. The second was the Sunday morning service. In the Quarterly Conference it was found that the usual activities of the Church had been carried on but that finances were considerably behind. All of the special days had been observed and an offering had been taken for World Service but nothing had been raised on the Annual Conference Budget. Also the pastor's salary was considerably behind. It was decided to put on a tithing campaign for the month of September.

For the Sunday morning service the pastor, Rev. E. L. Ballard, had arranged for a beautiful service. Recently a Young People's choir had been organized and vestments had been provided. An investiture service had been planned for Sunday and it was carried out beautifully. I trust the new choir may mean much, both to the Young People and to the Church. A fairly good sized congregation was present and they seemed to appreciate the service. The Church building is beautiful and worshipful but our cause has not prospered in Asheville as all of us thought it would from the beginning. But much good has been done and the effort has been worthwhile. Brother Ballard and his wife are talented and are rendering fine service. Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams also worship here and are a great help in carrying on the work. I trust the year may be finished up in a satisfactory manner.

Part of a Day With Rev. W. C. Clark

Sunday afternoon I drove to Mountain Valley; Rev. W. C. Clark being the pastor. Here the Church building is in bad condition and the services at present are being held in the Assembly room at a C. C. camp. But a goodly number had assembled for the service. It is hoped that the Church building can be torn down and rebuilt at a more convenient place for the people. The Sunday evening service was held at Clark's Chapel. Here Dr. N. G. Bethea had been preaching for a week in revival meeting. It fell to my lot to preach the closing sermon in the series. It was a pleasure to be present and to preach. While there had not been many conversions the meeting had done a lot of good. The pastor, Rev. W. C. Clark, who serves three charges, Weaverville Circuit, Democrat Circuit and Pensacola Station is very active and the people speak highly of him. The parsonage at Weaverville burned recently and this fact will add to the difficulty of getting acceptable supply for the charge as the salary is hardly sufficient for a person to pay rent.

To Fix Place for Uniting Conference

Tonight I leave for Cincinnati where on tomorrow we agree on the place for the Uniting Conference, which will be held next April. After this meeting I expect to hurry back here and get Mrs. Pritchard and the car and return to High Point.

Pastors' Quarterly Reports

Democrat, Rev. W. C. Clark, pastor—No conversions and no accessions, nothing raised on budgets, effort being put forth to rebuild Mt. Valley Church.

Granville, Rev. J. P. Pegg, pastor—Conversions 12, accessions 16, salary not paid to date, raised $15 on A. C. Budget, raised $40 for College, raised $25 on World Service, increase in Sunday School and Church attendance; repairs on parsonage.

Pensacola, Rev. W. C. Clark, pastor—Accession 1, salary not paid in full, nothing paid on budgets, Church building painted.

Seagrove-Love Joy, Rev. E. G. Cowan, pastor—Conversions 6, accessions 4, salary not paid to date, raised $25 on A. C. Budget, raised $7.50 on College assessment, raised $15 for World Service, increase in interest at some of churches, repairs made at parsonage.

First Church, Winston-Salem, Rev. J. L. Trollinger, pastor—Salary not paid in full, nothing raised on A. C. Budget and World Service, robes purchased for senior and junior choirs, increase in Church and Sunday School attendance.

Tabernacle, Rev. Eugene A. Lamb, pastor—Conversions 6, accessions 6, salary not paid in full, raised $67.45 on A. C.

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A Verse of Scripture for Every Day in the Week

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Phil. 2:3. Read it each day.

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Be Strong

"Quit you like men, be strong:
There's a burden to bear,
There's a grief to share,
There's a heart that breaks 'neath a load of care—
But fare ye forth with a song.

"Quit you like men, be strong:
There's a battle to fight,
There's a wrong to right,
There's a God who blesses the good with might—
So fare ye forth with song.

"Quit you like men, be strong:
There's a work to do,
There's a world to make new,
There's a call for men who are brave and true—
On! on with a song!

"Quit you like men, be strong:
There's a year of grace,
There's a God to face,
There's another heat in the great world race—
Speed! speed with a song!"

—*Wm. Herbert Hudnut.*

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People who have the idea that those who shun most responsibilties, who get most out of life at least cost, are fortunate, certainly are mistaken. Life is made nobler by assuming responsibilities. He who carries the burdens of others when they become too heavy for them to bear, will surely enrich his own life and find at the end that he has added to his own happiness by giving up his pleasures for the sake of others.

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Be Kind

Our difficulties in believing in God are more often moral than intellectual. The unkind treatment received at the hands of professed Christians will do more to make men skeptical of the goodness of God than all the difficult passages in a book on theology. Moffatt's translation of the words of Job to Eliphaz as he says, "Friends should be kind to a despairing man, or he will give up faith in the Almighty," states a great truth. Yet we often try to convince the unbeliever by theological discussions when a kind word or kindly deed would win his faith in us and in the God of love whom we serve.

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Gifts to State Colleges

The daily press tells us that our state institutions are getting the following gifts this year: University, at Chapel Hill, $427,000; North Carolina State College, $386,000; Woman's College, $325,000; E. C. T. C., $324,000; A. and T. (Negro), Greensboro, $237,000; W. C. T. C., Cullowhee, $387,000; Appalachian, S. T. C., $168,500; Cherokee Indian Normal, $44,900; Elizabeth City S. N., $87,000; Fayetteville S. N., $156,000; N. C. College for Negroes at Durham, $230,000; School for the Deaf at Morganton, $86,400; State School for the Blind and Deaf at Raleigh, $54,000. The presidents of the denominational colleges in the state have doubtless read this list of donations with a great yearning. Really some of our denominational colleges are doing their work with entire plants, buildings, campuses, equipment and all amounting to less than the gifts to some of these colleges total. The denominational college has a great task in meeting the state supported schools on the cost per student.

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Mount Up With Wings

Isaiah closes a passage in which he describes the blessings of waiting upon God by saying, "They shall mount up with wings as eagles." Prayer endows the life with superhuman power. New altitudes will be reached, new attitudes attained as the life is lifted up by prayer. That which counts most in life's conquests is the ability to rise over the difficulties we cannot pass through. It is this buoyancy of life which enables us to live above the temptations of the flesh; to overcome the world's allurements which pull us down like the undertow destroys the swimmer, that our waiting upon the Lord gives us. But to mount up with wings we need to go down upon our knees.

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Appreciate Your Church

Many people of this country have lived in an environment created and sustained by the Christian Church so long that they fail to fully appreciate what the Church has contributed to our civilization. But if some bad magic could extract from our social and civic orders everything put their by Christianity they would be surprised and awake to a true appraisal of the Church. Dr. H. E. Luccock in one of his books says we should believe in the Church like the farmer believes in rain. He may get along without painting his barns; he may manage without a self-binder or a power plow; but he needs commerce with the sky in the form of rain. So the conviction that the soul of man needs the life of God must be equally regnant.

We have been impressed many times as we have presented the causes of the Church to the average congregation that the percentage of those who really appreciated the Church was quite small. That state of mind kown as denominational consciousness is often conspicuous for its absence. But few have it. We are more of a race of individualists in matters of religion than formerly. And this attitude tends to break down denominational loyalties. In the minds of many very good people there is really no denominational loyalty. And when loyalty to the denomination goes it takes with it loyalty to the Church. For one must be loyal to some Church, if he is loyal to any Church.

We greatly deplore the evident lack of appreciation of what the Church has done for the race by so many of the race. Consequently we find the faith of many in the Church waning. They are no longer regular at its services; have long ceased to contribute to its support and are devoting their energies to personal gain and pleasure. Unless this tendency changes in a few generations every one will be for himself so decidedly that even good government will be rarely found on the earth. Selfishness personified will break down all worthwhile racial movements.

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St. Peter's Curriculum for Christian Living

Add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love . . . they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful.

The Apostle Peter was quite conscious of the imperfections of life; that he was living in an imperfect world, and that the follower of Jesus Christ should prepare himself to live in an imperfect world made up of imperfect people. In such a world no one should be so sanguine as to expect to escape sorrows, sickness, disappointments, death. These are sure to come to all men. They belong to this imperfect life, therefore he exhorts us to prepare ourselves for such a life by the completion of this splendid curriculum. "For if these things be in you and abound, they make you." There are no "ifs and ands" about it. It is the law of the Kingdom of God that those who seek good will find more of it than nonseekers and those who are prepared for this imperfect world by putting on these fine qualities of spirit, will be better prepared to cope with the disappointments and difficulties of such a life than others. No one in these days should be so venturesome as to attempt to live without the preparation which is here offered them. Begin today to "add to your faith" and through coming years rejoice in the consciousness of the fruitfulness in good works which is sure to come as a result of such a course.

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SEND ME THE NAME OF YOUR DELEGATE

I think all of the Third Quarterly Conferences have been held. The pastors know who the delegates are. But I don't until they tell me. So drop me a card giving me this information:

Name of Delegate
Address of Delegate
Charge
Pastor.

You need not send this information to Dr. Pritchard. Just as soon as most of the pastors have notified me, I will give him the list. But he needs the information so he can make out the Conference Committees. SO HURRY.

C. W. Bates, *Secretary,*
Brown Summit, N. C.

SAMUEL: SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

International Sunday School Lesson for September 4, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—1 Samuel 7:1-17.

Golden Text—"Direct your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only." 1 Sam. 7:3.

Again we find the nation of Israel caught in the vises of its own sin. They stand condemned, in slavery to their enemies, because they had turned from their God. It is interesting that Israel is generally treated as an entire nation. They thought of themselves as a nation judged by God and not as separate individuals. I suspect that there is a great deal of wisdom in this point of view for our common destinies are closely bound together. Whether guilty or not we share the calamity of the community of which we are a part. Generally laxity in morals is not peculiar to one or just a few but often represents a trend, a current of public negligence. Sin so often rides its way into the fibres of community life as some respectable custom which the masses have come to consider the thing to do. The altars of false gods are seldom built by one individual or one family, but they represent the shrines where the masses worship. So when war, defeat, or depression comes we recognize it as the result of a paganism into which the masses have entered.

It is also interesting that one man was able to lead a nation back to God. Samuel was not the first nor the last to do that and this is an encouraging truth. There is no force in all the world quite so great as the moral power of one life thoroughly consecrated to God. Time and again one man has risen to save a people and lead them back to God. That does not mean that every individual can be such a savior of men but it does mean that if God is to transform a world He must find some human heart in which to begin. There is always the possibility that life may be yours or mine. It is often the depth of consecration rather than the extent of talent that God can take and use most profitably. God always has need for prophets like Samuel who will stand up and direct people to the way of righteousness.

The message of Samuel to these Israelites in their plight called for two rather specific things: first an act of faith, turning to God; second an act of the hand, putting away the pagan gods, Baalim and Ashtaroth. It was no accident that Samuel first sought to deal with the hearts, minds, devotions of this people. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Samuel knew that. Life is most intimately lived about the altars of our own souls. If there we worship false gods then no type of superficial reform is worth the having. If deep in our hearts we love money, pleasure, self more than we love God and the things for which He stands then God Who sees the human heart will not be fooled by the kind of altar before which we on Sunday kneel. So the old prophet exhorted his hearers to turn to God with all their hearts for it is always at the center of life that reform must begin.

It is also true that when the heart is changed within there are some results to be seen without. The old prophet called upon his Hebrew kinsmen to demonstrate their sincerity by doing away with the foreign gods before which they had been worshipping. I am afraid of a religion that does not lead a man to readjust his public life. It may be true that no amount of social reform will change the hearts of a people but it is true that when the hearts of a people are changed social reform will follow. Highways cluttered up by people seeking excitement, a society gone mad for money and what money can buy, a Sabbath changed into a day of secular recreation are but indications that people have come to love other things more than they love their God. Though Sabbath laws might not reform the individual whenever the individual is truly reformed his attitude toward Sunday worship is going to be vitally changed. Today we have too many Christians so called for whom Christianity makes no real difference. So Samuel challenged his people that if they were in real earnest to do away with their foreign gods and everything that suggested the old way of life. His message today might call for a readjustment of wages, a new response to the program of the Church, a new attitude toward war and peace, a cleansing of private business from injustice and immoral practices, a new attitude toward people of another race. Indeed, ''by their works ye shall know them.''

Though the Israelites had a definite thing to do it was God that brought deliverance. It was their task to turn to Him in faith and clean up their own lives. It was He that confounded the enemy and brought victory. We have been told that the power of God is infinite. We must remember however that His power in human society is dependent upon individual cooperation. God can never help a people that is unwilling to be helped by Him. In prayer they found refuge in God and by His strength the enemy was overcome. In gratitude Samuel set up a memorial stone, Ebenezer, to remind his people of the helping hand of Jehovah. (The theme of the second stanza of the hymn, ''Come Thou Fount.'') God is always ready to bless His people with a spiritual revival when they put themselves in the proper relationship to Him. Gratitude is a mark of the genuineness of that spiritual change within.

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The President's Letter

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Budget, raised $35 on College assessment, raised $64.66 on World Service, bell tower erected at Tabernacle, Children's department improved at Julian.

Several additional reports have been forwarded to me here but I shall not make any attempt to tabulate them until I get back to my typewriter.

Appointments

Sunday, September 4—9:45 a. m., First Church, Lexington; 11 a. m., Mt. Carmel.

Sunday, September 11—11 a. m., First Church, Burlington; 8 p. m., Graham.

Sunday, September 18—11 a. m., First Church, High Point; 2 p. m., Giles Chapel.

Thursday, September 22—Albemarle, 7:30 p. m.

Sunday, September 25—11 a. m., Community Church, Thomasville.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Spectators at Church

I have often remarked that the spectator attitude will kill any service. If nobody came to Church except those who come to see, look on, or even to hear, we would have no worship. Any good hour of meditation can, of course, absorb or ignore a few spectators, but when a majority are in the alien pew there is no worship. It turns out to be a group of sightseers with nothing to see. For when people go into the place of prayer *looking* for something instead of *sharing*, the whole affair falls through, all for the simple reason that worship is not to be gazed at but partaken of. There is no worship unless the individuals share it.

Several things are wrong with the spectator attitude. In the first place, as I indicated above, it is contrary to the nature and spirit of worship. Some Church members remind me of ''spiritual tourists.'' Traveling along the strange religious road, they stop to peek in here and there to see what is going on in the various services. But they fail to see much, for in the nature of the case, a religious meeting is never known for its display. Worship is not an exhibition of devout dramatics put on for the curious eye of the transients. And so when individuals do peer in on a service, like loafers watching a steam shovel, they are subjecting it to an unfair test, seeking entertainment at the wrong place, and chilling the sacred atmosphere of the worship experience.

This leads to another idea: Spectators actually harm the service. Indifference as well as solemnity is contagious. Those who display either the flippant, nonsensical appearance or wide-eyed worldly curiosity soon attract attention, and every mind they divert just pulls the devotional temperature that much lower. The spirituality of the meeting—or lack of it—can be measured by the ratio of persons ''window shopping'' at the service. Many a good man has annoyed his pastor, hurt the divine worship, and frustrated the will of the Almighty by holding himself aloof from the worship, and still went his way with no feeling of guilt or compunction of conscience. When Col. Isaac M. Meekins delivered our commencement address here at High Point College, he opened his magnificent oration by saying among his first words, ''An ounce of attention out there in the audience is worth a pound of effort up here on the platform.'' So it is. Every person in the Church has an obligation for the spirit and success of the whole service, and unless he rises above the spectator attitude he fails in his part of it and thus helps defeat the aim of the whole program. Everybody who goes to Church ought to help the service by his presence. One ought to pull his own weight in the boat.

Obviously, the spectator gets little or nothing from the service. It is a spiritual experience he pretends to be seeking, yet such an experience requires humility and self-surrender. The spectator only looks on, and in case he is not looking in on a worship hour he can be spying in on some other crowd; one means about as much to him as the other, for he never really blends his personality into either of them anyway. So if he misses the worship it means little. But the true worshipper who for some reason has to miss the service is grieved in spirit as he feels an emptiness which comes from being removed from fellowship of the sanctuary. The spectator, I repeat, gets little from the Church, and, consequently, hardly feels the difference when detained from the Lord's house.

A good way to tell whether you are a spectator at Church or not is to test yourself by the following poem on Worship, written by Dwight Bradley. If you feel yourself doing what this verse describes, then you are not a spectator but a true worshipper.

"It is the soul searching for its counterpart
It is a thirsty land crying out for rain.
It is a drop in quest of the ocean.
It is a voice in the night calling for help.
It is the Prodigal Son running to his father.
It is a hungry heart seeking for love.
It is Time flowing into Eternity.
It is a man climbing the altar stairs to God."

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EPHEDRA, VALUABLE DRUG, CAN BE GROWN ON BADLANDS

The Dakota Badlands may never have been good for much before, but if fighting continues in China, this unproductive region of our own country may get a chance to redeem its reputation by making the United States independent of outside sources of an important medicine.

This medicine is ephedrine, valuable aid to asthma and hay fever sufferers and important ingredient of the solutions you drop or spray into your nose to relieve the miserable congestion and stuffiness of a cold. Ephedrine is obtained from the Chinese plant, ma huang or ephedra. In 1935 the United States imported 2,000,000 pounds of the little green ephedra stems for making nose drops, eye drops, capsules to relieve low blood pressure and various other medical uses. The next year the crop was bad and imports fell to 1,000,000 pounds. Only 700,000 pounds were obtained during the first ten months of 1937.

Drug manufacturers, worried over possibility of even worse reduction in the supply of ephedra, saw hope in the announcement by the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce that three German firms are manufacturing synthetic ephedrine.

Even better seems a report to the American Pharmaceutical Association which forecasts complete independence of outside sources of ephedrine. The ephedra plant itself has been cultivated successfully in the medicinal plant garden of the South Dakota State College at Brookings. The men responsible for this achievement are Dr. B. V. Christensen, director of the University of Florida School of Pharmacy, and Prof. Lovell D. Hiner of South Dakota State College.

The plants were grown from seeds obtained from the Peking Union Medical College and were first cultivated in the South Dakota college's greenhouses. Later they were transplanted to the medicinal plant garden where they survived the "ghastly black blizzard," when the average annual rainfall was not more than a dozen inches, and the fierce winter of 1935-1936, pronounced the coldest for South Dakota in 50 years. Because the plants survived the drought so well, a test planting was made in the Badlands section of the state. The plants grew and were healthy even in this unproductive region, and although smaller than those in the college's garden, they yielded just as much of the drug, ephedrine.

At first the ephedrine yield — pharmacologists call it assay—of the plants was not very high but further cultivation has brought the assay up to that of the imported Chinese ephedra stems.

Cultivation has not yet reached a commercial scale but Dr. Hiner has reported that several hundred pounds can now be cut from American-grown ephedra plants, and that "in case of emergency, ephedra of fair quality could be produced in South Dakota."

The plant itself is a low, bushy growth that appears to be all stems. Actually the leaves are there but have degenerated into scales. The medicine is obtained from the stems. The plant spreads something like grass by sending out underground stems or roots. In the course of two years one plant will grow to cover an area the size of a bushel basket. Dr. Hiner was able to obtain about two tons of ephedra from an acre, which means that the entire supply for the United States could be grown on some 500 acres of Dakota Badlands.

Cultivation of ephedra might be a successful venture during war or emergency that threatens to cut off outside supplies. At other times, however, it would not be successful financially. Officials of the American Pharmaceutical Association point out that in this case, as in the case of many other medicinal plants, the cost of labor would make American cultivation unprofitable if the plants could be obtained from other countries.—*Science News Letter.*

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Conferences

The Indiana Conference at Marion has one of the finest and most extensive campgrounds in the denomination. Every year I go there I find some additional improvement and the grounds this year are in the finest condition I have known. In all probability it will in the new Church become a center of constantly enlarging usefulness. The Conference sessions held in the well-built and commodious tabernacle, entirely enclosed, large platform, cement floor, went on as usual. Business affairs are speedily performed. The general officers had a most sympathetic hearing and on Sunday great crowds came from all over the district. These are indeed a fine, aggressive people for the Church.

Then to Michigan, Midland Park, Augusta. For situation, here on Gull Lake with a shore line of twenty miles and one of the loveliest inland bodies of water I have ever seen, these Methodist Protestant grounds, wooded and well occupied with lovely cottages with the large tabernacle in the center, cannot be surpassed. For the most part our section known as Midland Park is in the shape of a "thumb" running out into the lake with the water on three sides. Many of our pastors own their homes here and have for many years enjoyed a most delightful fellowship. The whole Church knows that Michigan by a large majority voted against Methodist Union but at the same time definitely repudiated any thought of permanent separation from the denomination. This year this Conference again so expressed itself and have elected their delegates to the Uniting Conference. One who knows these dear people as I do cannot be unmindful of the fact that many anxieties remain but in spite of them, as happened in Onondaga and Missouri, their faith, their courage and their determination is to stand by the Church. God bless them. I know the years will justify this position.

From here I move on to West Virginia and indeed grateful for the love and kindness which attend me on every hand.

Uniting Conference Delegates

Indiana: Delegates—Ministers, Rev. Fred Clarke, Rev. F. W. Lineberry; laymen—Owen DeWeese, W. Scott Arnold. Alternates—Ministers, Rev. Lloyd Ferris, Rev. Hillis Avery; laymen—Walter Williams, Leonard Harper.

Michigan: Delegates—Minister, Rev. E. Ray Willson; layman, E. R. Vincent. Alternates—Ministers, Rev. Joseph Dibley, Rev. Fred E. Hart; laymen, M. L. Hadsall, Gala Maxwell.

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, *President.*

WILLIAM TYNDALE

Few English-speaking readers of the Bible know of its cost to William Tyndale, who was the first to translate it into that tongue.

Born in the vicinity of Gloucester, England, near the end of the fifteenth century, he was graduated with the M.A. degree at Oxford in 1515. After studying at Cambridge, he was ordained to the priesthood.

It was not long after he entered the priesthood, and while serving as chaplain and a domestic tutor, that Church authorities suspected him of being heretical in his theological views. His observations led him to believe that the leaders of the Church were corrupt. A remedy for such a condition, he concluded, was to translate the New Testament in English and place it in the hands of the people for their own interpretation. To this end he worked, but, unable to get his translation published in England, he went to Wittenberg, Germany, in 1524, where he visited Martin Luther. At Cologne, he succeeded in having printed a quarto edition of his New Testament. When the Church authorities learned of this, they prevailed upon the Senate of Cologne to prohibit further printing of the Testament.

Although Henry VIII and Cardinal Wolsey were cautioned by the Church leaders on the Continent to watch the English ports, thousands of copies of the English translation were smuggled into the country. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishops of England destroyed every copy they could find in that country, and the copies they ordered purchased on the Continent met the same fate.

Ecclesiastical hostility against Tyndale increased as he widened his activities in the cause of the English Reformation. In the meantime, he went to Antwerp, where English authorities demanded his surrender. However, he kept on revising his translations of the Scriptures until he was betrayed by a man who pretended to embrace his doctrines, and was thrown into prison at Vilvorde Castle, near Brussels. There he was tried for heresy, condemned, strangled at the stake, and his body burned.

Tyndale was one of the greatest forces of the English Reformation and one of the greatest leaders for freedom of thought. To him who labored four centuries ago in the cause of the great movement the world owes much more than it is able to conceive. Believing in immortality, the followers of the Christian faith may be sure that this great heroic soul has no pangs of regret for what he suffered in order that the Scriptures might be enjoyed by his fellowmen.—*E. R.*

WHY SEAS ARE BLUE

Who has not noticed the color of the sea and marveled at it? Why is the sea blue today and green tomorrow? Why is it laden-hued sometimes and slate-colored another day?

Water in vast bulk has, according to scientists, a natural blue color. But its hue is controlled and modified by the changing skies and the composition of the sea-floor.

Looking out at sea, you sometimes see a distinct color line, about a quarter of a mile from above. The nearer water is greenish and that on the farther side of the line blue.

This is due to the depth and character of the sea-bed. The sand near the shore is yellow, and this gives a greenish appearance to the water; the green becomes blue as the sea-bed dips and the maritime vegetation upon the bottom thickens.

What part does the salt in the sea play in determining the color? It is probable that it tends to intensify the blue. Both the Mediterranean and the Gulf Stream, which flow like individual seas into the Atlantic, are very salty and of a deep and beautiful blue in color.

Off the coast of China the sea is quite yellow. This is because tons and tons of yellow mud flow into it continuously from the great rivers of China.

So, too, with the Red Sea. The peculiar color is in this case the result of rotting vegetable matter in the water. A similar peculiarity is to be found in some South American waters.

Why is the Black Sea so named? Because its waters are astonishingly dark — though not nearly black, but rather purple in hue.

The part played by the sky in determining the color of our coastal waters is easily understood. Clear blue skies lend the sea their beauty; and purple thunder clouds transfer their frown to the face of the waters.—*Elmer Whittaker, in The Ambassador.*

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It is generally recognized that faith is a great vital force in the conduct of human affairs. It plays an essential part in business, education, medicine, politics, science, and religion. Faith is the master-key to great discovery, invention, and achievement. Faith is not blindness, supposition, credulity, or ordinary belief. Belief is of the intellect, faith is of the soul. Faith overleaps all visible horizons. Daily you act and walk by faith rather than by sight. You are constantly exercising faith whether you are conscious or not. Your life is built on faith.—*Grenville Kleiser.*

OUR STORY PAGE

THE HOLIDAY BURGLARS

Stephen Graham lives in the country on a big, beautiful farm. There are three fine groves of different kinds of trees, and many of them are nut trees. There are white oak, and beech, and hickory nut and butternut.

But Stephen's favorites are nuts that grow on low bushes, with very prickly burrs—yes, you've guessed—hazelnuts! He works harder to get plenty of hazelnuts than he does to get all the other kinds, and when he can gather a good store of them he doesn''t care so very much if squirrels get almost all the others.

Last fall he got his fingers so sore with hazelnut prickers that his mother had to do them up in salve several nights, before he had gathered what he considered really enough hazelnuts.

He had them spread out on the floor in the attic, by the low window where the blackheart cherry tree looks in, and in summer brings its beautiful fruit so close that often Stephen can gather a bowl of the juicy, delicious little globes for tea without leaning out over the sill at all.

One October morning Mr. Graham said to Mrs. Graham, "Mother, it's such a fine day, and the work is so well along, let's all have a good long ride, and a picnic."

"Let's!" assented Mrs. Graham.

So she packed a big basket of lunch, and away they went. As they started down the hill Mrs. Graham turned her head and looked back.

"Oh!" she exclaimed. "The cherry-tree window is open! I forgot it! Never mind, though. It won't rain. And even if it should, it can't drive in much, through the leaves — they've hung on so late this fall. And the window's too high for burglars, unless they had a ladder, even if there were any about—which there aren't."

"That's so. It's a safe, law-abiding neighborhood," agreed Mr. Graham. And they went right ahead with that delightful drive, through the bright October woods.

The picnic was a great success. Stephen spied seven big cocoons, and with his shiny new jacknife cut off the twigs they were on. It would be such fun to see the wonderful butterflies and moths come out in the spring, then sail away in the sunshine!

They saw chikadees, too, and blue jays, and a gray squirrel, and plenty of red squirrels and chipmunks. The chipmunks were working hardest of all, laying in their winter supply of nuts.

"They don't take any holidays, do they!" laughed Stephen. "They don't have any grocery to depend on if their supply runs short."

When the Grahams reached home, late in the afternoon, Stephen ran upstairs at once to hang his cocoons from the attic rafter. As soon as they were attended to he went to have a look at his fine store of hazelnuts. Then he stopped, still as a snowman.

There was not a hazelnut in sight!

He stepped to the window. There was a chubby chipmunk, with his cheeks puffed out as if they might burst any minute, hurrying down the cherry tree trunk. Another, even chubbier, and with even fuller nut pockets, was scampering across the road in the direction of the old hollow oak.

"Hi! Stop thief!" shouted Stephen.

The squirrel on the tree trunk was so startled that he fell the last three feet. But he did not spill a single nut! He picked himself up and ran—how he ran!

Stephen scowled. Then he laughed. Then he ran downstairs.

"Burglars been here!" he shouted, and almost frightened his father and mother, only he had to laugh, they had looked so startled.

"I was angry at first," he explained. "But then I remembered that the chippies don't have any grocery store to count on. I can get plenty more—if your salve holds out, mother! And say, mother, the joke's on you, for there were burglars about, and the window was not too high for them, even without a ladder."

"The joke certainly is on me," laughed Mrs. Graham. "And I'll cheerfully lay in a fresh supply of salve for the fingers of a boy who can laugh at such hard luck!"—*Zion's Herald.*

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DOGS AT SCHOOL

Some dogs go to school—not to learn circus tricks or parlor stunts but to receive training for a life of service. If their schooling is successful each dog will be a guide to a blind man. A man's life will depend on the dogs intelligence and training.

The dog school where German Sheperd dogs are trained to become guides is in Morristown, New Jersey. It is called the *Seeing Eye* and it is well named. At this school dozens of dogs are trained every year so that they may serve as the eyes of some blind man or woman. The dog will be trained to take a blind person safely across a street, to get him on or off a bus, to steer him along a torn-up sidewalk, or around a low awning.

Not every dog can be taught the things that are expected of a Seeing Eye guide. After years of experimenting both here and abroad it has been found that the best, and most intelligent dog guides are German Shepherd dogs which we call police dogs. Before the young dog is brought to the school it is carefully selected to make sure that it is strong and healthy and intelligent.

Once a dog is brought to the school his education begins. First of all he is taught obedience. He must obey freely, willingly, and instantly. When he minds perfectly he will be taught to act as a guide to his teacher.

To teach the dog guiding, the instructor shuts his eyes and the dog begins leading him around. This is an insecure job with an untrained dog, and the teacher is sure of a great many bumps and bruises. But if the dog is never punished, only rewarded and praised when he does a thing correctly, he will finally learn. Before the course is over the instructor will allow himself to be blindfolded to give the dog a final rigid test.

He will be able to take his master up and down stairs, over curbs, across heavily congested streets, and across open country. He will have an uncanny sense of judgment so that he will not allow his master to bump his head on any overhanging awning or other projection.

The dog wears a harness of leather with a short rein or handle that is stiffened at the end. The blind person holds this handle. When the dog stops the man stops. When the dog goes ahead the man follows him with a full, confident step. A Seeing Eye dog is carefully trained before he is turned over to a blind master. Once he has passed through the school his master may follow him safely and unhesitatingly as long as he lives.

The third lesson that the dog has to learn is the hardest of all and the one that requires the greatest patience to teach. The dog must be taught how and when to *disobey!* He must be able to make decisions for himself. For example, if a blind man and his dog reach a street corner and the blind man can hear no traffic he will probably urge his dog to go ahead. If there is a bicycle or any other machinery coming down the street which the blind master does not hear the dog must know enough not to go forward. No matter how his master may urge him forward the dog must be so intelligent and experienced that he will disobey.

There are a dozen situations every day where the dog must make the decision. For example, a dog and his master may approach an open elevator shaft. The man would walk blithely ahead but the dog must be able to lead him carefully around the opening so that he will not fall.

The well-trained dog will be a safe guide in any city in the world. Because traffic is directed differently in different places, the dog is not taught to obey a given set of signals but rather to wait until he sees a clearing and the lead his master across to safety.

With the help of a Seeing Eye guide a blind man can go safely anywhere at home or in a foreign city. He will ask directions just as you or I would. Then when he is told that a certain house is four block straight ahead he will count the blocks as his dogs leads him forward. Many blind people have exceptional memories and they can remember the number of turns to a certain location better than a seeing person could. Once at the right house the dog will lead him carefully up or downstairs to the entrance and then stand directly under the bell.

The last stage of the Seeing Eye training takes place when the blind man or woman comes to Morristown for a month to be schooled with his dog. This is the great moment in the life of the dog and in that of his future master. Most of the blind people who have come to the Seeing Eye have been totally dependent on other people. Many a blind man could not go for a walk, not even to get a shoeshine, or to buy a packet of matches, without having to have some other human being take him. When he was alone he was oppressed by fears and terrors we cannot even imagine.

With a dog guide a blind man or woman can face life with new hope, and new independence. When they touch their dog guide for the first time they feel with sensitive finger tips the wise, broad head, the strong shoulders, the eager, inquisitive nose. They are in contact for the first time with a strong and faithful creature that will serve them loyally and well without shame or embarrassment on either side.

The meeting between a dog and his blind master is not always love at first sight. It takes great skill and understanding to pick a man and a dog who will get on well together. A timid, hesitating man cannot be given a guide that is too free and bold. An energetic master will need an energetic dog. There are a dozen little shadings of personality which must be understood before the right man can be given the right dog.

Before the choice of a dog has been made the blind man will have heard lectures and talks on the care of his dog. He will also have been encouraged in independence and in caring for himself. Some of the people who come to the Seeing Eye have been blinded all their lives; some have been recently blinded. Many have learned much about caring for themselves while others cannot even cut up their own meat at the table. It is the purpose of the Seeing Eye to give them back pride and confidence and freedom.

By the end of a month at the school the blind man and his dog will be ready to graduate. They will be ready to leave alone by bus or train, or by walking through crowded streets. Wherever he wishes to go the blind man knows that his Seeing Eye guide can take him there.

This work of training dogs began abroad when the German Government trained thousands of dogs to take care of veterans who had been blinded in the World War. Some years after that Mrs. Harrison Eustis and Elliott S. Humphrey began to work with dogs on Mrs. Eustis' place in Switzerland to see just what a dog could be taught.

After a time Mrs. Eustis wrote the story of the German dog guides for an American magazine. This article was read to Morris S. Frank, a young blind man living in Nashville, Ten. Instantly Frank realized that here was a new hope for blind people all over the world. He wrote to Mrs. Eustis and she asked him to come over and visit her in Switzerland and to try working with one of her police dogs. Mr. Frank went abroad and was trained with a dog called Buddy. After he was through his training he decided to go back to the United States and see if a dog guide was practical there too.

Many people thought that it would be impossible. The traffic was so much heavier, faster, more complicated. Morris Frank's heart must have been in his mouth when Buddy led him off the ship through the whirlpool of New York City traffic. But the experiment was a success, a triumphant, thrilling adventure! Under every situation, in narrow streets, and wide avenues, in crowded intersections, and on lonely roads Buddy was able to guide Morris Frank as safely and as perfectly as she had in Switzerland.

Soon afterward Mrs. Eustis and Frank started the Seeing Eye in America. It is being run there today and Mr. Humphrey who with Mrs. Eustis began the work abroad is headmaster. Under his direction the dogs are trained and the blind people learn their part. Not only that but other men with good eyes are taught how to be instructors so that they may teach more and still more dogs to lead men out of the dark.—*L. R. Davis, in The Ambassador.*

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SOLVING FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

Churches have different financial methods; some are good and some are bad. No church need have a bad or a poor method of meeting its financial obligations since the Scriptures clearly reveal a divinely appointed method. That method is "Tithes and Offerings." In the tithe the amount is definitely stated; it is "a tenth of all"; and is a debt we owe to God for the support of His work and the interests of His church and kingdom. Offerings are gifts, after the payments of debt; and should be made in love for Him, and according as He has prospered us. Churches that have tried God's method have found that it works. Who never tithes, never makes an offering; whoever tithes will soon make offerings also.—Roby F. Day.

SEPTEMBER THANK-OFFERING MONTH FOR NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

The August-September issue of the Missionary Record gives suggested programs for the Fall Thank Offering services, and makes the announcement that boxes and envelopes are available from your Thank Offering secretary. We of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work, have designated the month of September for our observances on account of November being the month call is made for Thanksgiving offering for our Children's Home. We must get our Thank Offering out of the way for this and the Fellowship Crusade. The goal for the Fall Thank Offering is $1,000 and our slogan this year is "Gratitude—Give—Goal." In gratitude let us give, and we will reach our goal. In keeping with the general plan there will be an accentuation of Christian Education, for the fall program and missions in February. With more than 100 women's organizations in the North Carolina Conference, and with churches, where there are no organizations of women, cooperating by observing September as Thank Offering month, we should raise our quota easily, and the amount raised in each church is a credit on World Service.

Suggestions

"Apply for program materials, Board of Missions, Department of Women's Work, 516 N. Charles street, Baltimore, Md. Apply for Thank Offering boxes and envelopes, Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C.

Individual and circle boxes, "giving for gratitude." That each circle in each Auxiliary have a Thank Offering recently who brings and passes box at each meeting.

Send all money raised to State Treasurer, Mrs. Coy Kearns, Denton, N. C., and report amount sent to local church treasurer.

North Carolina was one of seven branches reporting "over the top" at convention in Tiffin. We have more Auxiliaries and more churches realizing that the observance of Thank Offering, benefits the donors and is a means by which local church and North Carolina Branch can pay their budgets.

Do not delay and let us have a report of $1,000 Thank Offering reported October 1.

Very truly,
MRS. Wm. C. HAMMER,
Sec. Thank Offering,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.

Asheboro, N. C.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

OUR ECONOMIC "FREE-FOR-ALL"

Christian Endeavor Topic for September 11, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, September 5—Age-old exploitation. Jas. 2:59.

Tuesday, September 6—Justice for all in the courts. Lev. 19:15.

Wednesday, September 7—Bring good will into labor disputes. Col. 3:12; 2 Pet. 1:5-7.

Thursday, September 8—Envy creates trouble. Gen. 27:44.

Friday, September 9—A boy who claimed his share. Luke 15:11-19.

Saturday, September 10—The one solution. Matt. 7:12.

The text: Matt. 5:38-42; 25:14-30.

Even though we find three subjects in the same field in immediate succession: The Right to Work, Our Economic Free-for-all and Building a Christian Economic Order it is well worth our time because they are dealing with a subject that is so vitally important to us today, and yet it is not a new problem but it is one of the oldest problems mankind has had to face. Man from the very beginning has insisted upon "free-for-all," a "survival of the fittest." If a man was strong enough or had enough influence or was willing to stoop low enough anything that he might conquer was rightfully his.

As men began to grow a little more civilized a few in that group began to realize that their fellowmen were human beings, not to be trodden underfoot but to be helped—to be lifted up. Then came Christianity which has done more to champion this cause than all other institutions combined. Jesus in his parable of the talents shows us that everyone has a right to a living wage even though he may not have had the opportunity of putting in a full day's work. Jesus taught that we should not only be our brother's brother but that we should be our brother's keeper as well, and his one great command was that we should love our neighbor as ourself.

Time after time we find our new testament writers exhorting that God loves the poor man as well as he does the rich, that he loves the underprivileged as well as the overprivileged, but in spite of this force, that is trying to change conditions, the old economic "free-for-all" continues.

In the latter part of the last century Hauptmann in his play, "The Weavers" shows us the economic conditions prevailing at that time as a result of a "free-for-all" economic policy. We see in contrast Dreissinger, a fustian manufacturer, who lives in the big house and his employees, the weavers, who live in the slums. Dreissinger and his family are overfed, overindulgent and living in luxury while his weavers are starving. His weavers appeal to him for more food and better conditions, but he does not respond, so their appeal changes to a threat and a group of them led by Jaeger, one of the weavers, gives Dreissinger a piece of their mind and they sing for him a song which they call "Bloody Justice." No one knows who wrote it but it is a picture of conditions under which they are living—a picture of hardship and misery:

The justice to us weavers dealt
Is bloody, cruel, and hateful;
Our life's one torture, long drawn out:
For Lynch law we'd be grateful.

Stretched on the rack day after day,
Hearts sick and bodies aching,
Our heavy sighs their witness bear
To spirits slowly breaking.

The Dreissingers true hangmen are,
Servants no whit behind them;
Masters and men with one accord
Set on the poor to grind them.

You villians all, you brood of hell
You fiends in fashion human,
A curse will fall on all like you,
Who prey on man and woman.

The suppliant knows he asks in vain,
Every word that's spoken.
"If not content, then go and starve—
Our rules cannot be broken."

Then think of all our woe and want,
O ye who hear this ditty!
Our struggle vain for daily bread
Hard hearts would move to pity.

But pity's what you've never known,—
You'd take both skin and clothing,
You cannibals, whose cruel deeds
Fill all good men with loathing.

This same condition is true in America today whether we realize it or not. We have taken a great step in doing away with the child labor problem that Elizabeth Barrett Browning gives to us so forcefully in her poem, "The Cry of the Children," but we have our sweat shops; we still have our poor living conditions for the workmen; we still have our struggle between capital and labor, a struggle we will always have as long as we have a "free-for-all" economic system.

There are a good many people today who would like to change this situation if they

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OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

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Enfield S. S.	5.00
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
Lebanon S. S., High Point, July, Aug.	16.89
Woman's Auxiliary, Foss, Oklahoma, for shoes	2.00
Young Ladies' class, Gibsonville, feeding child, two months	10.00
Chapel Hill S. S., Davidson	1.30
Ethel Hempstead Circle No. 7, Inwood, L. I., feeding child	5.00
Burlington, First Church S. S.	35.00
Mt. Pleasant S. S., N. Davidson	1.90
Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	7.71
Burlintgon, First Ch., program by children	35.50
Bethany S. S., Randolph	4.00
Mt. Carmel S. S., Forsyth	3.87
Haw River, Mizpah S. S.	1.91

We are thankful to all of you who helped to make the above report possible. You will note that $70.50 of the above is from the First Church, Burlington. Their regular monthly offering came last week, and then Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, our children rendered a program in that church, and the people contributed an amount the equal of their regular monthly offering. We had a most pleasant visit with this progressive church and splendid people. The pastor and his family are away on vacation.

Will You Try It?

We wish so much that all the Sunday schools in the Conference would do like the First Church, Burlington, and a few others are doing, set a monthly goal and come up to it for the Home. They send $35 to the Home each month, and we confidently expect they will increase to $40 per month. If all our Sunday schools would set a reasonable goal and pay it, then we would know pretty well what our annual budget is, and would strive to live within it. On rainy Sundays and vacation Sundays our offerings are often small where they send us just what they "happen to get" on such Sundays.

Two More Months

This is our last report for August, and there is just September and October between us and Conference. We would so much like to report to Conference a balanced budget when we meet on November 9. By your help we will. So please come on with two good monthly offerings. Notice above that Henderson added to their Sunday school offering a special, and thus boosted their August offering.

The fall season is upon us with the necessity for many supplies. We appreciate your thought, your prayers and your constant help.

Yours in His service,

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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TROXLER FUND

Previously reported	$294.99
Graham Church	2.00
Philathea class, Mt. Pleasant	10.00
Total	$306.99

It was my intention to make a final report in last week's HERALD; but I took a sudden vacation, and did not have my mail forwarded, so did not know what, if anything, came in. But only two items are to be added to the total as last reported.

It was my hope when we started this Fund that we might reach the $300 mark. We have gone beyond it a little. That by no means takes care of the expenses of Brother Troxler's last illness and his funeral. But it does help some. I am grateful to all those who responded to the appeal.

One thing impresses me as I check back over the little book in which I have kept the record of these contributions: much the largest part of the total has come from churches, or individuals, which he served or of whom he was at one time or another pastor. What finer tribute could be offered, what finer expression of their appreciation of the man!

The letters which came along with the remittances have been sent to Mrs. Troxler. I think they will be a precious treasure through the years. And I am today sending what balance I have to close the account. Thank you for helping me do a good turn.

C. W. BATES.

(Gibsonville church sent $5.00 direct to the HERALD; it has been sent to Mrs. Troxler by the Editor.)

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Christian Endeavor Helps

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had the right leadership and the right force were brought to play upon them. Just as did the weavers the working man today realizes his condition and desires something better, but he does not have power to change this condition. The employer deep down in his own heart realizes what he is doing to his fellowmen but he is so selfish that he will do anything in his power to keep these conditions from being changed.

Jesus in the seventh chapter of Matthew has given us the one solution to this problem, the only solution that will ever work and a solution that would not be hard to put in effect if the spirit of Jesus Christ was put in the hearts of men . . . "whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Rev. J. H. Trolinger, Littleton charge	$ .50
Mrs. Sallie Williams, Littleton charge	.50
Mrs. Eloise Yancey, Chase City	.50
John Leonhart, Chase City	.50
Mrs. Leroy Jones, Chase City	1.00
Mrs. Annie McKinney, Chase City	1.00
Sent by Pastor Trolinger.	
Mrs. Lou Phillips, Shiloh charge	2.00
J. H. Shoaf, Shiloh charge	1.00
Mrs. Paul Shoaf, Shiloh charge	1.00
Mrs. Bessie Wood, Shiloh charge	1.00
Roy Phillips, Shiloh charge	1.00
Sent by Miss Lelia Byerley.	
W. A. Furr, Friendship-Love's Grove	2.00
H. M. Tarlton, Friendship-Love's Grove	2.00
Club subscriptions	1.00
Sent by O. L. Hatley.	
Miss Margurite Knight, Yarborough	1.00
Miss Sara Simpson, Yarborough	1.00
Miss Edna Hughes, Yarborough	1.00
Sent by Miss Sara Simpson.	
J. W. Whitehead, Alamance charge	1.00
E. C. Cox, Why Not charge	1.00
Clarence D. Cox, Why Not charge	1.00
Mrs. Cornie Williams, Why Not charge	1.00
Hester Richardson, Why Not charge	1.00
Roy Hughes, Why Not charge	1.00
C. A. Lewallen, Why Not charge	1.00
Miss Verna King, Why Not charge	.50
Miss Edith Luck, Why Not charge	.50
Sent by Mrs. C. T. Luck from Flag Springs church.	
Ed. Waitman, Shiloh charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Ridge.	
Mrs. J. L. Poole, Yarborough	1.00
Sent by Pastor Vickery.	
Miss Wilma Dark, Siler City charge	1.00
Mrs. Pearl Bailey, Mt. Pleasant charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Braxton.	
W. J. Widenhouse, Concord	1.00
Mrs. V. L. Lowder, Concord	1.00
L. M. Belvin, Concord	1.00
T. H. Scarboro, Concord	1.00
Mrs. S. H. Teeter, Concord	1.00
Sent by Pastor Peeler.	
William Wright, Siler City	1.00
Mrs. J. M. Thompson, Orange charge	1.00
Mrs. J. P. Thompson, Orange charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. A. K. McAdams.	
G. P. Younginer, Asheville	1.00
Sent by Miss Cunningham.	
Mrs. R. C. Brown, Concord	2.00
C. D. Sides, Concord	2.00
Sent by Mrs. L. H. Sides.	

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HOME-COMING AND MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

To Be Held in Bonlee M. P. Church

On the first Sunday in September in the Hope Methodist Protestant church, Bonlee, N. C., there will be held the annual Home-Coming and Memorial Day services. The program will begin at 10 o'clock with the Sunday school and continue from 11 o'clock with the worship of the morning.

Following the morning services lunch will be served on the grounds in picnic style. In the afternoon beginning at 1:15 o'clock the closing phase of the program will be held.

To these services all of the older members of the church as well as the public are especially invited and urged to attend.

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It is permitted to be taught even by an enemy.—Latin.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Friendship Church, Chase City Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday at 11 o'clock. We were glad to have him present for our Sunday school and were also glad to have Mr. Earl Harper from Corinth church as a guest.

Brother Trolinger gave us a beautiful message on "The Year of Jubilee Has Come." After the preaching, dinner was served on the church grounds. In the afternoon we were very much pleased to have with us members of Black Branch and Concord Baptist churches to sing. Many pretty songs were sung from the old "Christian Harmony" songbook. These were all new to the younger set, but we enjoyed them greatly and were glad a few of our older people were able to attend.

Our community was saddened by the death of little Helen Marie Bell, who died at her home on August 24 at the age of seven. Helen was such a sweet child, and everyone loved her so much. She will be greatly missed by her church and Sunday school. We wish to express our sympathy to her parents in their bereavement. May the Lord bless them and comfort them in their great hour of need.

Since we began we have had prayer meeting each Sunday night and the attendance is increasing each time. This prayer service is a great help to us all. I am sure each one of us has grown closer to God. I am glad to see so many different ones taking part in the conducting of the services.

Our Sunday school seems to increase a little each Sunday. We are having a little contest. All the women and girls are on one side, and the men and boys are on the other. The women are ahead now, but come on, men, and work harder than ever. Our Sunday school has planned a picnic for next Saturday afternoon. I hope everyone will come and enjoy being together.

PAULINE JARRELL, Reporter.

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Draper, Rev. J. L. Love, Pastor.—Sunday was a red letter day for our church. There was unusually large attendance at both services, especially at the 11 o'clock hour. A large number of visitors was present at both services, some from Cascade, Va., others from the rural section, and many of the community. There was strong evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence moving upon hearts. An unusual feature of the morning service was when we received an old man 84 years of age into the church. He was recently converted. As we understand, religious statistics show that only one person in ten thousand is ever saved at that age. To my mind the general condition of the church is of a more substantial and permanent nature than at any time since I have been pastor.

Our cottage prayer meeting was held at Mr. N. H. Stewart's last Friday evening. A fine spirit prevailed. Brother W. A. King delivered a splendid message. There was a good number of inspiring testimonies. After the service, when I went to open the car door, the inside lights were turned on, and a pleasant sight greeted me. The rear of the car was full of groceries. I believe it was the largest pounding I have received here. These good people are small in number but with big hearts. May the Lord bless each one that had a part.

A few weeks ago it was our pleasure to have our president visit us. He preached at the evening service to a large and appreciative congregation. The good people of the M. E. South, and Christian churches called off their service in respect to Brother Pritchard and worshiped with us. We enjoyed his visit very much.

Last Saturday week we had the pleasure of entertaining our good friends from Connelly Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Aikens, Mr. and Mrs. Rommey Bridges, Mrs. Huge Southerland, and Broker Aikens' two children. We are glad they have not forgotten us. We shall ever cherish the pleasant memories of our association together while I was serving them as pastor.

The Ladies' Aid of Connelly Springs sent Mrs. Love many useful gifts, which are much appreciated. Hope this letter is not too long, but I don't write often.

J. L. LOVE.

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Lebanon Church, High Point, Rev. O. L. Easter, Pastor.—Work in our church has been moving along very nicely during the summer, and much activity has been shown in all the organizations. The attendance at both morning and evening church services has been unusually good and the Sunday school has held its own with a good deal of interest being shown. Mid-week prayer services have been held with much interest, and the pastor has held cottage prayer services each Friday evening for the past month in preparation for the special meeting which will begin next Sunday, September 4, at 11 o'clock, with Rev. Fred Love as pastoral help.

On last Sunday evening the Sunday school had charge of the evening church service, holding the annual Children's Day service. The service was brought to a close with the unveiling of a painting for the back of the pulpit, painted by a local artist and presented to the church by two Sunday school classes of young ladies. A large attendance pronounced the service one of the best our church has had recently.

Monday evening of this week the Ladies' Aid society held their monthly meeting in the church hut, bringing to a close at this time the Baby Contest which they have been sponsoring for the past few months in the interest of funds for the new carpet in the church. The silver cup was presented to the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Briggs, for having the largest number of votes. A total of $100 was realized from this project.

The summer has brought sadness to our midst, in the accidental death of Samuel Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Montgomery, along with the illness of a number of our members. Mr. Manly Craven, who has been confined to the hospital for a number of weeks, has returned to his home on Route 1. Mrs. Dale Montgomery and young daughter, Sarah Phiscilla, are doing nicely at home. Mrs. R. E. L. Hayworth has returned from Duke hospital. Mrs. J. M. Readdick, Farris avenue, is ill at her home at this writing. Mrs. Anna Briggs Boles is able to be up after a number of weeks in bed, and her small daughter is doing nicely. Mrs. Roxie Huff has been confined to her home for a number of weeks.

We ask that we may have our prayers that much and lasting good may be accomplished in our midst as we go into our revival services next Sunday.

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Shiloh, Randolph Charge, Aug. 24.—The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Mina York, who was Mrs. Payne until her recent marriage, Wednesday night, August 10, to hold its regular monthly meeting. There were about 25 ladies present, some of whom were visitors. The devotions were led by Mrs. Flossie Shaw. The theme was "Fellowship Furtherance." The scripture readings were taken from Luke and John. After a short business session the meeting adjourned, to meet with Mrs. Willie Kime. Mrs. York was given a shower. She received many useful gifts. The hostess served delicious refreshments.

Rev. J. C. Reynolds of Randleman was the pulpit help in our recent revival meeting. He brought us some real inspiring messages.

The children and their families met at the home of Mr. John Brown's, Sunday, August 21, and gave Mrs. Brown a surprise birthday dinner. There were about 35 present. She was 73 years of age. She received several gifts.

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Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Our revival services came to a close Friday night, August 26. All who attended these services were impressed by the messages the Rev. Clay Madison brought. We are glad to have had him with us and formed his acquaintance. Rev. Mr. Burgess and Rev. Mr. Carroll were with us for part of these services.

Mrs. W. H. Neese spent the past week in our community attending church services. Her sister, Miss Sallie Amick, returned home with her for a visit.

Mr. T. G. Smith was able to attend church the past week. Mr. Smith has been ill since early spring. Miss Janice Smith has returned to her home from Piedmont Memorial hospital. Her condition remains about the same.

Miss Dovie Mendenhall is able to be out again after being confined to her home for several weeks.

Miss Ila Stafford of New York, daughter of Mr. Everette Stafford, is visiting friends and relatives here.

The Business Girls' circle met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Smith Saturday night, August 28. A short program was presented during which a letter from the Minnises was read. Plans were made for an amateur program and weiner sale to be held at Nathaniel Greene school. A social hour of interesting contests and games followed, after which a watermelon slicing was enjoyed by all.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held Sunday, August 28. The program was in charge of Mrs. Carl Curtis, secretary of spiritual life, on the subject, "What the Bible Means to Me." Several members made short talks on the subject and on the book or Bible character they liked best, and the reason of their choices. A report was made by the secretary of young people, Mrs. Louise Shoffner, who is working hard to organize the young people of our church in missionary bands. A collection was taken for needy children of the community which the auxiliary is helping to clothe.

The women's and men's Bible class had charge of the opening of Sunday school August 28. A short talk was made by the teacher of the men's class, Mr. Roscoe Causey.

Mr. Jack Thompson assisted Rev. Mr. Isley in the services at Rock Creek church last Sunday afternoon.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

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Guilford Circuit, Joel B. Trogdon, Pastor.—We seem to be getting along fine on this work. We just closed a meeting last Tuesday night at Hickory Grove that the people say is the best that has been there in 20 years. There were 25 confessions and some reclamations, with nine joning the church. Others will join later. Brother Shelton did the preaching, and did it in a plain, effective manner, and the people were greatly pleased with the results. Yesterday at 3 o'clock I baptized 12 by immersion from Mitchell's Grove, making 40 members I have taken in this year. On Saturday before the third Sunday in July we held our third quarterly conference. The Sunday school reports were fine, and also the stewards' reports on conference claims were good. But pastor's salary was right much behind. The votes were counted and Brother Lewis Cashatt was declared elected as delegate to our annual conference. The meeting adojurned, with the fourth quarterly conference to meet at Hickory Grove, and it won't be long now till annual conference. So pray for us.

JOEL B. TROGDON.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, Rev. C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Aug. 29.—I know that there are some who have been looking for a report from us for quite a few weeks. I am very glad that we have some good news to report. Our church is still progressing, it seems, because of the increase in its spiritual life. Our special revival which began August 21 was a successful one. Dr. J. D. Williams was the very efficient pulpit help, who brought us very searching and uplifting messages from Sunday morning through Friday afternoon. The services were conducted at 3 and 8 p.m. However, Dr. Williams became unable to stay with us through the closing service Friday night, but Mr. Ridge secured Rev. O. C. Loy, pastor of State Street, to preach for us, and we appreciated the helpful message that he gave. We greatly appreciate and enjoyed the efforts put forth by Dr. Williams, who we believe is one of the conference's best men. The preaching services came to a close Friday night, but we believe the revival has begun that will last and continue to grow throughout the year. There were quite a few conversions, with 10 additions in membership, including one by letter. We say that the revival was a success and we praise God for it. One thing that was probably a great help was not only the weekly prayer services, but the daily services of special prayer which were conducted for 30 minutes each evening before the service. The attendance and interest were unusually good. We believe and know that there is power in prayer, and say that no church can live and grow without it, and also say that every church needs more prayer.

Our monthly prayer service, as usual, was conducted Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and was in charge of the teacher and members of the boys' Intermediate Sunday school class. The attendance was 126, which is a large number for a prayer service. Our weekly prayer services are being conducted each Wednesday night. We feel that these services are reaching out into every organization of the church, which we hope shall be better fitted for utilizing the great power that makes its continual flow through individuals who are kept in close touch and relation to God.

Our pastor is assisting Rev. E. G. Cowan this week in a revival. We are always praying not only for him, but for any and all who are preaching the true gospel in order to bring salvation to those who are lost.

If you want your pastor to preach better and want your church to grow stronger, just pray; make prayer a leading element and practice in your life. Our pastor has told us that if we have any desire to criticize, first pray, and after you have prayed you lose the desire to criticize. We are hoping that our church shall continue to progress, and in order that we may, we earnestly desire an interest in the prayers of you Christians, because "The prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

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North Davidson Charge.—Our special meeting began at Bethesda on the second Sunday in August, and closed the following Friday night. Brother Auman was with us from beginning to close. The climax was reached when 30 or more young people in a group declared their faith, and rededicated themselves to Christ and the church. The whole church was revived. Brother Auman in every good way made a fine impression on all the people.

WM. H. NEESE.

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Central Church, Asheboro.—"Youth Week" in Central church got off to a good beginning last Sunday. Dr. P. S. Kennett spoke most edifyingly in the morning service, and Rev. J. Elwood Carroll had a pleasing and helpful message for us at night. The response of our young people to their "Youth Week" is excellent. With Sunday over, and the inspiration that a good day brought us, we are now pressing plans for the banquet Tuesday night, August 30. This is a part of our "Youth Week" program, and our young people are happy in the anticipation of an evening of genuine pleasure. The indications now are that about 100 will attend the banquet, which will be served in the social room of the church. William Lewis has been active in promoting the youth programs of the church during the summer months, social, recreational, and spiritual. Our Youth Week will culminate with our Membership Day next Sunday. Our Children's Day, which is a little late with us this year, will constitute a part of the program of the day. The chief feature in our early fall program is our revival meeting. We will run for ten days, beginning September 14. Brother Clay Madison will do the preaching and Rev. C. E. Ridge will conduct the singing. We have a rich field here, and our prayers and efforts shall be for a large spiritual harvest.

Dr. Kennett was accompanied Sunday by Mrs. Kennett and his charming daughter, Pauline; and Brother Carroll brought along with him Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Nannie Moore, sister of Mrs. S. W. Taylor. It was a pleasure to the pastor and his family, and to our people, to have these visitors as our guests for the day.

S. W. TAYLOR.

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Love's Grove Church, Rev. Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—We are very glad indeed to report the large attendance and interest being shown in our Sunday school recently. We do humbly pray that this good work may be continued.

The revival meeting of Love's Grove Methodist Protestant church closed Friday night, August 19, with 12 new members. Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Cook, was assisted by Rev. Fred W. Paschall, from Burlington. We enjoyed having him with us and also greatly enjoyed having him in our homes. We feel that we as a church have had a revival in our own hearts and have been uplifted with the spiritual services. Our pastor was absent for some time, due to the illness and death of little Carl Hatley. Our heart-felt sympathy goes out to the family in their bereavement, and may they look to God who alone can comfort them in these lonely and trying days.

The Christian Endeavor society met Sunday evening and some interesting plans have been made to gain new members. We pray that each boy and girl who have not joined our society will come and join immediately.

MARGARET TARLETON.

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First Church, Thomasville, J. T. Bowman, Pastor, Aug. 29.—We were very glad indeed to have our pastor back with us Sunday after his two weeks' vacation. He brought us a very inspiring message at the morning service and also at the evening service.

Our revival meeting will begin next Sunday. Rev. W. L. Harkey will be the pulpit help. We are looking forward and hoping for a great spiritual awakening in our church, and we earnestly desire your prayers that we may have a great revival, and that many may reconsecrate and rededicate their lives to the service of God, and that many souls may be born into His Kingdom.

The Women's Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday evening, August 23. Mrs. Anna Williams led in a very inspiring devotional. A splendid program was given by members of the Minnis Circle, under the leadership of Mrs. J. T. Bowman. Both the devotional and the program were really interesting and inspiring.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox Teague were made happy by the arrival of a little daughter in their home recently.

There was a slight error in our last report. In that report, as it came out in the

Herald, it was stated that Mrs. I. A. Teague had been elected delegate to annual conference, when it should have been Mr. I. A. Teague. (However, it was all in the family anyway.)

The hour has been changed for the evening service at our church from 7:15 to 6:45 for the C. E. meetings, and from 8:00 to 7:30 o'clock for Sunday evening worship service. Beginning with next Monday evening and continuing through the revival services the singing service will begin at 7:15 and preaching at 7:30. Everyone who can is cordially invited to attend all our services at any time.

MRS. W. A. LEONARD, Asst. Reporter.

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State Street, O. C. Loy, Pastor.—Our meeting is in progress this week, with services each evening at 7:30 o'clock. The messages are wonderful and we sincerely ask the prayers of all the readers for a great spiritual revival within each heart.

The ladies' Auxiliary and the Philathea class held a joint meeting on the spacious lawn of Mrs. J. W. Lindsay last Tuesday night. The lighting arrangements against an evergreen background formed a beautiful setting for the occasion. There was a large number present and the devotionals were both inspiring and helpful. After the business was over the social was enjoyed very much, with plenty of delicious iced watermelons.

Last Friday night Mrs. Graham Leonard's class sponsored a country fair which was held in the basement of the church. Numerous games and contests were enjoyed, with special music. Sandwich suppers and home-made ice cream was sold. The class realized $15.00 for this project to be used for a worthy cause.

Miss Ella Stuart Cox returned home about two weeks ago from an extended visit with her aunt in Laurel, Delaware.

We are sorry to report that Mr. J. B. Leonard isn't so well at this writing. We all wish for him a speedy recovery. His presence is an inspiration to the entire congregation.

We extend a hearty invitation to all who might pass through Lexington to visit our church.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

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Kernersville-South Winston, Aug. 29.—The revival meeting at the Kernersville church closed last Sunday night with a large congregation present. "Family Night" was observed and a gift was made to the largest family present. Rev. B. A. Culp, pastor of the First M. E. church, Winston-Salem, did all the preaching except the first sermon Sunday, August 21, at 11 a.m., when the pastor preached. The sermons of Rev. Mr. Culp were plain, forceful, and convincing gospel truths. The sermons were made effective by the use of illustrations. While there were no visible results—conversions—we are convinced that the church was revived and much good will result from the services in days to come. We are expecting to receive a number of members at the service next Sunday night. A count of the congregation each night of the revival revealed that the attendance ranged from 35 to 100, which is considered a good attendance for this church.

The singing school will begin at Sandy Ridge church next Monday night. Mr. Marshall, music teacher, of Winston-Salem, will conduct the singing school for a period of ten nights. Following the close of the singing school a revival meeting will begin at Sandy Ridge church, probably the second Sunday in October.

This writer will participate in the funeral services of Mrs. A. A. Jones, of near Greensboro, today (Monday) at New Bethel Christian church, in Rockingham county. Mrs. Lester passed away at the home of her daughter last Friday night. The funeral services were delayed pending the arrival of a daughter from Louisville, Ky.

Our services for next Sunday will be at Ai church at 10 a.m., Pine Grove church at 11 a.m., and Kernersvile church at 7:45 p.m.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

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Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—Work is moving along very nicely at this church. Attendance for both church and Sunday school has increased some for the past few Sundays. Different classes of the Sunday school have been having charge of the opening session of the Sunday school. This has helped in getting different people to take part in the work of the Sunday school and church; also helped to get the young people more interested in singing.

As conference will soon be here again, we are working to pay our claims in full and to get on the honor roll.

At the last writing Mrs. T. H. Moore was critically ill, but is much improved at this time.

On Saturday, August 20, one of our members, Miss Ellen Guthrie, was united in marriage to Mr. Hazel Williams of Florida.

The young people's class plans to have a picnic Saturday afternoon. The entire Sunday school plans to put on a program in the near future to help out the Ladies' Auxiliary.

REPORTER.

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Bethesda, North Davidson Charge, Rev. Wm. H. Neese, Pastor.—Our annual homecoming was held the second Sunday in August. There was a large crowd and all seemed to enjoy the day. Our pastor was present and preached at the 11 o'clock service, and Rev. J. C. Auman made a home-coming talk in the afternoon. We are very grateful to the following who came and helped out by their singing: Mr. B. F. Sink's quartet of Lexington; Berrier quartet of Canaan; the Ragan children of Pilgrim; Mrs. Crouse and Mr. and Mrs. Waitman of Lexington.

This was also the begining of our revival meeting, which lasted until Friday night. We feel fortunate in having Rev. Mr. Auman for our help. We know that he has done us all good, both old and young, with the fine messages he brought. But especially we are proud of what he did among the young people. Several were converted, and most all reconsecrated their lives anew, pledging to go forward to do more for Jesus than they had done before. He also reorganized the C. E. society, which had about died. 32 young people joined this. J L. Grubb was elected president. We ask the prayers of all Christian people that this will continue to grow in spirit and interest, for we do have a fine group of young people. A committee was elected among the older people to reach out and try to bring others in that we failed to reach during the meeting. This was started by trying to get family worship in the homes. The heads of 20 homes promised to have some kind of family worship. We feel that if this keeps up we can do a great work toward bringing souls to Christ.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met last Thursday evening, with Mrs. Henry Sowers, with Mrs. C. F. Barnes and Mrs. D. D. Brinkley joint hostesses. Our president, Mrs. C. M. Yokley, opened the meeting by using the guide book. Misses Bessie Sowers and Virginia Wagner read the scripture. We were glad to have Miss Pearl Wood sing a solo. A contest was held at the close of the meeting. Miss Virginia Wagner won the prize. Delicious refreshments were served to all present.

Mr. H. H. Brinkley, who has been sick for some time, was able to be at his usual place in Sunday school Sunday. We were also glad to have Mrs. E. P. Tatum of Spencer, Va., with us during the meeting; he helped us with the music.

We are also grateful to Mr. S. R. Wagner for the splendid light fixtures he had installed in the church. He did this in memory of his brother, Mr. Tom Wagner, who died a few months ago.

Our pianist, Miss Elizabeth Yokley, left us and married a few weeks ago. She married Mr. Terrell, of High Point. We hate to give her up awfully bad, but wish them much happiness as they journey through life together.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

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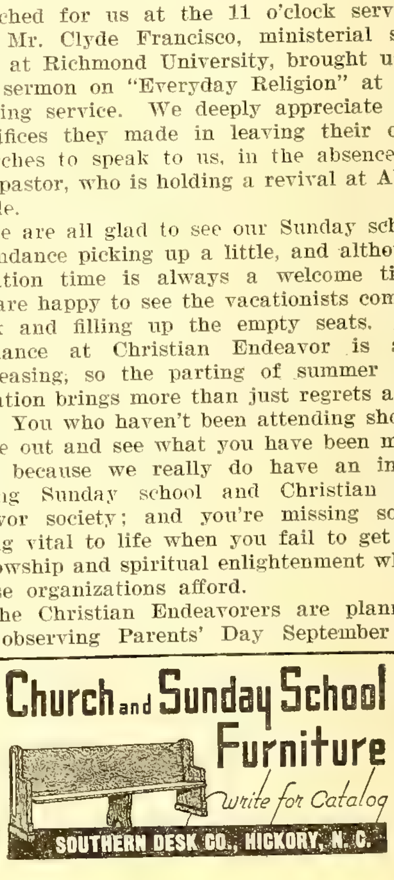
First M. P. Church, Danville, Va., Rev. R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—Last Sunday we enjoyed having some visitors worship with us at our morning and evening services. Mr. Fort, of the Pilgrim Holiness church, preached for us at the 11 o'clock service, and Mr. Clyde Francisco, ministerial student at Richmond University, brought us a fine sermon on "Everyday Religion" at the evening service. We deeply appreciate the sacrifices they made in leaving their own churches to speak to us, in the absence of our pastor, who is holding a revival at Albemarle.

We are all glad to see our Sunday school attendance picking up a little, and although vacation time is always a welcome time, we are happy to see the vacationists coming back and filling up the empty seats. Attendance at Christian Endeavor is also increasing, so the parting of summer and vacation brings more than just regrets after all. You who haven't been attending should come out and see what you have been missing, because we really do have an interesting Sunday school and Christian Endeavor society; and you're missing something vital to life when you fail to get the fellowship and spiritual enlightenment which these organizations afford.

The Christian Endeavorers are planning on observing Parents' Day September 25,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at which time the parents will be asked to attend Christian Endeavor and have charge of the program. The society has conducted Wednesday night prayer meeting and Sunday school devotional once for the adults, so we are inviting them to conduct Christian Endeavor one night and show us how they would do. We are looking forward to this night in a big way and giving plenty of notice for all you parents to be donning your thinking caps and bring new ideas and helpful hints to the society. Remember the date—Parents' Day—September 25!

Our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved families of Mr. Troxler and Mr. Hunter, whose deaths we learned of recently. May God give their loved ones the courage and strength to fight the battles of sin, though without their companions, until they join them again in the land where there will be no more separation.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

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Yarborough Chapel, Yarborough Charge, Rev. T. H. Vickery, Pastor.—Sunday, August 14, our special meeting began and closed on Friday evening. The pastor was assisted by Rev. C. G. Isley, of Albemarle. Each service was attended by an appreciative congregation. Ten new members were received into the church at the last service, eight by profession of faith and two by letter. Everyone enjoyed Rev. Mr. Isley's sermons. He will be kindly remembered by the Cross Anchor people and we invite him to visit us again.

On Thursday evening of our meeting we were fortunate in having with us Mr. Wardlaw, a ministerial student of Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, and Mr. Charlie Smith. Their special music added much to our service. We were also glad to have with us at some of our services several members of the Harmony church; we always enjoy having them worship with us.

Our Sunday school has shown a decided increase in interest and attendance for the past few weeks, and we hope this will continue.

Several of our members attended the third quarterly conference which was held at Harmony church, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

We very much regret to report the death of Mr. John Yarborough which occurred on August 23. Mr. Yarborough was a member of our Board of Trustees, also the Board of Stewards. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

GLADYS WILSON, Reporter.

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Brower's Chapel Church, Richland Charge, Rev. M. C. Henderson, Pastor.—The annual revival meeting started at Brower's Chapel church Sunday, August 28. The morning service was conducted at 11 o'clock and was well attended. We were glad to see the faces of several friends who come back to worship with us each year at this meeting. Rev. M. C. Henderson, pastor, had charge of the service and the message that he brought was most interesting. His scripture was Matthew, 27th chapter, beginning with the 15th verse. In this message he presented unto us three candidates—Barabus, who represented an ill-famed man, a vile man, and a man whose father was the devil; Pilate, who represented or wanted popularity and power and who was a man of the world; then the last candidate was Jesus, who came representing God, came to bring love to a world that had lost love, came to bring eternal life. About 95% of the people in the church came to the altar and shook hands with the preacher, thus signifying that they cast their ballot for Jesus.

In the evening service the pastor spoke on "Faith in Jesus." In this message he brought out that I must forsake all and take Jesus. And when I take Jesus I must take Him with me everywhere I go. Both the morning and the evening services were very impressive.

We are pleased to report that we have Rev. Wayne Curtis, of Burlington, leading our song services and we feel that this will be an asset to our meeting.

Services wil be held each evening at 7:30. We extend a hearty invitation to our friends and anyone who might have an interest in our church to attend these meetings. We are expecting a great revival and much to be accomplished toward the advancement of God's Kingdom.

HELEN STYERS, Reporter.

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Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, Rev. T. H. Vickery, Pastor, Aug. 28.—Things have been happening so fast that we haven't been able to report them.

Rev. T. H. Vickery was with us for his regular appointment and brought us a real heart-to-heart talk. To the new members and new converts we think each and every one of us was benefited by this splendid talk. And the addition of another new member.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the third quarterly conference was held here. Yarborough Chapel was well represented and we were glad to have them, also several stayed for the children's program Sunday night.

We had a large crowd out for the children's program and enjoyed very much the excellent way in which they put it over. We received $5.37 collection for the Children's Day offering.

We are to send each fourth Sunday all Sunday school offering to the Children's Home. Our class of young people has pledged to give so much per member. Today we had offering of $1.60; total all collection $2.67.

Last week was our pastor's birthday. Although it was a little late, he was given a dinner today with cake, candles, and all. We wish for him many more happy birthdays and pray for him much success through the years.

SARA SIMPSON, Reporter.

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Mrs. Mary Steele has been ill for several months and has recovered sufficiently to receive calls from her friends. She would be glad to see them. She lives at 69 Fairview street, Greensboro, N. C. (White Oak).

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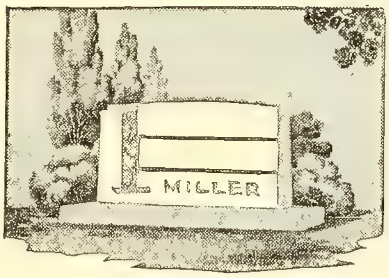
Love begins when you wish to serve others.—Luther.



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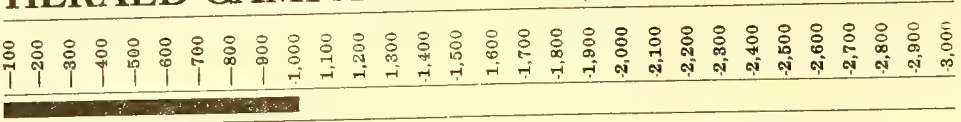

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Pensacola	60%

We have all been in sympathy with Brother Glenn Madison in the sickness and death of his mother. I felt sure that if he had not been hindered in this way that Cleveland Charge would have been out on their quota of subscriptions long ago. When a charge sends in the biggest amount and that amount means that the quota is in it counts in more ways than one. Some times a big amount is sent in and that is the last of it, but in this case there is no last of it as long as there is one who can be induced to take their church paper. Thank you, Madison. we have not expected anything else than to see you capitalized throughout.

And Fountain Place! You have this good habit, also. If one does not get it done another takes it up and keeps the good work going. Mrs. G. L. Amick swung into action here when the regular agent could not attend to it and put this church on the front ranks. My, but if we had folks on every charge that would put forth an effort to help those who need help, there would be a different story to tell. Thank you, Mrs. Amick, as well as those who responded in this as well as others who have been willing to help their agents in putting over this important phase of the work.

We are up here in the mountains looking over the handiwork of the Creator. As one young man put it, after traveling through here, in writing home to his parents: "You need never be uneasy about me doubting that there is a God after going through all this beautiful scenery and seeing these great mountains." To be sure not! What grandeur. Hope to have more to say about these experiences later. Yes, there was some subsidy, will speak of that next week. Space is out.

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Spring Church	35	6	....
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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Isaac Carl Hatley

Isaac Carl Hatley was born June 4, 1935; died August 17, 1938, age 3 years 1 month and 17 days. Carl was a lovable child, the baby and pet of the home. Although young, he loved to go to church, and always begged to go. He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Hatley; one sister, Ruth; four brothers, J. B., Elbert, Winfred and Glenn; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hatley and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hatley; also the following great-grandparents, Mr. Dock Pickler and Mr. and Mrs. Hinson.

Funeral service was held at Friendship church, the pastor, Rev. E. A. Cook, in charge, assisted by Rev. Wilkinson. The little body was laid to rest under a mound of lovely flowers.

MRS. D. W. SIDES.

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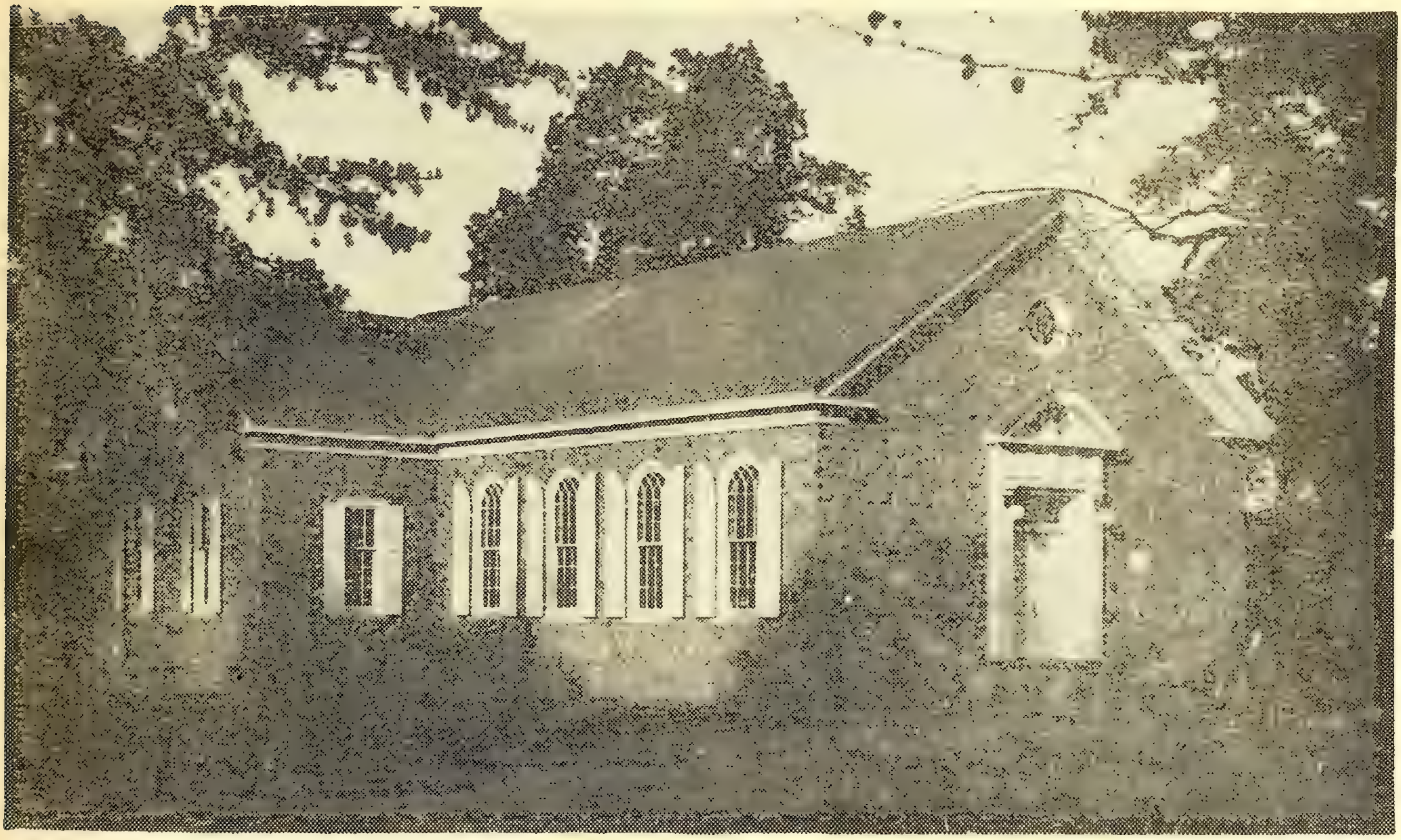

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Flat Rock Methodist Protestant Church

Which Held Its Dedicatory Service July 31

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Obituary Committee for Rev. A. L. Hunter

With the approval of the family I am appointing Dr. S. W. Taylor, Dr. R. M. Andrews and Dr. J. D. Williams as the ministerial part of the obituary committee for Rev. A. L. Hunter.

The Third Quarterly Assembly

The third quarterly assembly was held in the State Street Church in Lexington on Monday of this week. All of the speakers who had been asked to take part were present except Rev. Edward Suits and Dr. G. I. Humphreys who were detained. There was a great deal of information brought out and a good deal of inspiration. Some phases of the work, especially the financial were not very encouraging but I hope this will improve before Conference. Pastor Loy and the State Street Church were very considerate of our needs and everything was done that could be done to make our stay pleasant and profitable.

A Sunday at First Church, Lexington

Last Sunday was spent with the First Church, Lexington Charge, the 9:45 appointment being at First Church while the 11 o'clock appointment was at Mt. Carmel, a few miles east. This was my first visit to these two churches and I was very much pleased. At First Church the house was well filled for the early morning appointment. Rev. L. E. Mabry, the pastor, conducted a very helpful worship service and made it easy for me to preach. The people seemed to appreciate the services very much. Here the Church auditorium has been considerably improved and it now is very neat and attractive. The Sunday School is large and seems to be doing fine work. The Mt. Carmel Church was rebuilt a few years ago, the auditorium being built into the side of the old Church, making a number of Sunday School rooms to the rear of the auditorium. The present auditorium is roomy and neat and well ventilated. It really is a nice place in which to worship. Brother Mabry seems to have the work well in hand. One revival is yet to be held at First Church and I am hoping they may have a good ingathering. His quarterly report which may be printed this week speaks for itself. Brother Mabry is so pleasing in his manner in the services and so gracious in his appraisal of the efforts put forth that it is a pleasure to be with him.

Place for Uniting Conference Not Settled

Last week I announced that I was to meet with Entertainment Committee of Uniting Conference to fix the place for that meeting. After many invitations had been graciously presented it was voted to eliminate all places except Kansas City and Baltimore. On Friday of next week a small group of us will be in Kansas City to look their situation over and we will ride to Cincinnati overnight and meet the full committee there on Saturday, September 17, and the choice between Kansas City and Baltimore will be made that day. This makes it necessary for me to cancel my appointment at First Church, High Point, on Sunday morning, September 18, and at Giles Chapel for the afternoon of the same day. But the Uniting Conference is going to be one of the most important meetings held in a long time and it must be planned for.

Pastors' Quarterly Reports

Mill Grove, Rev. Earl A. Cook, pastor—Considerable interest, many times attendance double what it was at beginning of year, eight conversions, six accessions, salary not quite paid to date, very little raised on A. C. Budget, one-third of World Service raised, Church debt considerably reduced.

Friendship-Love's Grove, Rev. Earl A. Cook, pastor—Interest growing considerably, 58 conversions in three revivals held, 31 accessions, salary not paid in full, A. C. Budget about paid, part of College assessment raised, Sunday School rooms built at Friendship, running water put in parsonage, good revivals.

Flat Rock, Rev. J. A. Burgess, pastor—Eleven conversions, twelve accessions, salary not paid to date, $67.00 raised on A. C. Budget, $34 raised for College; Flat Rock Church cleared of debt and dedicated.

Rankin Memorial, Rev. Edw. Suits, pastor—Four conversions, 27 accessions, salary not paid to date, $25 raised on A. C. Budget, $13 raised on World Service, several debts have been paid.

Pleasant Grove, Rev. Fred R. Love, pastor—Twenty-five conversions, one accession, salary paid to date, $75 raised on A. C. Budget, $5 paid on College assessment and $61.00 paid on World Service, improvements made on Church building at cost of $1,000.

Reidsville, Dr. Geo. R. Brown, pastor—Salary not paid in full, A. C. Budget paid in full, College assessment paid, $40.75 raised on World Service, will pay everything in full.

Lebanon, High Point, Rev. O. L. Easter, pastor—Nine conversions, fourteen accessions, salary not quite paid in full, $81.00 raised on A. C. Budget, $16 raised on World Service, will pay everything in full, prayer meeting attendance of from 30 to 40, new carpet put in Church, new pulpit furniture put in.

Orange, Rev. C. P. Morris, pastor—Twenty-five conversions, eleven accessions, salary not paid to date, $70 raised on A. C. Budget, $30 raised for College, $105 raised on World Service, all churches reached first and third objectives in Fellowship Crusade, three churches reached second objective, two Vacation Church schools.

Whitakers, Rev. D. R. Williams, pastor—Salary not paid to date, $20 paid on A. C. Budget, $35 paid to College, charge will likely pay in full.

Enfield, Rev. D. R. Williams, pastor—Four accessions, salary not quite paid to date, $35 paid on A. C. Budget, $13 paid College, charge will pay in full.

Mt. Zion, Rev. W. M. Loy, pastor—One conversion, salary not paid to date, raised $7 on World Service.

Appointments

Sunday, September 11—11 a. m., First Church, Burlington; Graham at night.

Sunday, September 25—11 a. m., Community Church, Thomasville; Denton at night.

J. E. Pritchard.

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A Message From the Bible

For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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The Never-Failing Friend

Our God is an eternal Christ,
Unchangeable, unchanged;
His love is still as warm and true
As when life common ways he ranged
Beneath the Syrian blue.

Our God is an eternal Christ,
And Christ is God's own Love;
He suffered death upon the tree,
Love's immortality to prove
To every man and me.

Our God is an eternal Christ,
All tender, wise and true;
As once he was to those of old,
So is he now to me and you
Till all the tale is told.

As Christ was then, so God is now,
The never-failing friend;
Put all your trust in him, and he
Will bear you safe till Time shall end
In Love's eternity.

—*John Oxenham.*

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"Our Last Annual Conference"

We see some writers are saying that this will be the last meeting of their Annual Conference as their Conferences adjourns. Will it really? Hardly. The Uniting Conference has the authority to determine when the Annual Conferences shall merge or change. The Uniting Conference meets next April; it most likely will make arrangements for the merging of certain Annual Conferences. But it will hardly merge our Conference with the others here in North Carolina immediately upon its adjournment. Rather, we think, each Conference will finish the Conference already begun and then arrange to merge, since all four Conferences in North Carolina meet in the fall of the year this will be easier.

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Flat Rock Church

We are giving over quite a lot of space to this Church this week. The Editor attended the exercises and felt that it was most fitting to give this recognition to what is doubtless the oldest Church in the bounds of the North Carolina Conference. We heard the sermon, the addresses and letters all of which related to the Church. We heard the good sermon of President Pritchard but this is not included because, while it was upon the Church, it was not a part of the dedicatory services. We believe our readers will enjoy reading all the "copy" herewith given them and we want to express our pleasure in making this issue so nearly a Flat Rock issue.

What About the Herald After Union

This question is being asked from time to time. We have but one catagorical answer—we do not know. However, we believe the Uniting Conference will appoint a Commission of our very best ministers and lay members who will decide upon the very best thing to be done. If the Herald is merged at once, then all subscribers will receive the *Advocate* for the unexpired time, if the paper is continued for an indefinite time why of course arrangements will be made for this to be done. In any event, the subscriber will not lose his subscription.

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Four Hundred Dollars

We are publishing herewith the list of pastoral charges which have fallen most behind in the Herald subscription quota campaign this year. By comparing the present number of subscriptions with those received last year at the first of September we find that we have lost $400 from these charges alone. Other charges have made gains or at least have not lost any. By way of calling the attention of the Herald agents to this fact we publish below the list of losses: Asheboro, 10; Albemarle, 7; Anderson, 6; Denton, 16¼; Draper, 5; Enfield, 9; Gibsonville, 8½; Calvary, 20½; Granville, 31; Greensville, 13; Haw River, 6; First Church, High Point, 14; First Church, Lexington, 5; State Street,13; Liberty, 5; Mebane, 7½; Spring Church, 8½; Tabernacle, 9; Winston, 8½; Why Not, 6. Not including those charges which are less than five behind their record of last year. The Editor surely would appreciate it if the pastor and Herald agent could recover these losses. We are very badly in need of money to keep the Herald going and losses from many of our most important pastorates do not look good.

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Electing Representatives

Already we hear talk of who should be elected to the Uniting Conference. It is well that due consideration be given to the selection of these fourteen delegates; seven ministers, seven lay members. For it is foolish to send one to such an important meeting as this is to be just to honor him or her. We should send only those who have proven their interest in the work of the Church by what they have done in their local Church or in the pastorate. If the Uniting Conference shall have some hard problems, as it most likely will have, we do not want it solved by "Yes men"; people who do not think through the proposition or the project before them. Neither do we want to send people to this conference who upon their return home cannot be counted on one hundred per cent to help in every way to put over in the local Church the measures adopted there. The church members and the pastors who do not attend this conference will look to these fourteen delegates for light and labor in the new projects which shall come up. Neither do we want to send some person who because he could not have his way there, will come back home in a sulk while his brethren work. Yes, let us be very careful who goes. But brethren, let's do this without making a slate on which are put only the names that one or just a few people think ought to go. Let's not campaign for our man because he has attended so many other conferences and therefore ought to attend this. We believe we have fourteen people well qualified for the duties that will be theirs as delegates and we believe it will not require any very great deal of campaigning to find them.

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Split Allegiance

The psalmist puts into the mouth of Jehoveh these words, "I hate men who are half and half." These fifty-fifty folk; neither cold nor hot, half-hearted people with divided loyalties are the type he is speaking of. Those who while giving fine lip service lift up their hands against those whom they flatter. Sidney Lanier characterizes them thus:

> "O age that half believ'st thou half believ'st,
> Half doubt'st the substance of thine own half doubt,
> And, half perceiving that thou half perceiv'st
> Stand'st at thy temple door, heart in, head out."

Maintaining a dual personality in loyalties has wrecked many a life; wrecking home, Church and nation. This insincerity which makes people face both ways; causes them to blow hot and cold, to love and to hate at the same time, is one of the most disruptive forces affecting human relations. The Spirit of God speaking unto the churches in Revelation, said, "I would thou wert hot or cold; because thou art luke warm, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

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DO YOU KNOW ME?

I am the greatest criminal in history.

I have killed more men than have fallen in all the wars of the world.

I have turned men into brutes.

I have made millions of homes unhappy.

I have transformed many ambitious youths into hopeless parasites.

I make smooth the downward path for countless millions.

I destroy the weak and weaken the strong.

I make the wise man a fool and trample the fool into his folly.

I ensnare the innocent.

The abandoned wife knows me; the hungry children know me.

The parents whose child has bowed their gray heads in sorrow know me.

I have ruined millions and shall try to ruin more.

I AM ALCOHOL.—*H. W. Gibson in, The Burning Bush.*

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The schoolmaster may seem stern and relentless, but the discipline and instruction are for your ultimate good. Study the lessons assigned to you in the wonderful school of life, and if occasionally a problem seems difficult, be assured that you can find a solution.—*Grenville Kleiser.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

"We Appreciate With Our Muscles"

The only way to enjoy a meal is eat it. Activity is necessary when one goes to the table, or else the visit is a boresome time. What we do to the food is what makes it interesting. Theory or examination is of little value. Only action gives meaning. Experience is what counts, and enjoyment must always come of action. It was this great principle the psychologist had in mind when he said, "We appreciate with our muscles."

Let a boy build a boat. It is a very poor craft, of course, but the lad appreciates it because he made it. An amateur musician saws the fiddle strings, produces rough sounds, yet he enjoys the performance because he is the one who is doing it. A college boy loves the old baritone after he has played the instrument back and forth across the campus for four years. Swimming is great sport for the person who swims; singing is delightful to the one who is doing the singing, and, as every pastor knows, the sermon means more to the preacher than it does to a anybody else. These cases illustrate the law that we do appreciate with our muscles.

Now the principle works equally as well in the realm of finer values. Honesty, for instance, is best appreciated by the man who lives honestly. Loyalty really means something to the person who has stood by a friend or a cause through thick and thin. Nobody knows the worth of kindness unless he himself is kind to others. Or take promptness. If you want to find a man who prizes this virtue, then pick out the fellow who is never late. Sympathy is an empty word until you have sympathized with somebody else, and love can only be appreciated by those who do the loving.

The Master taught this same truth. "Not every one that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, but he that doeth the will of my father." The emphasis is on doing. A good Christian lets religion get into his muscles. Again, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine." Doing comes before the knowing, mind you. Appreciation is identified with muscular action. When Jesus closed the Sermon on the Mount he touched this same law by saying that to hear and not to do is like building a house on the sand. But to do these things, he urged, is to build safely upon a rock. Religion that is built on *hearing* is like stubble; that which is built upon *doing* is firm and steadfast.

The implication is plain. To enjoy the Church one just has to do something about the Church. The degree of participation measures one's appreciation of the service. The person who neither reads, sings, prays, thinks, speaks, nor shouts has a poor time at the worship. He is like a blind man at the art gallery, or the lame man in a foot race. I have seen many individuals stand like posts during the responsive reading as if to say, "Make me read if you think you can." Or when

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Flat Rock Methodist Protestant Church

(This sketch was prepared and read by Pastor Burgess)

1. The Community. This community embraces portions of Guilford and Rockingham counties. It embraces one of the best diversified farming sections of the State. The soil is fairly fertile and perfectly drained and capable of any degree of improvement, and adapted to the growth of any crop which can be grown in Piedmont North Carolina. The water is excellent and the health conditions are surpassed no where in the state. The community takes its name from a large deposit of granite rock about a stone's throw west of the present Church building on the Stokesdale road. Once the exposed part was flat and covered about one acre. It was considered useless except as a thrashing floor. The story is told that in those days when the wheat acreage was a mere patch and the crop was only a few bushels and wheat bread a rarity and there were no thrashing machines, the farmers for miles around would bring their wheat to this rock and spread it on the rock and drive their horses over it and in this way thrash their wheat. Today this rock is being quarried, crushed and spread over the roads of the state. From this rock came the stone of which Flat Rock Methodist Protestant Church is constructed. What was once a large flat rock is now a mammoth hole, some ninety feet deep and covering about seven and one-half acres and still growing larger.

The People. The early outstanding names were Ogburn, Lanier, Michaux, Moore, Dwiggins, and Highfill. Some of their ancestry, it seems, have been traced to England and France. These were a religious, moral, industrious, economical, social, intellectual and sturdy people. Their names have almost disappeared from the community, but their blood still flows through the veins of the dominant part of the community and their spirit is still aglow and their works are still felt. Today, should you come to this community, some of the names you would hear would be Johnson, Williams, Thomas, Ray, Price, Haynes, Friddle, Pegram, Wilson, Harrison, Robertson and Ogburn. Of course these do not complete the list, but they show something of the changes which have taken place. Most of these families are connected either by blood or marriage. The contribution of this community to the wealth of the country has been large religiously, morally, intellectually, economically and socially, and the community is still carrying on splendidly. Truly these pioneers commanded their children well.

3. The Church. When Flat Rock Church began to exist there was but one Methodist Church in America. That was the Methodist Episcopal Church. Since Flat Rock Church has always been Methodist it began as a Methodist Episcopal Church. The first building seems to have been erected in 1804 or 1805. It was a small structure and of logs. It contained two windows, one door, a book board, a mud-stick chimney and slab benches. It was used for both Church and school. This building continued to be used for about forty years. In about 1847 this log structure was replaced with a new and larger log structure. This building continued in use till about 1887. About this time this building was replaced with a new and larger frame building. And this building continued to be used till 1928 at which time parts of it were torn away and it was remodeled and enlarged into the present stone veneered building. There it stands on the highway from Summerfield to Stokesdale, a monument to the strong men and women of the community who have passed on, and a source of pride and credit to those who are living in investing in human uplift.

3. A Few Who Have Led. It seems that the real history of the Church began about the year 1830. Some time during the winter of this year Rev. Alson Gray, a young man, claiming to be out on a roving mission, to preach any where he could find people willing to listen, had an appointment at this Church. The service was a great one, the message being accompanied by the Holy Spirit. Sinners were convicted and the saints rejoiced. One of the kneeling seekers, Edmond Ogburn, arose shouting happy and crying glory to God! The father of this man, William Ogburn, gave the first acre of land. Later on Edmond Ogburn deeded an additional four acres to Flat Rock M. P. Church, which included the original acre given by his father. This deed was written by the Rev. R. R. Michaux, of the Flat Rock community and Church. The deed is in perfect preservation, is framed and in the possession of Mrs. J. B. Ogburn. It is a marvellous piece of work. It is written on unlined paper, yet the lines are as straight as a rifle shot. Every letter is perfectly formed and in perfect proportion. There is not an error of grammar or spelling or punctuation in it. It is plain the writer had no legal form to go by and yet it is a perfectly legal deed.

Another interesting character who played an important part in the early history of this Church was one Johnny Moore. In his early life he was an itinerate preacher in Eastern North Carolina. He moved into this community and for many years worked in this Church and taught what was known in those days as loud schools—schools in which every student learned the lessons aloud. He seems to have played a large part in changing this Church from an M. E. Church to a Methodist Protestant Church. It seems that a descendant of the Lanier family married a descendant of this Johnny Moore and that a daughter of this union married one, Jerry Highfill, and became the mother of nineteen children. These children scattered over a large part of piedmont North Carolina. One of the sons, D. A. Highfill, became a leading minister in the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. And one of the daughters married a Johnson and became the mother and grandmother of the Johnsons and Thomases of the present membership of Flat Rock Church. In these, the loyalty of the Laniers and the Highfills is still manifest. Another family of interest and importance is the Williams family. The historical facts as to the entrance of this family into the community and the different parts which they have played are not accessible to the writer. But it is known that the family was of strong religious convictions, moral soundness, industrious and intellectual. In the later years this family contributed largely to the Church spiritually and materially, one member, G. B. Williams, contributing to the construction of the new building as much as $1,100. Most of this family have either cross the river or moved into other communities.

It would not be fitting to close this sketch without mention of the late J. B. Ogburn. He seems to have been the last male member of the Ogburn name to live and die in the community. In every way he was a leader in this community and Church. For a number of times he represented this Church and Charge as delegate in the North Carolina Conference. For years he was superintendent of the Flat Rock Sunday School. He was one of the prime leaders in the erection of the new building. Back of this was the impetus of his spiritual life and his material gifts. His widow, effectionately known as "Aunt Laura," is still with us. She is the daughter of the sainted Berry Davidson, of Gibsonville, known in his day throughout our Conference as one of our most loyal and wise lay-leaders. Her heart and life are being burried in this Church and community.

Neither must we close this sketch without a word of tribute to the people who make up the present membership of this Church. I know of no more loyal and finer bunch of people anywhere than the membership of this Church. As their ancestors labored earnestly and hard for today so they are laboring earnestly and hard for tomorrow.

4. Those Who Have Gone Out From This Church. This Church has contributed largely to many fields of human interest and activity, but its largest and finest contribution has been in the field of religion. The following have gone out from this Church into the Methodist Protestant ministry: William J. Ogburn, Z. T. Harrison, J. L. Michaux, D.D., R. R. Michaux, T. J. Ogburn, D. A. Highfill, S. Simpson, A. R. Morgan, J. S. Williams, and Paul S. Kennett.

Paul S. Kennett is the son of the late W. F. Kennett, who for a number of years was president of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and for seventeen years served this charge as pastor. He now holds the chair of history in High Point College.

For a number of years J. Sam Williams was a most successful pastor in the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. He is now and has been for more than thirty years the head of the "Mission of the Good Samaritan" in the city of Asheville, N. C., where he is doing a work known throughout the whole country and perhaps in Europe.

T. J. Ogburn and J. Lee Ogburn were brothers; son of Edmond Ogburn and grandson of William Ogburn. Lee Ogburn for many years was Sunday School superintendent and in every other way a leader in the Church. T. J. Ogburn for a number of years was the official head of his Conference and for twelve consecutive years secretary-treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Church. He was a superlative preacher, a profound theologian, a fine scholar and a friend of humanity.

LETTER TO PASTOR BURGESS

Read by Pastor

Asheville, N. C.
Wednesday Night
July 27, 1938

My Dear Brother Burgess:

Ever since you first went to Flat Rock Circuit, I have wanted to congratulate you and the people you are serving. By this time you have learned how fine they are.

I know that next Sunday will be a great day at Flat Rock. Wish Mrs. Williams and I could be there to enjoy the messages and the friends and the dedicatory services—and with all of you to rededicate my own life to Jesus in that holy place.

My! What a galaxy of precious ones will be present together with the Savior! How grateful for Flat Rock these glorified members are! They are rejoicing with you: The Friddles and Highfills and Dwiggins and Laniers and Johnsons and Harbins and Prices and Brittains and Ogburns and Dixons and Michaux' and Parishes and Robinsons and Straders and Holts and Simpsons and Williamses and Wisons (Wilsons) and Woodburns and Barhams and Walkers and Smothers and others and others.

Though it is now exceedingly doubtful that we can attend, just know that we are with you in spirit and praying for it to be really a Pentecostal Day.

She joins me in most cordial good wishes for the occasion and for you personally and for Brothers Kennett and Pritchard.

I am your friend,
J. S. Williams.

LETTER TO MRS. J. B. OGBURN

Read by Pastor

Asheville, N. C.
July 21, 1938

My dear Cousin Laura:

I thank you for the information and for the repeated invitation to be present. It will be a most inspiring occasion to be sure. I am already enjoying it—am calling the roll in my memory.

May I enjoy the Ogburn group with you? The translated ones? Grandma and Uncle Alford across the way — and Grandpa gone ahead; Uncle Lee and Aunt Rebecca and Aunt Abbie and Cousins John and Joe and Mollie and Richard—and Becky and Johnson.

And Aunt Betty and Cousin Webster nearby, and Uncle William.

And Aunt Kate and Cousins Clay and Sallie and Jennie across the river.

And Uncle Tom, darting here and there like Phillip in the Acts, and William and Roger—and Aunt Alice and Aunt Nannie.

And Uncles William and Nick and theirs at Monroe—and, is it Uncle Edmund?

And my own mother, Cynthia, and her Patrick and their Walter and Elmina and William and Geneva.

And Uncle Lige.

We, who remain, and our kin and their kin thank our Father for these glorified loved ones and for their blessed influence in our own lives and in the lives of their neighbors.

They will every one be at the anniversary and dedication. They are ours to love and enjoy all the while—and they love and enjoy us.

You and Mary and Dorothy and Will and Ida and Bascom and the other honored nephews and nieces, with the few children of these saints, will call the roll, each, of his own group—this in the holy quiet of every one's life.

We will indeed pray that, as in former days at Flat Rock, Heaven may come down our souls to greet, while glory crowns the mercy seat.

Every family circle may enjoy the fact of their loved ones' living—and living not so far away. All of us may catch the sight of the blessed cloud of witnesses, gathered from the various churches and neighborhoods, as per Heb. 12:1.

Anna Meade joins me in love for you.

Your devoted cousin,
SAM.

Classroom Echoes

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praise is being voiced by the ancient and sacred Gloria Patri, they seal their lips as if to prove that it all means nothing to them. But the sad part is that the beauty and the joy of worship is right there before them and yet they refuse to partake of it. Even let the pastor attempt to lead them into the holy experience of heavenly communion through prayer, and again they sit like strangers in a park, determined to let the spiritual world go by. They are not appreciating the service for the simple reason that they do not put their muscles into it.

"The old time religion" had us beat on this. Men and women in those far off, simple days sang, prayed, walked the isles, testified, shouted, spent long hours at Church, caring little about form and fashion. Emotions were stirred; muscles were used. They got into the service. But now our formal, stiff, sophisticated procedure cramps the mind, benumbs the muscles, and, I sometimes think, paralyzes the spirit as well. We are afraid of our emotions. We conserve our energy at Church. But we should remember that he who is thus so careful to save his life may, in the very process, lose it. It is not the amount of worship that we get into that count; it is the amount of worship that gets into us that counts.

SAUL: MORAL FAILURE

International Sunday School Lesson for September 11, 1938

By REV. J. C. MADISON

Lesson Text—1 Samuel 10:21-25; 15:20-23; 31:3-6.

Golden Text—"To obey is better than sacrifice." 1 Sam. 15:22.

The tragic story of Saul is so full of lessons that are applicable to every day living that it is rather difficult to exhaust its possibilities. In Saul we see an accurate picture of a man neither glorified nor ridiculed by the writer. It is a picture of a type so familiar and yet so tragic. We are shocked to read of a man that starts so well and yet ends so poorly, with such excellent possibilities put to such poor use, so admirable in youth and yet so detestable in manhood. The reading of this entire story of this first king of Israel is both interesting and worth while.

The first thing that strikes our attention is the possible curse of prosperity. Every added responsibility in life increases the complexity of living. More work to do throws an added strain upon the physical body and often results in a breakdown. In a similar manner added power, popularity and social responsibility increase the strain upon the individual's moral balance and consequently there is often a moral collapse. We look upon suffering or financial failure as a great curse and so it may be but success may be a curse equally great. Many a bank president has been guilty of embezzlement who no doubt would have remained honest had he not come into this peculiarly tempting situation. Increased honor and responsibility is always a curse when the individual does not have sufficient integrity and moral reserve to stand the test. Rich food is fine but too much of it will upset the digestive system. Saul was a fine young man but the honor and responsibility of being king was more than his moral and intellectual digestive system could take care of. He had failed to fortify himself against the great testing times of life. We constantly pray for more blessings, forgetting that more blessings than we can use wisely may prove our undoing.

The vanity of Saul which stands out so conspicuously in my mind is only the expression of an inner disintegration. It is so easy to be humble in the simple walks of life but when people begin to sing our praise we are inclined to accept their appraisal, think indeed that we are worthy of praise and forget God. Many of the most vicious sins of life are a byproduct of living for self rather than fod God. The moment a man becomes more concerned for selfish success than he is for the work of God the fear of failure sets in. He may become jealous of those who threaten his preeminence. In his mad effort to keep himself ahead his jealousies and hatreds turn to passions and he turns out to be his own worst enemy. But if we seek to obey God and do His work there is no fear of failure and there is no jealousy of those who do not work better than we for their success is our success. This is the spirit that ought to exist within the Christian Church. Jealousies between denominations or individuals in the work of Christ is a sign of moral disintegration within.

The fact that Saul saved Agag, the Amalek king, is an interesting sidelight and another indication of his vanity. It seems that Saul would have killed the enemy king first, but no, this people had become king conscious, and Agag, being a king, was too fine a man, maybe too sacred to kill. Regardless of the Lord's command Saul decided that a man equal in rank to himself was too precious to be put to death. Indeed, man's ways are not God's ways and when we disobey, regardless of sacrifices, tragedy awaits us.

It is interesting to note that Saul never for once admitted himself to be wrong in anything. He always had some excuse or else shifted the blame to the shoulders of someone else. Honesty is the ability to face the facts of life regardless of who may suffer thereby. This old king couldn't face the truth whenever it threatened his own pride. Nothing is quite so tragic for an individual as for him to come think himself so perfect that he cannot make a mistake. The man who is unwilling to face the truth is helpless for he can no longer learn. Samuel would have helped his strong, stalwart friend time and again but the friend would not listen. Tragically enough Saul was not the last to have eyes to see but saw not or ears to hear but could not or else would not understand. It matters not what possibilities a man may have, life is no respecter of persons. He who refuses to face the truth regardless of from what source it comes and refuses to play by the rules of the game is sure to meet defeat; and moral failure is a type of defeat from which few of us ever recover.

Samuel, the people and God we believe picked Saul to be king. Can we say that they made a mistake? Not necessarily. Every individual represents a moral risk, a venture of faith. Will he respond to good or to evil? Will he remain humble in the fact of responsibility or will he be beset with pride? We can never forecast what a new situation or a new position will do for a life. Saul looked like an excellent risk, but when he failed Samuel failed, Israel failed, in one sense of the word God failed. Every life represents a venture of faith for God. I wonder what we as individuals can say for the risk that was taken in us.

JOSEPH THE CARPENTER

A certain one has said, ''The house of David never sunk so low, as when Herod was on the throne of Israel, and David's heir was a village carpenter.'' Perhaps, the realization of the promises that an heir of David would sit forever on the throne, never seemed more remote of fulfillment than at that time. With others, they learned that the darkest hour most often comes just before dawn. It was never more true than when the ''Sun of righteousness arose with healings in his wings.''

Truthfully, Joseph the Carpenter, the foster father of our Lord, might be called, ''The forgotten man of the Incarnation.'' Probably no one in sacred history so overshadowed as he. In the few scenes where he and Mary appear together, the Virgin Mary is far out in front. The Christian world throws a divine halo of light around the person of Mary: but for certain superstittious and sentimental reasons Joseph is kept in the background. There can be no valid objections to the honors accorded to the blessed Virgin Mary. All that a grateful world could heap upon her would be a poor reward for the swords that pierced her own pure soul. The plea is for a better consideration for Joseph of the house and lineage of David.

Words have been defined, as windows through which people are seen. Jesus said, ''Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.'' A few windows throw light on Joseph the Carpenter. In Mt. 13:55 we read, ''Is not this the carpenter's son '' In Lk. 2:41 again, ''His parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the Passover.'' Yet again, ''Joseph, her husband being a righteous man,'' Mt. 1:19. From these various references we gather that Joseph was the outstanding carpenter of Nazareth of his day. He may have been overshadowed in other things, but as a carpenter he was outstanding. Also he was a good, religious man. If he had been a Methodist, he would have been one of the revival and campmeeting type.

I can imagine that one of my dear school teachers, now of precious memory, was quoting Joseph when he would say, ''I teach for a living, but I live to glorify God.'' Joseph did more than follow the carpenter's trade, that he might earn a living for the holy family. That in itself was an opportunity and a privilege that angels might well have coveted. He did this to support the holy family, but he lived to glorify his God. That one is to be pitied, who has no aim, nor interest beyond the bread and butter check. Such is not the abundant life that Jesus came that all mankind might have. Every one should have an interest outreaching the pay check. Sad to see the large number in all communities, that have no loves and interest outside their own household. Attend Church on special occasions and call for the pastor when they are in trouble. Just lukewarm Christians.

The Scriptures further portray Joseph as a cautious, thoughtful, considerate man; benevolently inclined toward all mankind. He was one who never put one on the spot; hewed to the line, and let the law take its course, if such could be avoided. Look at the tenderness manifested in one of the most embarrassing circumstances any bridegroom could be placed. ''When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make a public example of her, was minded to put her away privily. But when Joseph thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife . . . Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord had told him.'' Those shysters of society, who delight in making trouble for others should know Joseph.

Another trait of character manifested by this nobleman of God was that of obedience. His obedience is beautiful to behold. Like Abraham, when he knew the will of God in a matter he obeyed. Perhaps, he was tried as much as Abraham ever was. But when he learned that it was God's will for him to take unto himself a wife that was under a shadow, he did it. When it meant breaking up his quiet home in Bethlehem and fleeing under cover of darkness into Egypt to save the Child Jesus from Herod's madness, he went unhesitatingly. When it meant locating in the unsavory town of Nazareth rather than in Bethlehem, the city of his fathers, he obeyed. There was no sacrifice too great, nor inconvenience too costly for this man of God.

The Christian world has brought beautiful wreathes now for almost 2,000 years and placed them to the memory of Joseph of Arimathaea. This has not in any way been overdone. We should be grateful to this noble man, who kept the body of our Lord from being buried in the potter's field, and saw that He got a decent and costly burial. I am pleading that Joseph the Carpenter, who did so much for our Lord, in the days of His infancy and young life, might receive alike honors. Who knows but the service rendered by Joseph the Carpenter to our Lord was more precious in the sight of God than that of Joseph of Arimathaea? I have never heard, nor read a sermon on Joseph the Carpenter. But he does not need our eulogies. His record is in the imperishable Book, and he is too near our Lord to ever be forgotten.

W. A. Ledford.

Laytonsville, Md.

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QUARTERLY MEETING N. C. BRANCH WOMEN'S WORK

The second quarterly meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work will be held at First M. P. church, Concord, N. C., October 5, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. Concord ladies will serve salads and drinks for lunch, but guests are requested to bring all other foods. This notice has come since first notices were sent out. A full representation from every Auxiliary is desired. Ministers and visitors are welcome. A good program is being prepared. Watch this column for announcement of program.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, President
MRS. J. T. BOWMAN, Cor. Sec.

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MINNIS' FUND

I hope you read the article by Mrs. Lonnie McPherson in the Herald of August 25. I also hope you are doing something about the Minnis' Fund. Why not do as Siler City, make a "Love Gift" to help raise the unapportioned part of this fund. We love the Minnis' family and we love the work. We love our church and all it stands for but most of all we love the souls of those whom these gifts will help to save. Why not some more "Love Gifts."

Mrs. Kearns sends me a list of those who have contributed.

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Miss Grace Evans, Shiloh on Shiloh, 3 dresses, special for little girls.

We thank you for these gifts and for the interest manifested through them. This is the fag-end of Labor day. Our mail did not come today, so we cannot report any of your offerings which you expected to reach us on Monday following the first Sunday.

I have just returned from the Assembly meeting in State Street, Lexington, where I was given the privilege of discussing the Children's Home and its present financial conditions. We are about $4,000 behind in cash contributions for the year, as compared with the first ten months of last Conference year.

Many of the brethren were encouraging with the thought that the offerings would be much better for the next two months. We are trusting and believing that they are correct, and that we will be able to balance our budget by Conference time. To this end let all Sunday schools work.

We thank you and may God bless you every one.

Yours in His blessed service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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Victim: "You pulled three teeth out. I only wanted one pulled."

Scottish Dentist: "Aye, Ah ken. I gave ye ower muckle gas, and I didna want to waste it."—Ex.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"BUILDING A CHRISTIAN ECONOMIC ORDER"

The Christian Endeavor Topic for September 18, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, September 12—Develop a generation that really knows Christ. Phil. 2:1-11.

Tuesday, September 13—Develop fair play. Matt. 7:12.

Wednesday, September 14—Abolish cheating. Lev. 6:1-7.

Thursday, September 15—Develop respect for workers. Jas. 2:1-9.

Friday, September 16 — Develop human rights. Isa. 11:1-15.

Saturday, September 17—Develop property rights. Prov. 27:18.

The Scripture Lesson: I Tim. 6:10; Matt. 6:19-34.

We have in America today what we think of as the most wonderful economic order the world has ever known. We look with pity upon the conditions in Russia, Germany, and Italy and thank God that we live in America. Most of us take the attitude that as long as Socialism, Fascism, and Communism stay in Europe we are to keep a "hands off" policy and ignore them. Such an attitude may be all right for the blind optimist, but if we do not want to be awakened some day with a shock we had better reconsider.

Hundreds of our young people are seeking the weaknesses and falacies in our economic system and are turning to Socialism, Fascism, and Communism that they might better their conditions, and in most cases they are finding something better than they left. Why can this be said? Because our capitalistic system is an hypocrisy—it poses as a Christ-centered system in a Christian land while it practices very few of Christ's teachings. These others are at least what they claim to be: man-made and man-centered.

Our capitalistic system has grown so rapidly that it has not had time to build a solid foundation under it. Some one made this statement of one of our industrial cities in North Carolina a few years ago: "There are a hundred millionaires in this town and the remainder of the people are nobodies." This statement was not literally true but it was true to a great extent. The town had a large number of employers—capitalists if you please, and the remainder of the people were just mill hands. The town had very few of what we call the middle class—the people who give stability to everything that is progressive.

You can imagine the conditions in this town. Most of the so-called capitalists were newly-rich. They did not have the culture nor the moral stability that is necessary for the leaders of a people. The employees were largely people who were brought in from rural sections to work in the mills. Even though their wages were small most of them were making more in a month than they had ever made in a year before. They spent their leisure time and money trying to enjoy their new conditions as best they could. The result of all of this was that both groups forgot about morals, ethics, and religion. Their school system was weak; churches were weak—almost everything that we as Christians think of as belonging to an ideal community was lacking.

This is only an example of what has happened all over America—invention, the rise of capitalism, and mass production have been so busy developing themselves into our present capitalistic economic order that God has been left out. Capital and labor ask only the question, "What can I get out of the other?" A few large business organizations have tried to leave the impression that they are treating the employee as a brother by allowing him to buy stock in the company but really this seems to be more of a gesture than anything else because the more money invested in the company the better, so long as the capitalist owns the controlling interest.

Legislation will not do much good toward changing our economic condition. It will take more than this. Education and consecration to a cause is the only thing that will avail. We must learn to look upon work as a noble thing—something that is not to be despised. The workman must also be looked up too. Not only this but the spirit of brotherhood that Jesus taught must be put into the heart of both the employer and employe—the capitalist and the laborer. Men must not only learn to be their brother's keeper but to be their brother's brother as well. Perseverance and love—the love of Jesus, can build a Christian economic order, and without these it will never be developed. The church must do this job and the Christian church is the only institution that can fill the hearts of men with the Spirit of Jesus.

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AUTUMN RAMBLING

Under the stars at night,
  Looking up at the sky,
Wondering that it's right
  For things to chirp and die.
Thinking what it's about—
  The whole big earth and world;
God made it, there's no doubt—
  Truth only half unfurled.

Listening while stars shine bright,
  Not knowing, but trusting
That all will turn out right
  Proves God's light is showing.
But there's much—it's too vast—
  The plenty that's to learn,
So much a life can't last
  Many days for earth's turn.

Hearing the night things sing—
  Katy-did, cricket, frog—
Their earnest stanzas ring
  From tree, from under log.
They live—the Master's will,
  They die as best they can,
Leaving a place to fill
  As becometh a man.

There's a purpose for all,
  There's a task in all life,
There's some pleasure, though small
  It may seem in this life.
After some sadness of living
  Comes understanding of God,
And gladness of living
  Waves when it's time to nod.

Babies sleep and wake by day,
  They're comfort and pleasure
In the home or away,
  Though anxiety in leisure;
But what makes the longing
  That comes nights in the fall—
As if not belonging—
  When night things chirp and call?

What is that that's calling,
  That unsatisfied feeling,
When red leaves are falling,
  And cool night comes stealing?
Is death's call to new birth
  Foretold in insects' song?
Must all go back to earth
  To right the human throng?

MRS. E. D. MILLAWAY.

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"I had rather a bad fall last night; remained unconscious for nearly eight hours."

"Good gracious! And walking around as usual today?"

"Yes, it didn't injure me in the least. The fact is, I rather enjoyed it."

"Wonderful! How did you fall?"

"Asleep."—Ex.

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Friend: "Why do you have such misspelled words and such grammar on the signs in your window?"

Storekeeper: "People think I'm a fool and they come in expecting to get the best of me. Business is the best I've had in years."
—Ex.

Mrs. Loy Rhinehart, Lincolnton charge	1.00
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FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

New Hope Church, Mecklenburg Charge, J. R. Short, Pastor.—Our revival closed last Friday night; we had an all-day service last Sunday with dinner on the ground. There were well-filled tables and plenty of lemonade. We had a wonderful meeting this time; several reclaimed and quite a number converted. While we have not sent in a report in some time, we have lots for a wide-awake church to do. We thank God for His faithful workers.

Our Sunday school is more largely attended this summer than usual. We put on a contest which closed recently with a picnic. The Ladies' Aid has curtained off the church, making room for the Sunday school classes.

Our pastor received a pounding last Thursday night. The people raised $23.00 for our helper in the revival meeting.

FAYE AYCOUTH.

Clark's Chapel.—The revival meeting at Clark's Chapel came to a close on Sunday, August 28, after a week of inspiring messages by Rev. N. G. Bethea, of Greensboro. The services were well attended, and we feel we have been blessed. Especially did we enjoy the lovely music rendered by Miss Edna Hughes and Miss Fuquay, of Greensboro, and Miss Irene Holcombe of Weaverville.

On Sunday evening at 8 o'clock we were privileged to hear a splendid address by our President, Dr. Pritchard, at Clark's Chapel.

We are glad to report the painting of our church is almost completed; also the increase in Sunday school attendance is encouraging. Just now our Sunday school is raising a fund through birthday offerings to help with the mission work in India.

KATHLEEN BLANKENSHIP, Reporter.

Mitchell's Grove, Guilford Charge, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor, Sept. 6.—On Sunday morning, August 14 our pastor brought us another good message which was enjoyed by all present. Our Sunday school has increased in number. We were delighted last Sunday to have several visitors, among them were Mrs. Alice Baldwin and daughters, Miss Bessie and Miss Swana Baldwin, members of Bethany M. P. church, Milboro, N. C.; also Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Brewer and son, T. C., and grandchild, I. C. Cox, members of Christian church, Ramseur, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer are the parents of Mrs. Paul Kersey and Mrs. Herman Billings, where they were guests Sunday.

We are looking forward to the fourth Sunday in September, for our revival to begin. We hope every one will be much in prayer for the revival services.

We were made sad with the passing of Mr. Clark Jarrell, member of our Sunday school. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Jarrell and family.

We are glad to have Mrs. Roy Edwards back at church; she is one of our most faithful members who has recently been to the hospital for an operation. We are grateful to the Lord for her recovery; also Mrs. Nina Witcher is much improved and has resumed her work again. We feel much of these improvements are due to prayer and may we give God the glory.

There were ten cleansed but where are the nine, only one returned to give God the glory.

MARTHA PARSONS.

Roberta Charge, Q. L. Joyner, Pastor, Sept. 5.—It has been quite a while since we have sent in a report; you may think we are dead, but we are very much alive and happy. Our meeting of four weeks closed Sunday evening, September 4, under the leadership of Mack Long, evangelist of Statesville, N. C. We had around 400 or more conversions. Who want say "Hallelujah" to that 60 new members were taken in Sunday morning, 37 by sprinkling, 23 by emersion. Who said you couldn't have an old-time revival. The men's prayer meeting started with less than 50 and grew to 150 and when those men began to pray something really happened. Then the women, young girls and children, all more than doubled in attendance. We can't thank Brother Long enough for making our community a better place to live in; not just our community but all over most of Cabarrus county.

Two weeks ago we pounded our pastor with many useful things; Sunday evening we pounded Brother Long. He received a wonderful pounding.

We have some sickness in our community: Miss Lucy Cochrane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Cochrane, is seriously ill. Mrs. Floyd Dulin is also very ill with pneumonia. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

MRS. C. W. W., Reporter.

Weaver's Chapel, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Our annual revival came to a close Friday night, August 26. Rev. M. C. Henderson, pastor of the Richland charge, was the pulpit help. He brought very interesting and impressing messages each evening and night. There were about 40 conversions and reconsecrations. Friday night, September 2, nine were united with the church. This was a good meeting and seemed to be enjoyed by the splendid audiences that attended the services.

There are several listed among the sick. They are: Mrs. Emma Wilson, Mrs. N. E. Wilson, who has been sick most of the summer, and Miss Marie Wilson. We hope for them a very speedy recovery.

BETTIE MAE KING, Reporter.

Center, Alamance Circuit, H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Our revival meeting was held the second week in August as usual. Our pastor preached in the forenoon and Rev. A. O. Lindley, one of our own members, preached for us in the afternoon.

On Monday, Rev. Charles Coble, of Haw River, and now pastor of Gibsonville charge, came and had charge of the services the remainder of the week. There were three accessions to the church.

On Saturday night, September 3, the Adult class of our Sunday school, entertained the entire membership with an ice cream supper on the church lawn. Ice cream, cake and lemonade was served to around 65 people, followed by games and an enjoyable social hour.

The Young People's class entertained the Sunday school some time ago at the Quakenbush pond, with a fish fry followed by games and a splendid social hour.

Our Woman's Auxiliary is very active. All the regular meetings have been held, and we have filled 100 half-gallon jars with fruit and vegetables for the Children's Home. We would certainly like to see people doing more for the Home than has been done in the last few weeks.

Our pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday evening, giving us a splendid message.

We plan to hold our Children's Day service the third Sunday morning in this month at 10 o'clock.

We were glad to have Mrs. Aurora Braxton Jordan and two children worship with us Sunday. We are always glad to have visitors and especially those who were former members here.

MRS. C. C. RICHARDSON, Reporter.

Pleasant Grove, Fred R. Love, Pastor, Sept. 5—We were very glad to have our pastor and family back with us Sunday after a two weeks' vacation in Claire, Miss. He brought us a very inspiring message at the morning service.

There has not been a report from us for some time, but the work in our church has been very encouraging and much activity has been shown in all organizations.

The Sunshine Auxiliary held its August meeting with Mrs. Walter Shuller, bringing to a close the baby contest. The first prize, a silver cup, was awarded to Rodney Sink, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sink. Sarah Loutricia Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Murphy, was the winner of the second prize.

Mr. Clyde Payne was elected as our delegate to the Annual Conference.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Willie Sink.

The Ceil and Kennedy reunion will be held Sunday, September 11, at the church. Rev. Love will be the speaker. A picnic lunch will be spread on the church grounds at 12:30 o'clock.

Miss Dorothy Kennedy left Monday for Louisburg college where she will enroll for her second year.

ALICE KENNEDY, Reporter.

Siler City Church, A. M. Smith, Pastor, Sept. 6.—It has been some time since the Herald readers have heard from us, there is no reason for this delay except the reporter has had a bad case of negligence. Everything is moving along nicely in our church work. Our Sunday school has been holding up fine for vacation time. We seldom have had less present than one year ago. A banner contest is on now, each class striving to see which can get and hold the banner the longest. Last week the entire Sunday school enjoyed a picnic and fish fry at Hackney's Mill. A catfish stew, made by Mr. T. L. Smith, was enjoyed by all. Our pastor is always present at his appointments with good messages for us.

The C. E. society has been very active lately. They cleaned the entire interior of the church, after the Daily Bible school, also the church grounds. On a Saturday afternoon they held a lawn party and cleared around $16. They are responsible for one religious service each month at the prison camp. Wednesday afternoon, of this week, they go to Mt. Vernon Springs for a picnic supper, then on a hay ride. Our pastor will enjoy this outing with them. Misses Ruth Wright and Mildred Headen were the delegates to the N. C. C. E. camp held near Winston-Salem on the 27th and 28th of August.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Rev. R. S. Troxler. He has visited in our home many times when helping in revivals at our old home church. We learned to love him very much and always thought he was one of our very best preachers. We want to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Troxler and family and may they look to Him for comfort, who doeth all things well.

Charles Woody Stone has returned to Pheiffer college to resume his studies.

Mrs. T. C. Fox spent the week-end in Greensboro, visiting her nephew, Joseph Fox, and other relatives.

Mrs. J. C. Turner and children, of High Point, are visiting in the home of her sister, Miss Cleta Andrew.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Goodwin are the happy parents of a fine boy, Timothy Chapman.

MRS. J. A. COOPER, Reporter.

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St. Paul Church, A. D. Shelton, Pastor.—We have had some real soul stirring experiences here at St. Paul. We have lent our pastor out to other churches for about three weeks, but we are glad to let every one hear a few of the good sermons we are fortunate enough to be benefitted by all the time.

Our fall meeting is scheduled to begin on September 25. Mr. Shelton has invited Rev. Suits to help. This is an invitation to all who will to come. We will make you welcome and are sure you will receive a blessing for having come. In view of the revival our members are holding a series of cottage prayer meeting on Friday nights. These are doing much good and should pave the way for a real revival.

We had our pastor back with us on Sunday morning, and such a service we had! There was a profession which had long been prayed for, one of our older friends was converted. May we do all we can to keep him on the right path and may the Lord keep him close. A fine young man joined our church Sunday morning also. With his youth, energy and spiritual enthusiasm, he will make a fine church member. We are glad to have you, Mr. Bennett.

Again the church says "welcome" at all times and especially to our revival.

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First M. P. Church, High Point.—We had no report in the Herald for several weeks, but we have remained very active, in spite of the hot weather. It seems church attendance has been holding up unusually well during vacation season.

This past Sunday our regular Sunday night services began. We have been participating in the Union services during the summer. Mr. Madison preached at both services Sunday.

In the morning service next Sunday, the Annual Thank-Offering, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary, will be taken. In the Junior church a pageant will be given, "The Open Door." On the Sunday following, September 18, the college students will be our guests. Dr. Pritchard, president of the Conference, will preach.

Monday night the regular meeting of the Board of Stewards was held at the home of Mr. A. J. Koonce. It was a very enthusiastic meeting. A drive for decreasing the church debt is under way and the Board is very hopeful for good results. Mrs. Koonce served delightful refreshments. The chairman of the Board has announced that Mr. S. P. Montgomery will be our delegate to Annual Conference this fall.

The following committee has been appointed to nominate the church officers for the coming year: Dr. L. H. Zimmerman, chairman, Mrs. J. H. Walker, Mr. A. J. Koonce, Mrs. P. E. Lindley, Mr. Ralph Vance. This committee will report the latter part of September.

Everything possible is being done to continue our work in such a way as to wind up the year's work in a successful manner.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

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Union Grove, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—Our church work has been going on very nicely since our last report. We had our revival meeting the first Sunday in August, and it lasted through Thursday night. Rev. J. D. Williams was the help for that time and he sure brought us some splendid messages. As the result of our meeting we had the following people to join our church, Ruth Pendugraph, Cora Atkerson, James Atkerson, Alice Atkerson, George Atkerson, Treva Thompson, and Edgar Thompson.

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Oak Grove, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor.—We have just been so greatly blessed in our church through the revival which has been held during the past week that we just feel we would like to let the pastors who have been on this church, the people who have moved from this place, and the good people who are interested in this church hear about it. God was so graciously good to us that He brought about 25 of our precious young people into the Kingdom of God. And one who was not so young, Brother Riley York, who is past 65 years of age, was converted and joined the church. There was some of course who rededicated their life to God. We were unable to secure the exact number before writing, but we guess the total number of conversions to be around 27 persons. Four of members were baptized by emersion Saturday morning. Nine were baptized Sunday morning and seven more are to be baptized. This making a total of about 16 additions to our church. This was a most marvelous meeting and I hope that each of us have pledged ourselves to stand by these new converts, and help them to stay on the right side. And also be of greater service ourselves.

In behalf of the church we would like to thank Rev. Luther Harkey, of Lincolnton, for his wonderful preaching, and his unlimited efforts to bring about this revival. We feel that he is a God-sent man and that God sent him to our church to tell us of our sins and he did.

Mr. Overman Ivester, of Shelby, was in charge of the singing. He performed the task so well it would be hard for us to put an estimate on his contribution.

However, we would not fail to mention our pastor, Rev. T. G. Madison, who assisted Rev. Mr. Harkey in this meeting and who put forth every effort possible to help these people to have a change of heart.

Our appreciation of the good works of these three good servants is beyond utterance, but our prayers are for God to guide them as they continue in His service.

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Mill Grove Church, Earl A. Cook, Pastor.—Our annual revival closed August 26, having as help to the pastor, Rev. H. W. Bell, one of the best preachers in our Conference. We more than enjoyed Brother Bell's wonderful messages. The writer was helped, and the church was helped; we had ten additions to come to the church, five by transfer from other churches of different denominations, and five new converts. As we seldom see middle age and older people converted, I would like to say all of our additions were from 16 to 50 years of age. We greatly appreciated having Brother Bell and our pastor in our homes.

The third quarterly conference was held during the week, the pastor is very well paid up to date, we think we are progressing along with our church debt as well as could be expected, with the interest of a few dependable ones to look too. Brother S. N. Garmon was elected delegate to the Annual Conference. None better in our church could have been elected. We are hoping to close the Conference year best of any yet, and I am sure if we are spiritually interested, there is no excuse to be offered otherwise. We ask the prayers of all Christian people.

L. W. McCOY, Treas. Building Fund.

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Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, Sept. 2.—Well we hope Brother Surratt hasn't thought we didn't like him or his preaching since we haven't had a report. He was highly praised in his preaching and in the homes he went in.

Brother Surratt reaching us Monday evening after our revival began on second Sunday morning. Monday evening in his first sermon he used for his text Hosea 10:12: "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground for it is time to seek the Lord till he come and rain righteousness upon you." At these services we were glad to have Rev. Leo Pittard with us, aslo the solo he sang one evening. We also owe much credit to our girls for the quartet and duet they rendered us. The meeting came to a close Friday evening. The doors of the church were open. Three were baptized: Annie Belle and Josephine Pittard, and John Edward Hawkins. So you see, Brother Surratt's preaching was not in vain. Jesus tells us in St. Luke 15:7, "I say unto you that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

Pastor Trolinger brought us Sunday evening a message on faith from Hebrews 11th chapter.

The third quarterly conference will meet at Littleton church Saturday afternoon, before the second Sunday in September.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

DEDICATORY SERMON

Preached by Dr. Paul S. Kennett of Flat Rock M. P. Church

Brother Pastor, and members and friends of Flat Rock church:

I cannot find words with which to tell you how much I appreciate your invitation to me to come to you for this occasion. I am deeply moved. Forty years ago I became a member of this church. I want you to understand that I was a very small boy because I do not want an exaggerated idea of my age. I also want to make clear the fact that my childhood sentiments and emotions clustered about this place. And while I have not often been here in recent years I have frequently thought of this community. I loved the old plain white church which I joined. I did not so much admire the remodeled structure with vestibule and tower, but I was true to it, and I am proud with you of the beautiful building which you dedicate today. It is beautiful, it is inspiring, it is worshipful.

But I am sure that it was not intended merely as a thing of beauty. A church was established here more than 100 years ago to extend the Kingdom of God in this community and such is yet its purpose. How can you best do this?

I have selected as a text Second Timothy, chapter one, verse seven, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." The subject is, "The Spirit of the Church," or if you wish a more personal application, "The Spirit of Flat Rock."

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God hath not given us the spirit of fear;

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?" (Ps. 27:1). This is a lovely sentiment but it is not quite so easy to dismiss our fears.

1st. We have fears about material matters. We fear that our crops may not be good, that prices may be low, that we may lose what property we have accumulated, that our health may fail, that our loved ones may die, that we ourselves may be snatched away, that there may come war, or disaster, or financial collapse. I suppose it is not possible to avoid such thoughts but how foolish they are. Some of these things will not happen and all our worry was for nothing; others will happen and our fears merely hasten them and make them worse. "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" (Matt. 6:27). Oh, I know that Jesus did not mean for us to be careless. We can at times "by taking thought" prevent accidents, preserve health, make wise investments, plan our affairs intelligently. But we cannot by undue fear and improper anxiety do anything except harm.

Furthermore we should realize that material things are of secondary importance. I want to be fair in my thinking and my speaking and I know that material things mean much to all of us. We must be fed, and clothed, and housed, and we want many other things. And yet I know, and you know if you will be honest, that most of us could get along on a great deal less than we have. We should magnify the things of the spirit.

2nd. It is, however, in connection with spiritual matters that some of our worst and most foolish fears are evident. A good example is the life of Martin Luther. He was born in the melancholy surroundings of the Thuringian Forest of Germany: his home life as a child was one of severe discipline: while a young man he was walking through the forest one day when lightning killed a good friend by his side. No wonder he became abnormal, no wonder he thought much on the anger of God and the terror of punishment; no wonder he "wore out his body with vigils and fasting and hoped thus to satisfy the law and deliver his conscience from the sting of guilt."

Now I am fully aware of the fact that it is a part of the work of the Holy Spirit to convict people of sin. "When he is come he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment," (John 16:9). He still has and exercises that power and it is well for us that He does. But He has other powers. "I will pray the Father and he shall send you another comforter" (John 14:16). "I will not leave you comfortless" (John 14:18). And so while it is well that men should be convicted of sin and led to accept righteousness it is also well that in that acceptance they should find comfort.

Luther went to John Staupitz, the prior of his monastery and laid the matter before him. Staupitz said, "My brother Christ does not terrify, he consoles" and Luther was comforted. And will you allow me to add that an attempt to frighten people into the Kingdom is not good psychology, or good theology, or good evangelism. Rather should we appeal to men and women and particularly to children to give their lives to One who is Holy and like Him to grow "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

3rd. There is a third type of fear which disturbs many good people, namely a fear that the church will fail. They see a world full of sin and indifference. They read of broken homes and broken faith, of kidnappings and murder, of social sins and economic injustice, of wars and riots. And they see no hope for the world. These people will tell you that the world grows worse by leaps and bounds.

And yet a brief reference to history will disprove all this. In 1274 the University of Paris was forced to issue a decree that no student should shake dice on the altar of Notre Dame cathedral while mass was being celebrated and during the same century each student had to take an oath that if he failed an examination he would not stab the examiner with a knife or dagger. No students are so depraved today. As recently as 150 years ago orphan children six years of age or younger were chained to machines in the factories of England and forced to labor 14 hours a day. No manufacturer is so greedy today and no state would allow such things if he were. Dueling has been outlawed, slavery has been abolished, cruelty to animals has been discouraged, and licensed vice is no more. All around us are evidences of improvement. And if these are not enough we have a host of precious promises. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged" (Is. 42:4). We as individuals may fail . . . we will almost surely be discouraged but He will do neither of these "and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:33).

II

But of Power

'For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16).

Paul this time was writing to the Romans . . . a group of people who gloried in power. Did they not have great armies and generals . . . were they not world conquerors . . . did not men bow down to their Emperor? And yet this son of a despised race writes to them about power . . . the power of a king greater than Augustus. Paul was not ashamed of his master or of the gospel which he preached.

1st. It is the power by which we may be saved.

Many heathen philosophers have written beautiful codes of ethics. Many good people have dreamed of a better life. To have high ideals and aspirations is excellent but to attain salvation through faith in the Christ is to have "chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away" (Luke 10:42). Yes He has given us "power to become sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). There have been thousands of people worship at the altar of this church who could testify to that power.

2nd. It is the power by which we may win others.

There is no greater joy than that of bringing people to Christ whether it be done privately or in the zeal of an old fashioned revival. Flat Rock has witnessed many gracious revivals. There were the pioneer days of Rev. Alson Gray. There were the days when Uncle Lige (old negro who has now become almost a legendary character) really lived and conducted prayer meeting and led more than 100 white men to Christ. There was a meeting in my boyhood when under the preaching of Rev. J. D. Williams and the conviction of the Holy Ghost there were scores of conversions in a week. May this church continue to have the spirit of power in leading people to Christ.

3rd. It is the power by which we may live and work in groups with Christian fellowship.

"One is your master even Christ; and all ye are brethren" (Math. 28:8), and there is as much emphasis on the last part of that statement as on the first "all ye are brethren."

There is no teaching which needs to be set before people more than this . . . that real Christianity is a social experience. Individual purity and piety are not enough. One may go to his closet to pray but he should also mingle his prayers with the congregation. One may hear a good sermon and excellent music over the radio but I would give little for the worship value, except perhaps in the case of invalids who actually cannot get to church.

Nor is it enough to worship together. We must work together, study together, play together, transact business together, in short live together. And in all these matters he should direct.

There is too much of individualism in our churches. We incline to support the local interests and forget the denominational interests. Many churches desire a good building, a good choir, a good preacher, merely that they may surpass other churches of the community. These things are indeed good but the church has not done its duty until it has become aflame with missionary zeal, has had compassion on the widow and the fatherless, and has appreciated its duty to Christian education. "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Math. 23:23).

III

And of Love

Ah now we are coming to the heart of the message. Power without love is dangerous. Power may be used to crush an enemy, to spread the spirit of fear, to destroy that which is good. Power must be controlled and directed. It must be put under subjection. But mingle power with love and we have the ideal.

1st. We should love God. I mean we should LOVE Him. Some people fear God. Some are moved by a spirit of veneration. They look upon Him as one Who is afar off, above and beyond us. They recognize His attributes of power, and wisdom, and justice, and majesty but they forget His tender love and so they never rejoice in His fellowship. They stand in awe of Him but they do not commune with Him.

Now I am well aware of the fact that sinful people do not reverence God as they should. I know, too, that careless people, who do not mean to be sinful, are at times irreverent and I would by no means excuse such an attitude. But I am now speaking to Christians and to them I say, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water" (Heb. 10:22). And as a little child will sometimes go to his parents not to make a request or to offer thanks for a past favor but just to find joy in his presence so may we find sweet fellowship with God because we love Him.

2nd. We should love the brethren. "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren" (I John 3:14a). There should be no difficulty about this, especially if the brethren are sweet and lovable. John, however, must have realized that there are times when this is not true. Unfortunately there is jealousy, self-seeking, bickering, and strife in the church. I hope there is none of this at Flat Rock and that there may never be. We cannot do the work which Christ has entrusted to His church unless there is harmony among its members.

3rd. We should love the multitude. This is a hard saying. The others have been easy. It is easy to feel admiration, and respect, and awe for one who is superior to us and yet is kind. In other words it is easy to love God. It is easy also to love the brethren. They are our equals, our associates, our personal friends. But it is not easy to love the unattractive, the inconsiderate, even the repulsive. In fact it is so hard that some people regard it as impossible and so doubt their own salvation.

I am convinced, however, that if we look at it properly this is not so hard as it seems. There are many kinds of love. We do not love our parents in just the same way that we do our wives or sweethearts. Nor yet do we love our neighbors just as we do our children. Just so we are not attracted by the unlovely in the same way that we are by the lovely. But toward all we can show that regard to which they have a right and give that consideration which Christian charity demands.

There are many people in the world whom I would not invite into my home and seat at my table. So far as that is concerned they wouldn't appreciate such an invitation and would be as much as embarrassed there as I would be by their presence. There are people with whom I would find it hard to carry on a few hours conversation because I have no points of contact and wouldn't know what to talk about. There are people so dissipated, and diseased, and degraded that it would break my heart to have one of my children marry one of them.

But in admitting these things I am not admitting any lack of Christian love. For I declare to you that there is no one on earth, of any race, color, or condition for whose sorrow I do not feel sympathy; no one so low that I feel toward him the spirit of contempt, or in whose misfortune or discomfort I would take pleasure. I cannot speak of members of other races as wops or dagos nor can I laugh very heartily at the numerous jokes about WPA workers.

I have visited a great home for the feebleminded and seen people there who were hideous in appearance; I have observed prisoners in the jails and working the public roads; I have seen beggars on the streets who were blind, lame, and pitiable; I have passed through the slums of great cities and smaller towns. I could not feel toward these people as I feel toward my daily associates. But I could and did feel a great longing that some way in the goodness of God they might be comforted; that a great nation might awake to its duty toward the unfortunate; that the church might not forget to take them the message of salvation; and that above all I might have no feeling of pride or improper rejoicing at my own good fortune or think of myself "more highly than I ought to think" (Rom. 12:3). "When he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them" (Math. 9:36). There is no better word to use as an expression of Christian love than compassion.

IV

And of a Sound Mind

There are many cases of religious fanaticism, and many types of religious fakes and isms. So far as my memory goes this church has been peculiarly free of such things and I pray that it may continue to be free of them. There is a sense in which we may contribute largely toward keeping a sound mind.

1st. We should take a reasonable attitude toward religion. The purpose of true religion is personal salvation and the aim of the Bible is to teach spiritual truth. It was never intended to teach philosophy or history and those who go to it for that purpose will likely become disturbed. The question is not whether Jonah spent some days in the intestines of a large fish but whether those who disobey God will be punished. It matters little as to whether Eve ate an apple or indeed any kind of fruit; but it matters terribly that sin came into the world. And sin having come into the world it is a wonderful thing that we may have a Savior, a personal Savior.

Now I yield to no man in my interest in social betterment and I know that Jesus taught high social ideals. And yet I am convinced that we are in error if we expect to find in the Bible complete social programs, or organized economic codes, or political platforms, or anything else except spiritual teaching. It is intended to be used as a spiritual guide and as that only.

There are those who are distressed about the death of loved ones, or the loss of property or position and who feel that God has forsaken them. There is no justification for such thoughts. Some good people are rich and some are poor. Some bad people are rich and some are poor. Some good people are sick and some are well. Some bad people are sick and some are well. All people, both good and bad, suffer bereavement and all will ultimately die. There is no ground for undue complacency if we prosper or for loss of faith if we do not.

2nd. We should exercise faith. There are many things of which we can give no scientific proof but we can know and feel comforted. In the seventh century a missionary from Rome visited England. One day after he had presented his message to a group of people an old man arose and said, "So seems the life of man, O King, as a sparrow's flight through the hall when a man is sitting at meat in wintertide, with a warm fire on the hearth but the chill rainstorm without. The sparrow flies in at one door and tarries for a moment in the light and heat of the hearth-fire, and then flying forth from the other, vanishes into the wintry darkness when it came. So tarries for a moment the life of man in our sight, but what is before it we know not. If this new teaching tells us aught certainly of these, let us follow it." Because of the faith of that old man England became Christian.

Over 100 years ago a company of men and women who had such a faith as that organized and built a church at this place. Recently a company of men and women with such a faith transformed an older building into the beauty structure which you dedicate today. May the next century see even a greater work done than has been accomplished in the past. And may we go forward assured that "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Resolutions of Respect

Passed by the second quarterly conference, Flat Rock Circuit, May 7, 1938.

On the ninth day of January, 1938, our beloved brother, N. W. Gordon, was called from labor to his reward. He was for many years a faithful and loyal member of Bethel church, Flat Rock Circuit, and a member of the quarterly conference for many years. The records for the past 45 years show he was present at 162 quarterly meetings. He was always faithful to every duty imposed upon him.

Therefore, be it resolved,

First, that in his death we have lost one of our most faithful workers in the church;

Second, that while we feel deeply our sense of loss, yet we cheerfully bow to the will of our Heavenly Father in calling His servant home, and rejoice that for more than 80 years he was given to this world, and that so faithful was his life that we believe he has entered into a rich reward.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the quarterly conference; a copy be furnished the M. P. Herald; and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased brother.

H. L. JOHNSON,
J. BROWNING,
T. F. HUMPHREYS.

A Tribute of Love

We the Young Ladies' class of the Efland Methodist Protestant Sunday school feel that in the passing of Mrs. J. M. Dunn we have lost a splendid teacher, a devoted leader and and faithful friend.

She was a most loyal and efficient teacher. When days were dark and dreary as well as when bright and sunny she was always in her place with her wise council and guidance.

She shall never quite leave us
This friend who has passed
Through the shadows of night to the sunlight above.
A thousand sweet memores are holding her fast
To the place where she blessed with her presence and love.

Our loss is keenly felt but we bow in submission to His will and will strive to carry on as she would have us do. Though we cannot feel that all is well when darkening clouds conceal the shining sun, we can but know God lives and loves and say, since this is so, "Thy will be done."

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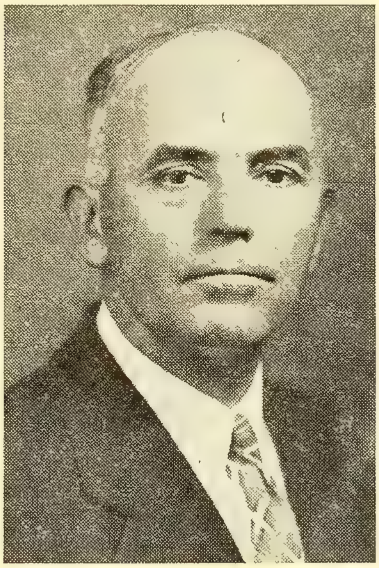

REV. C. B. WAY

HISTORY OF THE KERNERSVILLE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

By REV. C. B. WAY

The Kernersville Methodist Protestant church was organized in the year 1885, the deed to the land on which the church now stands having been made on August 20, 1885. J. Calvin Roberts, W. M. Linville and J. M. Guyer were the first trustees, to whom the deed was made. The land and $500 was given by J. Calvin Roberts and wife.

The church was organized through efforts of J. M. Guyer, J. Calvin Roberts and wife, J. N. Leak and wife, Joseph Armfield, Mrs. Tobitha Hester, Rev. Cicero Harris and possibly others. The church was first organized as a society and held services in the different homes of the members. The first service was held in the home of J. Calvin Roberts and wife, which was located on the site where the residence of Dr. J. T. Justice, Sr., on Main street, is now located.

It is impossible to give an estimate of the cost of building the church, for the reason that the brick used in the construction of the edifice were made on the grounds by donated labor, and much of the material and labor were given by members and other interested friends.

According to the most reliable information the writer could secure, there were approximately 15 charter members, only one of whom is now living, Mrs. Malissa Albert, of Kernersville, who now makes her home with her son, S. C. Albert. Other charter members were: J. Calvin Roberts and wife, J. M. Guyer and wife, J. N. Leak and wife, Hubbard Peoples and wife, Mrs. Mary Linville Brookbank, Mrs. Frances Linville Hester, Joseph Armfield, Mrs. Tobitha Hester, Mrs. Jule King and possibly others.

A complete list of the pastors who have served the church during its 53 years of existence could not be obtained. However, the following ministers have been pastors of the church: Rev. C. A. Pickens, Rev. W. F. Kennett, Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Rev. W. A. Bunch, Rev. J. E. Hartsell, Rev. W. L. Harris, Rev. W. M. Pike, Rev. W. R. Lowdermilk, Rev. C. E. M. Raper, Rev. L. W. Gerringer, Rev. J. R. Hutton, Rev. C. J. Edwards, Rev. H. L. Isley, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Rev. A. O. Lindley, Rev. H. L. Powell, Rev. William Porter, Rev. Edward Suits, Rev. J. D. Cranford, Rev. F. E. Love, Rev. W. D. Reed, Rev. C. L. Grant, Rev. D. D. Broome, Rev. O. B. Williams. Rev. C. B. Way is the present pastor, serving his first year.

The church owns a modernly constructed parsonage, located on the property adjoining the church, which was erected in 1928 at a cost of $4,300.

The church maintains the following organizations: the Sunday school, two Ladies' Aid circles, a Young People's Auxiliary, and Busy Bee society of boys and girls.

One preaching service is held every Sunday, as follows: first, second and fourth Sundays, 7:45 p. m., and the third Sunday, 11 a. m. Sunday school is held each Sunday at 10 a. m., and prayer service every Wednesday at 8 p. m.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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J. CLYDE AUMAN, Treasurer.

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HOME-COMING DAY AT GLEN RAVEN

We are observing Home-Coming Day Sunday, September 11, 1938, and we sincerely hope that all the former pastors and members, who have moved away, will find it convenient to be with us. There will be the regular 11 o'clock service, basket dinner on the grounds and an afternoon service.

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Ridgley (pointing to railway warning): "See what it says there: 'Stop, Look, and Listen.' Those three words illustrate the whole scheme of life."

Jones: "How do you make that out?"

Ridgley: "You see a pretty girl: you stop; you look; you marry her; and then you listen."—El Paso News.

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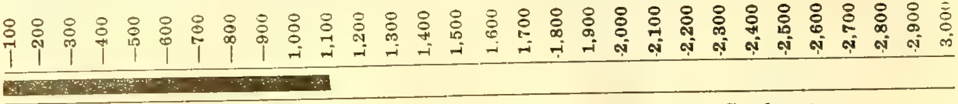

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Looks good! Of course it does. When so many are reaching their quotas, makes one wonder if Annual Conference isn't "just around the corner."

Subsidy should come first this time and that "ten spot" looked good Braxton from Mt. Pleasant church. If we had several like that we could all look pleasant in the Herald office, even without getting upon the mount. We thank you!

"Who cares for Bethea's raving, I don't." Did you notice that is a quotation? It isn't a matter of having your horn blown, but of helping do an important work. If you "don't care a rap" why not lend a helping hand to those you can help, by helping them to be helped by the Herald. If you are not concerned yourself or getting nothing from it. quite a good many do.

Excuse me Yarborough and Concord, you did a fine piece of work, both of you, in going over. Concord sending in the biggest amount of cash. Just ten over on subscriptions now, "Where are the eight" that were over this time last year? Let's make a determined effort to come back folks. Was your charge over last year? Do it again! We need the Herald to the last minute of our existence as a denomination! Let's keep up with every step that's made, so we may go in intelligently.

"Nary a drop" of subsidy this week. Don't forget us brethren, along this line. If your pastor does not mention it, brother layman, you find out how much, raise it and send it in. Thank you.

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Killingsworth-Woods

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Killingsworth, of Ware Shoals, announce the marriage of their daughter, Gladys, to Maurice Woods, on August 27, 1938. The impressive ring ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. Thurman H. Vickery, pastor of Harmony church, Yarborough charge.

The bride, a striking blond, wore a black and white ensemble with matching accessories. Her shoulder corsage was of white rose buds.

Mrs. Woods received her education from the Ware Shoals high school. Mr. Woods, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Woods, was graduated from Gray Court Owings high school. He is connected with the Ware Shoals Bleachery.

After a short trip through the mountains of North Carolina the couple will be at the home of the bride's parents.

These are very fine Christian young people and we wish for them the most of success and happiness in their new life. May God heap His richest blessings upon them and their home.

THURMAN H. VICKERY, Pastor.

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Bill: "Did you hear about the fellow who invented a device for looking through brick walls?"

Phil: "No, I didn't. What does he call it?"

Bill: "A window, you sap."

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ONE IS YOUR MASTER EVEN CHRIST AND ALL YE ARE BRETHREN.

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The Christian's Armor

St. Paul exhorted his followers at Ephesus to put on the whole armor of God that they might be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For the life of the Christian is a warfare. Every life is harassed by foes within and foes without, foes seen and unseen. And every day brings to us some experience which tests our patience, our faith and proves what sort of beings we are: thus reminding us that we must strive if we are to overcome in our conflicts with the foes of righteousness.

It was to this end that the Apostle exhorted his followers to put on the whole armor of God; the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit, the shield of faith, the breastplate of righteousness, the loins girt about with truth, their feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, and praying always. What a wonderful preparation they were to make so every part of the soldier's body is protected by his armor; so St. Paul exhorts that every part of the personality of the follower of Christ be prepared for the onslaughts of the devil. The Christian life is here presented as something hard, something difficult to attain unto. It was not as we often hear presented these days, a sort of excursion into spiritual relaxation; an adventure into peace and joy, such a state which all one has to do, if he would enter it, is to sign a card or to raise a hand in a public religious meeting. How easy this is, and yet how empty, how important is such a life. Is there any wonder that there are so many members in the Church who do not have enough interest in its program to support it by either their attendance, or by their influence; nor by their financial support.

The Christian in the early Church expected persecutions, trials, mockings, oppositions from those in high authority. They knew what was done to their Lord and they had every reason to believe that they, too, would suffer as He had suffered if they fell into the hands of wicked men. So they made no attempt to live a life of compromise with evil. St. Paul admonished those at Rome, "Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your spirit that you may prove what is good, and acceptable and perfect will of God." The idea of special preparation is found all through the epistles. Not that men were to be sufficient in themselves, but they were to do all that was required of them of the Lord, that they might be saved. In this list of armor Paul recommended to the Ephesians is found both offensive and defensive weapons. They were to be ready to stand against the wiles of the devil, but they were to do more than stand. Having the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, they were to attack the minions of evil. Teaching, testimony and preaching were their mighty weapons of offense. The same is true today. The silent saint in the midst of evil men is a mighty poor witness for his Lord. Likewise, those who never wear the helmet of salvation—whose minds are exposed to every false doctrine that comes into a community become so much confused that they do not know what to oppose. How impotent, too, is the man without the shield of faith, lying constantly in Doubting Castle pumbled by Giant Despair, what can he do for the Lord's cause? No breastplate of righteousness on, no truth to strengthen the loins, no preparation of peace upon his feet, unaccustomed to prayer. What a sorry picture such folk make as Christian warriors in these trying times.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Assessment for Superannuates Called For

According to Conference Calendar the months of September and October are to be used in paying the assessment for Superannuates. Of course where charges have not raised other interests these are to be looked after also, but it is very essential that the Superannuate Assessment be raised for this helps to support our honored "Soldiers of the Cross" who have made possible what we have today as well as the widows of our Superannuates who have been left to fight the battles alone. Let us not think of it simply as a duty but let us look upon it as an honor and a privilege to contribute to the fund that helps these, many of whom are not able to work. If every dollar of the assessment were raised it would still be inadequate but when it is not all raisd it is just too bad.

What About Conference Debts

Occasionally I am asked by those who hold notes against the Annual Conference how soon their claim can be paid. This depends in a large measure on how well we finish up the Fellowship Crusade. For the money raised in the Fellowship Crusade is used to pay debts. If we could raise the entire amount asked for then the Conference and the boards and the institutions would be in good condition. Let every charge do its best in the remaining weeks.

A Sunday Morning at Burlington

Last Sunday morning we spent with our First Church, Burlington, Dr. F. W. Paschall, pastor. This Church is a dear place to me as I spent five happy years as pastor there. The membership of this Church is the largest of any Church in our Annual Conference. It is not anything like as old as many of our Churches but it has always seemed to appeal to the people, hence its growth. This Church, doubtless, also, has the largest Sunday School in the Conference, the attendance sometimes going beyond the 500 mark. Recently the Church building has been painted on the outside as well as on the inside, new windows have been put in and it now has a very neat appearance. In the services last Sunday Brother J. G. Rogers, Chairman of the Fellowship Crusade Committee of the local Church, announced a supper meeting and plans which probably will cause this Church to go over the top in the financial objective of the Crusade. When the Million Dollar campaign was put on in 1919 this Church was the first in the entire denomination to go over the top, its certificate being number 1.

The service last Sunday was well attended and it was a pleasure to preach. Dr. Paschall, the pastor is now finishing his eighth year with this people and he has done a fine work with this Church. I trust they may finish the year in good condition.

A Sunday Evening at Graham

Last Sunday evening was spent with the Graham Church, Rev. H. F. Surratt, pastor. This service was well attended for an evening service and people seemed to appreciate it. Our cause in Graham has prospered fairly well in the years gone by and we now have a good Church there. The membership here has always supported the Conference program, especially the Herald and the Children's Home. Finances are a little slow this year, due to business conditions but I hope they may come out satisfactory. This is Brother Surratt's third year on this charge and he has done good work. He is always alive to the interests of the Church. It is always a pleasure to be with him.

Pastors' Quarterly Reports *(Continued)*

First Church, Lexington and Mt. Carmel, Rev. L. E. Mabry, pastor—Fifteen conversions, nine accessions, salary not paid to date, $30 paid on A. C. Budget, $5 paid College, $50 paid on World Service, considerable improvements made on Church buildings.

Spencer-China Grove, Rev. Atlas Ridge, pastor—Six conversions, six accessions, salary not paid in full, charge will pay everything in full, Church at China Grove finished and will be dedicated soon.

Davidson, Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor—One conversion, two accessions, salary not paid to date, $15 raised on A. C. Budget, $5 paid College, $5 raised for World Service, Woman's Auxiliary organized, Chapel Hill Church redecorated.

Mt. Pleasant, Rev. J. W. Braxton, pastor—Nine conversions, seven accessions, salary not paid to date, $61.50 raised on A .C. Budget, $44.50 on World Service, Mt. Pleasant Church painted on outside and inside at cost of $600, bought electric stoves for both Church and parsonage.

Richland, Rev. M. C. Henderson, pastor—Forty-two conversions, 32 accessions, salary not paid to date, $4 raised on World Service, thinks Charge will raise A. C. Expenses, A. C. Debt and Superannuate fund in full. Starting work on Sunday School rooms at Charlotte, getting brick to brick veneer Giles Chapel. Brower's Chapel reached third objective in Fellowship Crusade.

Fountain Place, Burlington, Rev. R. E. L. Moser, pastor—One accession, salary paid to date, $17.43 raised on World Service.

Cleveland, Rev. T. G. Madison, pastor—Eight conversions, six accessions, salary not paid to date, $160.84 raised on A. C. Budget, $46 raised for College, $12 raised on World Service, thinks charge will pay in full, new Church being built at Mt. Moriah, one Church met goal in Fellowship Crusade.

Kannapolis, Rev. D. T. Huss, pastor—Twenty-four conversions, twelve accessions, salary not paid to date, Sunday School and other organizations in good condition.

Connelly Springs, Rev. Herman Yokeley, pastor—No conversions and no accessions, salary not paid to date, raised $6.52 for World Service, new Church building at Shady Grove is nearly complete, labor donated, $543.24, donations $614.83, Ladies' Aid $114, making a total of $1,272.07.

Greensville, Rev. J. M. Morgan, pastor—Forty conversions, thirty-six accessions, salary not paid to date, $66 raised on A. C. Budget, $45 raised on World Service; attendance good.

Porter, Rev. C. G. Isley, pastor—Ten conversions, seven accessions, salary not paid to date, $2 raised on World Service.

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A Message From the Psalmist

What is man that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man that thou visitest him? For thou hast made a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet.

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A Man As Man

Man is man when he is true
To the hope of things divine,
When he feels in skies of blue—
Sun of glory through him shine;
When his heart is like the sea,
In its mighty moving sweep;
When his mind like bird is free—
Flying far in heaven so deep!

Man is man in being man
Trusting manhood is of God,
Seeing here in hope began
This fair flower of the sod;
Christ is but the flower supreme
Of the beauty we may know;
Take hope and dream the dream,
Till your deeds his spirit show!

Thousand years have come and gone,
Thousand generations passed,
Man as man yet marching on,
While the circling ages last;
In himself he has the power
To fulfill aspiring plan;
Rouse thee, brother, now's thine hour—
Do thy best to be a man!

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Wise Words

"It takes two to speak truth — one to speak and another to hear."—*Thoreau.*

"It is a great folly to heap up much wealth for our children, and not take care concerning the children for whom we get it."—*Jeremy Taylor.*

"Religion is too rich and complex to be reduced to any one act or attitude of life."—*Rufus M. Jones.*

"All problems of religion, ultimately, go back to this one—the experience I have of God within myself differs from the knowledge concerning Him which I have of the Lord."—*Albert Schweitzer.*

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Wearing Blinders

Our sense of duty and responsibility is often hid from us by most trivial things. While prejudice, greed, self-interest can close our eyes to all the claims of others until we fail to recognize their right to the necessities of life. Goethe once said that, "if a great man has a dark place in his mind, it is very dark." It may with equal truth be said that the dark place in the mind of the very small person sometimes makes even a total eclipse of their ability to see the claims of others. The great preacher, Whitefield, maintained that America needed the revenue from the sale of liquor to bring prosperity. So have men in high authority in our day. However, we think that our friends who maintain that we need the revenue from the sale of liquor which debauches our citizens in order to maintain our government, are wearing mighty big blinders. Certainly they are shutting out the regret of the misery, poverty, disease and death caused by intoxicating liquors, and looking only at the revenue the traffic brings. It has always puzzled us how some men who were so fair about other matters, and so wise as to see the depth of many difficult problems, never appeared to try to balance the human degradation of the liquor business with the paltry revenue from it enough to see how miserably revenue from the manufacturing and sales of liquor fail to compensate for the loss it entailed upon the drinker and the innocent sufferer because of the drinker. Take down your "blinder" and see what is so close to your very home and life, you who advocate the legalization of liquors.

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Appreciating the Older Preacher

Whatever may happen to the older preacher, he should not be forced to realize that he was not appreciated by the younger preacher and his congregations as he is forced to retire. It is according to the course of nature that men grow old and as they grow old, their vigor and ability to labor is less than in the days of their maturity. And there ought to be no occasion for either prejudice or jealousy between the younger and the older worker in the Kingdom. The older men have labored and the younger are entering into their labors. And had not these older men been most faithful in their labors the heritage of our youth would be quite different from what is found in well established pastorates, schools and systematized plans for efficient work, etc.

It has always appeared strange to me when I heard some older minister speak despairingly of the younger brother who must soon succeed him in the pastorate; of course, the younger man was not responsible for the oncoming years with their enfeebling touch upon the elder men. But it has made my soul sick as I have heard some thoughtless younger preacher intimate by word or gesture that the older men should retire in their favor; as though it was implied in the call to preach that the preacher should have a well-established pastorate with a comfortable parsonage and a good salary. The younger man who is unwilling to go out and establish for himself a Church formed after his own heart's desire is unworthy the honor of his ordination.

Again, I have been the witness as the official members of a congregation have turned down the older preacher, not that he could not preach, nor that he was unable to travel the work, but because he was "Old" and would not appeal to the "young people of the community." More than once have I witnessed such an act on the part of delegates as I sought to place some of the best preachers in our Conference—but they were up in years, of course. This coddling of youth and the scolding of age, by a congregation, because youth is young and age is old, is nothing less than atrocious folly. It must discourage the far-seeing youth who looks ahead a decade or two, when he too will be "old" as he sees his elder brother put on the shelf for no other reason than that he has a set of convictions about human relations which are displeasing to some of the rules of the synagogue.

The above is written with the consciousness that the time comes when a pastor ought to retire from the pastorate, but that time should be determined by his efficiency or inefficiency, rather than by his grey hairs or bald head. In fact, we hold that this is the test word any way. Let him depart to another calling or vocation, young or old, who is not an efficient pastor. The Conference ought to see to it that this happens. Neither am I prejudiced against your preachers because they are young and well equipped for their work by the schools. Some of the finest men in our Conference came into the pastorate during the past decade or two. But thsee young men themselves will tell you that they need to have experience in the work they have entered—theoretical knowledge is not sufficient to enable them to do their best work.

But back to the beginning paragraph, it is absolutely nonsensical for the older men to be jealous of youth, and for the younger brother to have the itch for promotion so bad that he cannot wait for the older man to retire; and the Church which fails to recognize the services of their older men in the pastorate is cold of heart and dull of mind.

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The President's Letter

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Albemarle, Rev. C. G. Isley, pastor—Thirty conversions, twenty-five accessions, salary paid to date, $10 raised for World Service, nothing raised for A. C. Budget or College, $1,800 paid on Church debt.

Pine Bluff, Rev. C. G. Isley, pastor—Revival in progress, nothing raised on budgets except $2 raised for World Service, expects charge to pay in full; painting Church on inside.

Lincolnton, Bess Chapel, Rev. W. L. Harkey, pastor—Sixty conversions, 42 accessions, salary not paid in full, $10 raised on A. C. Budget, $5 raised for College, thinks charge will pay in full, having good revivals and people are interested.

Union Grove, Rev. Joseph Coble, pastor—Twelve conversions, thirteen accessions, salary not paid to date, A. C. Budget raised in full, $14 raised for College, $10 paid on World Service, Church building painted.

Littleton, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, pastor—Nine conversions, seventeen accessions, salary not paid to date, A. C. Budget raised in full, College assessment raised in full, $8 raised on World Service, about $60 spent on parsonage, more people are reading Church paper.

Chase City, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, pastor—Thirty conversions, five accessions, salary not paid to date, Church raising A. C. Budget now, thinks charge will pay everything in full, a good revival, some work done on Church building.

Saxapahaw, Rev. E. A. Bingham, pastor — Thirty-four conversions, fifteen accessions, salary not paid to date, $33.63 raised on A. C. Budget, $8.45 raised for College, $34.58 raised on World Service, thinks some churches will pay in full, debt on Church hut at Salem paid, also chairs bought and paid for.

Mt. Hermon, Rev. J. R. Anderson, pastor—Eight conversions, five accessions, salary not paid to date, nothing paid on budgets, most of churches will pay; heating plant put in one Church, repairs and painting on another.

Mocksville, Rev. K. G. Holt, pastor—Eight conversions, two accessions, salary not paid to date, $15 raised on A. C. Budget, $6.25 raised for World Service, thinks charge will pay in full.

Draper, Rev. J. L. Love, pastor—Fifteen conversions, ten accessions, salary not quite paid to date, $18 paid on A. C. Budget, thinks charge will pay in full.

Calvary, Rev. R. C. Stubbins, pastor—Six conversions, thirteen accessions, salary paid to date, $60 raised on A. C. Budget, $25 raised for College, $50 paid on World Service, thinks charge will pay all claims, new hymnals purchased, Church bulletins being printed.

Danville, Rev. R. L. Vickery, pastor—Thirty conversions, ten accessions, salary about paid to date, about 75% of World Service raised, lot for Church has been paid for at a cost of $1,200.

Denton, Rev. Geo. L. Curry, pastor—Eighteen conversions, seventeen accessions, salary almost paid to date, $78 raised on A. C. Budget, $40 raised for College, $47 raised on World Service; Ladies' Aid has merged with Auxiliary.

Fallston, Rev. R. L. Hethcox, pastor—Twenty conversions, fourteen accessions, salary not paid to date, $52 raised on budgets.

Mebane, Rev. D. I. Garner, pastor—Two conversions, seven accessions, salary not paid in full, $45 paid on A. C. Budget, $22.50 paid to College, $45 raised on World Service.

West Forsyth, Rev. G. B. Ferree, pastor—Seven conversions, four accessions, salary not paid to date, $13.50 raised on A. C. Budget, $20 raised for College, $5 raised on World Service.

Liberty, Rev. Aubert Smith, pastor — Four accessions, salary paid to date, $35 raised on A. C. Budget, thinks charge will pay in full, enlarged Sunday School membership.

Siler City, Rev. Aubert Smith, pastor—No conversions and no accessions, salary paid to date at Siler City but not at other two churches, raised $89.33 for A. C. Budget, raised $53.67 for College, raised $10 on World Service.

First Church, Thomasville, Rev. J. T. Bowman, pastor—Three accessions, salary not quite paid to date, paid $44 on A. C. Expenses (in full), paid $22 for Church Extension, paid College assessment of $50 (in full), paid $15 on World Service; thinks charge will pay in full, excellent spirit of cooperation existing among people.

Henderson, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, pastor—Twelve conversions, fifteen accessions, salary not paid to date, $50 paid on A. C. Budget, $50 raised for College, $30 raised on World Service, thinks charge will pay in full, excellent attendance during winter months, attendance fairly good during vacation season, business conditions in community very bad.

Appointments

Sunday, September 25—11 a. m., Community Church, Thomasville; Denton at night.

J. E. Pritchard.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

What and Where Is the Cross?

Quite frequently the pulpit insists that we have to bear the cross. We are told that the cross is, of course, a matter of hardship and suffering. The cross is never associated with anything pleasant; it always means misery in some form. At least that is the way it is presented. Yet, I hear our biggest preachers saying that the Christian life is the joyous life; it means happiness, and we ought to invite others to share it. A Bishop said recently in my hearing that he was busy about his official work, doing a certain type of hard religious duties, but, he added, he was enjoying it immensely.

Now, how do you put the two together? How is it that the same preacher who is always talking about suffering for the Master will, on leaving the charge, assure everybody that he has spent at that place the happiest years of his life? It always seems to me that there is a misunderstanding somewhere. They talk about the pains of the cross, but at the same time boast of its happiness, and urge others to accept it.

At first I thought that the cross could only mean suffering. That is to say, the cross for a person was some particular trouble or ordeal he was called to endure. If one is in poor health, has a fighting wife or a wicked neighbor, then that was his cross. Anything, in fact, that prevented pleasure and brought trouble was the cross. It could be most anything, a clubfoot, a hard job, a drinking husband, or just plain poverty. Now, these may constitute the cross for certain individuals, but I have decided that such is not the best interpretation of the word.

Mere hardship does not constitute the cross. It means more than that. Some souls endure awful pain and privation yet never refer to it as their cross. Livingston, returning from Africa where he had fought lions, fallen of sickness, fasted for days, and endured untold horrors of many kinds, told his friends that he did not consider his life and labors a sacrifice at all. It often happens that those who suffer most say least about it, never complain of bearing a cross. So just hardship is not, by any means, the full significance of the saying, "Bearing your own cross."

This, I believe, is more nearly what we mean: The cross means a program of living one's life at its best. This, you see, may include suffering or it may include pleasure. In fact it may and usually does include both, but it does not lay too much emphasis upon the unpleasant side. Such a definition makes room for the Bishop's enjoyment of his work; it also makes room for all of the unhappy conditions we face as we go along trying to carry out our best program of living. Others may misunderstand us, for example, yet we must go ahead doing our duty, realizing that our total plan of living will bring more satisfaction than will the approval of a few superficial friends who cannot understand. Our missionaries are happy people; they are bearing their cross, meeting many unfortunate situations, yet they have an inner peace which the world can neither give nor take away.

In this discussion I am using the term "cross," not in its theological sense, but in its popular, practical relation. And while in the latter sense it may stand for a certain unhappy and painful experience, I also like to think of it as representing our whole attitude toward life; our daily program of living, loving, and serving as we are best fitted in our own community. Do this well and you will be "bearing your cross with a smile."

THE BEAUTY OF RELIGION

The beauty of the religion of Christ is manifest in the character of the man who chooses it for his portion. It is an inner beauty. Beautiful thoughts, beautiful aspirations, beautiful hope, beautiful virtues are here. It is the beauty of love. Human love is beautiful, more beautiful than the morning. Religion is love, sweeter than a mother's love. It is the love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost. It is the beauty of truth, the beauty of righteousness, the beauty of joy and peace. It is the beauty of symmetry. The Christian character is not one-sided. It is well-rounded, complete. Every virtue that can enter into the moral and spiritual constitution of a complete man is there. It is the beauty of poetry. It is not easy to tell exactly how it is that poetry is beautiful. Perhaps no one can explain this philosophy of the beauty of poetry, but the man who cannot feel the beauty of a fine poem is to be pitied. The Christian is one of God's poems. He has written His poetry in the skies and in the earth and sea. He is still writing poetry. There is no such poetry as that of a genuine Christian character. It is the beauty of life. Life is sweet; life is beautiful. In the spring of the year, when life is bursting forth from every tree, every shrub, and every plant, all nature is clothed with beauty. The Christian religion is not merely a creed, or a bundle of ceremonies, or a profession, but a life. Let no one be content with a mere form of religion, for then he will never see its real beauty. As one can feel physical life throbbing through his nerves, so the Christian can feel spiritual life palpitating within. The most beautiful life of all is the life of God in the soul of man.—*New York Christian Advocate.*

"Old Orange"

Last week the opponents of the liquor stores in Orange County rolled up a sizable majority against them. The Editor first saw the light in Orange County and although he was never privileged to spend many years within its bounds, he herewith asserts his right and privilege of rejoicing with those who rejoice over this victory. Hurrah for Orange; long may the stalwart opponents of legalized liquor live there and enjoy the blessings coming from the results of this election.

NOTICE

Piedmont Ministers' Association will meet in Grace Church Monday at 10:30 a. m.

R. C. STUBBINS, *Chairman.*

OUR STORY PAGE

GETTING BY ON A GRIN

Jack frowned. "It burns me up," he said, staring angrily after the blithe, whistling figure of a tall, handsome boy who had just passed.

Ted Morrison looked surprised. "What does?"

"Haven't you heard that Stuart Cameron has that position that Ben Gregory has been working so hard to fit himself for? It seems strange to me that a supposedly hard-headed business man like Mr. Goodwin could be influenced by a grin. Stuart just walked into the office and strolled away with the job. He always gets what he wants through that grin of his."

Ted looked thoughtful. "That's so; he puts up a good front and sort of hypnotizes everyone with his grin. He has personality, all right, and the worst of it is, he will get by until he sees some other goal he wants. He has a genius for picking the other fellow's brain and making use of what he finds there."

"That's right. He always managed to get high marks in high school when he did not bother to study half as hard as the rest. Oh, and they dare to say there isn't any such a thing as luck. Stuart hasn't half the character that good old Ben has, and yet he gets the breaks."

"There certainly is such a thing as luck. Flashy fellows like Stuart surge ahead, and fellows who deserve the best get the worst of it. Ben has had a lot of trouble through no fault of his own. In fact, a lot of it has come through his willingness to help someone out. Like the time he went over to help George fix the roof of the garage and had George drop a tile on his head that nearly cut his ear off. There certainly are a favored few in this world that get by better than the rest."

"I heard dad and some other men talking about the old-timers," Jack said. "You know Victor Chase? He was always the lucky kind, and to this day he has the ability of getting by without working and yet always having the cream of everything. There he goes now in his automobile. Snazzy-looking one, isn't it?"

Ted nodded. He was really looking at middle-aged Victor Chase, with his dissipated, good-natured, and self-satisfied face. Before he could answer, another figure that looked 20 years older came shuffling along, looking, apparently, in the gutter for discarded cigars. A rank odor of unclean clothes and unwashed flesh made the two boys move fastidiously back from the outer edge of the sidewalk.

Jack stared. "Well, there is another side to the picture at that," he said. "I heard them mentioning George Bradley, too. He was another one to whom everything was handed on a silver platter. His father was rich and he had good looks, one of the first and finest cars, money to spend, and a fine voice that would have brought him fame and wealth itself had he chosen to develop it and use it to earn a living."

"Do you mean that wretched caricature of a man is George Bradley?" Ted demanded. He had lived in the town only three years, and although he had seen the "bum" around, he had never thought of what his name might be.

"Yes, it is. He sailed along high for a while and then this thing called 'luck' deserted him. He lost all the money he inherited. His voice failed because he had never taken care of his health, and when everything seemed to turn against him he had nothing left in reserve to get himself out of the situation."

"He depended upon luck, and when it was gone he could not help himself—is that it?"

Jack nodded. "That's the size of it. He just collapsed like an exploded balloon; but look at him now."

Ted shrugged. "I prefer not to, thanks," he said. "He is a decidedly unpleasant object to view."

"Yet Victor Chase is still getting by on luck. It is a funny world."

"As doubtless Stuart Cameron will do for many years yet, anyway. But I don't know that I can envy him, after all. He's got a grin, but a smile that means something from a fellow that does not grin so often means a lot more, even if it does not get him so much. I'd rather, a lot, be Ben than Stuart, even if Stuart does get the breaks."

The other boy rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "And my dad is worth a dozen Victor Chases," he said. "Why, I'd rather look and live and act like dad than any man I know. He has taken a lot of things on the chin, but he has the kind of chin that can take it."

"So has mine. I noticed that Victor Chase had quite a lot of chins, but none of them amounted to much. I'd hate to look like that when I get to be his age. And I think I'd hate, deep down inside of me, to have a lot of things I did not earn and had no real right to have. I'd rather be riding in our two-year-old flivver than in Chase's big, flashy car!"

Jack laughed. "In other words, it may not be so lucky to be lucky, after all. Queer old world; but a good one if we make it so."

Ted grinned back at him. "Absolutely."—*Faye N. Merriman, in Youth's World.*

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Will the Friends of the Herald Rally?

We wish so much that those who want the Herald continued and who are in arrears on their subscriptions would kindly send us some money. We have no recourse, have no authority to borrow to keep the Herald going, and there would be no need to borrow if our people would only carry their part of this load. Some few people, we believe, are not renewing their subscriptions because of the approaching Union, but we think the majority of those who are failing are not prompted by this motive. But for the kindness of Superintendent Dixon in sending in a part of the subsidy paid by the Home each year, we would not be able to pay the printers this week. It is most distasteful to the Editor to air our distress this way, but we do not want to incur a debt nor to suspend publication without letting you know our real situation.

Cordially yours,
R. M. Andrews,
Editor and Bus. Mgr.

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There was once a woman named Mary who had a very wealthy great aunt. Mary lived in a little house on a little street. But this was only temporary. Because when the great aunt died Mary would have a lot of money and would move into a big house. Mary was so busy planning her new home and thinking of all the things she would do with the great aunt's money that she neglected her husband and children, she neglected her little home, indeed, she neglected herself. Finally the great aunt died. But when the will was read it was found she had planned other uses for her money. And what do you think she left Mary? Just a large old-fashioned mirror!

Mary was so disappointed she refused to accept the mirror, and when it was delivered to her home she left it on the front porch. The neighbors began to remark about it, so one morning she brought it in. Because there was no place to store it, she hung it on the living room wall.

The mirror was really very lovely and made the room look even more shabby and neglected. While Mary was dusting she saw herself in the mirror—saw her faded home dress, her stringy hair, her neglected skin. She saw the ill-kept condition of the living room, the soiled table cloth in the dining room, the tarnished silver. And Mary got busy!

When her husband and children came home for lunch they found an entirely different Mary, the table set with polished silver and the linen cloth Mary had been saving for the new home. Mary discovered what an attractive little home she had. So busy did she become discovering the joy of living in the present, she completely forgot the "when" she had lived in for so long. You see, Mary's great aunt was not only wealthy, but she was wise.

The world is full of people like Mary whose happiness and success are always away off in some distance "when."

In fact, the world can be divided into two classes of people—those who live in the past and those who live in the future. Those in between, who are making the most of the present, are so few they are hardly worth mentioning. And those who look forward to their happiness in the future eventually arrive at the place where they can no longer look forward, and then looking back they say, "Ah those were the happy days." They never know real happiness, past, present, or future.

There is a vast difference in being satisfied and being content. A little healthy dissatisfaction is a fine thing. It is thus that progress is made. Had men been perfectly satisfied with the oxcart, we might never have had the automobile. Discontent is something else. People who are dissatisfied usually do something about it. But people who are discontented usually spend their time moping and worrying, making life miserable for themselves and everybody around them.

If you want to be really happy, try living one day at the time. Bury the past and let the future take care of itself.—*Elsie King Moreland.*

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Use and enjoy what you now have, be grateful for present opportunities, and trust your ability and the future to bring what is best for you.—*Greenville Kleiser.*

BUILDERS ARE NEEDED

The building process in our world is ever taking place. We never stand still. All life is in movement. Sometimes we go forward, sometimes we go backward. This applies to home life, to civic affairs, to the social order generally. If we are parasites, it means that we are living off of the efforts of others. That also means that others are building.

We have the mistaken notion that the kind of government that we maintain is most important; that one political party can save the nation; that democracy is better than socialism, or that democracy should give way to socialism; that communism is a menace, that fascism is worse, that a dictatorship will set our civilization back a few centuries.

Kindred theories are constantly advanced as a means of saving human society. This goes to prove that we seem more concerned with saving society than we are with improving society. If we insist upon saving society, what would we save it from? It is better to save it for definite and positive forces for good than to save it from an unknown or indefinable fate.

Society's worst enemies are within, not without. Indifference, inertia, laziness, satisfaction with present tendencies, contentment with past laurels, avarice, insistence that others are not doing enough for us,. the demand for the equal distribution of wealh, and the refusal to give a day's labor for a day's pay—these and similar evils are producing no end of harm.

One of our chief troubles lies in looking elsewhere than the right place for the needed efforts. We should not be so much concerned over so-called remedies for ills. Education, so much needed, is not a remedy. Good government is not a remedy, any more than good health is a remedy, except as the natural resistive power in a sound body helps to safeguard against disease. Nor should we adopt artificial and fly-by-night methods for accomplishing needed results in society.

We must take the long look and the sensible survey of present-day needs and future developments. We must all feel that we are builders, builders of destiny, builders of future interests. This comes about in building better lives, better homes, a better political state. There is nothing new in the plan. The constant demand for something new is a peril which diverts our attention from the paramount things of the hour.

We must use the instrumentalities that Providence has bestowed and that time has tested—the basic moralities of life. Hard work, common sense, aiming at a noble objective build the social order. Conscientious parents are builders of the nation. An honorable day's work in any legitimate capacity helps to build the nation. Simplicity is one proof of greatness. Getting back to simple living, helping one another bear the common burdens, shouldering responsibilities instead of clamoring for personal rights, paying as we go and only for what we can afford would usher in a new and pleasing order of things.—*Nathan Howard Gist.*

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Happiness does not depend upon great material possessions, but emanates largely from the mental qualities of contentment, confidence and serenity. Simplicity of life is the keystone of happiness.—*Grenville Kleiser.*

A YOUTH'S PROGRAM FOR THE CHURCH

(This address was delivered by Rev. J. C. Madison, Pastor of First Church, High Point, to the Third Assembly at Lexington, and is published by the request of those attending the meeting. The Editor heard the address and believe it worth the careful consideration of our readers.)

I suspect that if the truth were known the average successful minister spends as many long hours in planning an adequate program of activity for his church as he does in that more commonly recognized phase of his task, the preparation and delivery of sermons. This is as it should be, for though the individual may be inspired and uplifted by a powerful message from the pulpit it is through successful organization that the church is made effective in its ministry of service and in its program of kingdom building within the community. It is also through participation in this organized program of service that individual spiritual growth most often takes place. Thus a major task that faces every minister as he goes about his work is that of presenting and leading a program sufficiently worthy to challenge loyal devotion and active participation from and by the members of his church.

This afternoon, however, I am given the task of discussing that phase of the church program which has to do with youth's activities. The phase I suspect which most of us find to be most difficult do outline, due to the fact that our adult program is more or less standardized and also due to the fact that young people are so much more active than are their more settled parents. So to present that program that will keep young people interested, active and growing in capacity to assume the responsibilities of leadership is a problem of no small importance; for well we know that once an individual is lost to himself, to Christ and to the church to reclaim his life is sometimes a seeming impossibility.

Although confessing my sincere desire to avoid all controversial subjects, such as the evangelical over against the educational approach to religion, I do feel that whoever would plan a program of religious activities for young people should ask himself these kindred questions: What is the purpose in mind? What are the goals to be accomplished? And what are the effects to be produced upon the lives of those for whom the program is designed? In other words, specifically, in dealing with its youth just what is the church trying to do? If it is simply trying to produce in the child a single emotional experience at which time the cloak of salvation supernaturally is thrown about his shoulders and from which time he is prepared to walk his way with the saints then the yearly revival is all the program that is necessary. On the other hand if it is simply trying to make of the child an educated pharisee then the study of an extensive catechism along with a few courses in church history and theology will suffice. Or still again if the church is simply trying to entertain its youth let it join with the local moving picture concern in order to guarantee that programs will be attended and that budgets will be met. Of course the danger of disagreement in discussing these questions is evident, but at the same time for a minister to undertake to plan any type of program without some specific purpose in mind or some end in view is to proceed "as one that beateth the air," or as the man who started to build without counting the cost. Thus I am undertaking to suggest at least two guiding purposes or ends which the church should seek to accomplish in its young people's program.

In the first place the church should seek to lead the child into a saving relationship with God, into an increasingly loyalty to the person and purposes of Jesus Christ. Now as to whether this shall come in an instant of time as a great experience of regeneration wherein the soul is saved or whether it shall be a gradual awakening of the human spirit in response to the call and challenge of the Divine is of small concern to me; but I am tremendously concerned that somewhere early in life the child shall realize that he has come to the dawn of a new day, that spiritual things have become vividly real, so that he can say of a truth this I know whereas I was blind, that is insensitive to the spiritual resources of life or if you please to the power of grace, now I see. If you wish to think in terms of training youth for leadership in the church then this consideration is of supreme importance. It matters not how well educated the pharisee may be if he is spiritually blind he is not fit to be a leader in a Christian church. We have talked entirely too much about talent and about what an educated man can do, and entirely too little about what God can do with a man thoroughly consecrated to Him. The thing the church needs most is not talent—as precious as that is—but consecrated personality; for it is impossible to point others to a Christ Whom we ourselves do not know, or to share that Christian experience which we have never had. In the church genius is fine but first of all give me a man with willing heart and ready hands anxious to give what he has, small or great, to Jesus Christ.

In regard to Religious Education we have talked a great deal about the material centered program which inevitably leads to the error of cold and meaningless formality. We have also talked of the pupil centered program which in my mind leads to the corresponding error of secularism. It seems to me that what we really need and want is what the Christian Century calls a "God centered program." That is we must pass on that body of truth and spiritual values which we believe have come from God and were largely revealed through Jesus Christ. In worship we do not simply try to whip up a psychological experience, God is there, we seek to meet Him, become His audience and attentive unto His voice. Likewise in Religious Education we are not simply trying to train the mind but God is there seeking to impart His truth and to train the mind for greater usefulness in His service. Recreation which is certainly a part of a well-rounded youth's program is not alone for the purpose of entertainment but it is the process by which our bodies are made fit for the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit. What I am trying to say is this, that in all of its programs the church must seek to keep its people ever sensitive to God's presence and ever aware of His purpose for the individual life. "The children of twenty-five million Protestant families in the United States receive no formal education except one from which all elements of religion have, by political necessity, been expunged," so says Dr. Clayton Morrison. Friends, that ought not to be. In the church it dare not be true, for God is working in and through the church program to touch and transform the lives of people. The minister, the teacher and the pupil should be ever aware of that fact.

As a second guiding principal I would suggest that it is our task to lead the child into active participation in the life of the church. If the church is a community of believers then every member is a part of that community. Young people as well as old should have their specific responsibilities. From the very beginning of their church relationship they should be made to understand that the church is a group of men and women who have definite work to do. We can't play make-believe with youth. The real problem is not to make the child think that he or she is important but to give him or her something to do that is important. It takes time and experience to learn to participate in the ritual of church worship with appreciation. It also takes time and experience to learn to participate in church organizations responsibly, and we always learn to do, not by being told, but by doing. Our Leadership Education schools, as important as they may be, are worthless unless the individual who attends is brought home and given an opportunity to put to practice that which he or she has learned.

Also we should remember that Christianity is not simply a matter of loyalty to a set of ideals but that these ideals must be translated into patterns of living. It is the responsibility of the church through its organization to provide an opportunity for the individual to express his religious zeal. This is especially true in regard to young people. The youth must be trained in habits of Christian behavior. An extensive program of activity planned and closely supervised by the church should represent concrete situations wherein Christian attitudes are developed and habits of Christian living are formed. In the class room as well as on the playground democratic procedure and fair play should be required. I sometimes wonder if children do not learn more irreverence in poorly supervised Sunday schools than in any other situation in life.

I dwell at length upon this matter of leading the child to participate actively in the life of the church community because I believe it is tremendously important. A current writer, speaking of the Protestant church, has said, "Its failure to transmit the elements and the spirit of the Christian culture has resulted in the emergence of a Protestant generation which may be Christian in its sociabilities and affinities, but is pagan in the furniture of its mind." Such individuals as described may be fine people but they are not fit for leadership in the Christian church. If an individual is to be a leader it is imperative that he be acquainted through experience with the church organization, with its rich heritage of experience, and that Christian ideals be the dominating influences of the thought and action.

So much for goals and guiding principals. Now to outline a program of activity by which these goals shall be realized in the life of the child is a different and more difficult matter. So very much depends upon the local situation, the equipment, the leadership and the responsiveness of the children concerned. Of course the Sunday school is the first and probably most important phase of the church program for its young people. If that is done in a business like way with discipline and preparation on the part of teachers comparable to the work done in day schools then it may be a tremendous force. But so often this close supervision is not carried out. In the words of the Christian Century, "The Sunday school is little more than a gesture, a futile tribute to a kind of ghostly ideal which still haunts the church's conscience." That may be putting it too strongly but I do not believe that the church school with thirty-minute class periods once a week is the last word in religious education. The church cannot afford to depend upon that as the only method for training its youth.

The Christian Endeavor society is the next organization that naturally comes to our minds. The varied program of this organization gives ample opportunity for study, for training in Christian service, for self expression and for supervised recreation provided it is propely directed. There is grave danger that we leave this group without proper supervision by adult leadership and that it becomes little more than a social group.

Another organization which has great possibilities is the junior church. I realize that in most situations this organization is impossible, and I also realize that many are of the opinion that through it young people are led away from the church proper rather than toward it. I do not believe that this last criticism is necessary. The program of the junior church should be closely correlated with that of the senior organization. In a large measure the same ritual should be used and the same special days should be observed. The children can be organized as the adults with a board of stewards, church treasurer, ushers, a junior choir which has a real place in the worship, and the Sunshine circle which to some extent may correspond to the Auxiliary of the larger church. In my mind the junior church is far more important as a means of giving children responsibility in a meaningful organization than it is in presenting a worship more nearly within their level of appreciation. It gives them an opportunity actually to participate in the life of the church.

In addition to Sunday activities a weekly class conducted by the pastor or Sunday school superintendent has its possibilities. If this is carried out according to the Conference Council requirements those taking the course may receive standard credits. If we would spend time and effort in preparing a week-day course many more boys and girls might be interested than we suspect.

Most every church through the help of the Conference Council, can plan a Daily Vacation Bible school. By this method the child may be given in two weeks' time more actual training than throughout the year in Sunday school. It may cost a little in time, effort and money, but this old idea that Christian character is free is an exploded myth.

Scouting also has possibilities provided it is closely linked with the program of the church. Mr. B. W. Hackney, Scout Executive in High Point, once said that in his opinion scouting was almost worthless unless it tied the boy or girl up more closely with the church so that his or her training would carry through. This caution is worthy of being kept in mind.

Finally we all know that the conferences and training schools conducted by our Conference Council are indispensable for a well-rounded church program for youth. The interest that young people have in these conferences is almost directly proportional to the interest of the pastor of the church. And sometimes, I am told, the Summer Conference attendance at High Point College is rather small.

The activities suggested above and others which might be mentioned may seem rather extensive and demanding upon the time of our youth. But this one thing we must come to see, if we are to develop a generation of Christian men and women the church must take the responsibility of providing adequate Christian training. If six and seven days a week we admit that other things are more important for our children than religion and the church then we need not be surprised if they grow up to be indifferent to the church and that for which it stands. I am sincerely convinced that it is through the program of the church that God would lay hold of the lives of boys and girls, transform and prepare them for active service in His Kingdom. The pastor and his people must give their best to be used of Him.

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BETHEL MEMORIAL DAY

The eleventh annual meeting of the Bethel M. P. Memorial association will be held next Sunday, September 18, 1938, at Bethel on Alamance charge.

The address will be delivered at the morning session by Rev. Paul S. Kennett, of High Point College. In the afternoon tributes will be paid to the memory of Rev. G. W. Holmes and others who have passed on during the year. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Worried Motorist: "What in the world could have caused that flat tire?"

Unworried Motorist: "Dunno. Must have been that fork in the road."

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Woman's Auxiliary, Muncie, Ind., for shoes	$ 2.00
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Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	3.73

Clothing and Other Gifts

The women of Fairfield, Guilford, 40 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables.

The women of Pine Grove, Siler City, 60 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables.

The inmates of the Alamance County Home, Graham, two log cabin quilts.

We are profoundly grateful for all these gifts of money and substance. May God bless all the givers.

Upon our return home from church yesterday we found a package on the front porch, marked "From the Inmates of Alamance County Home." Upon opening it we found two beautiful log cabin quilts. It deeply touched our hearts to think that those dear people thus remembered us in the work here. God will richly repay them.

The Donations of Produce

You will note above that the donations of canned fruits and vegetables have already begun to come in. We appreciate this so much because of the spirit of it, and because of the great help it gives us through the winter.

As these donations of canned goods is gathered together on the various charges please remember that donationns of grain, potatoes and other produce will also be very helpful.

Our sweet potato crop is almost a failure this time. For weeks the land was too wet, and now when they ought to be growing the land is too dry.

Clothing

Some beautiful outfits have been coming in for our girls and for a few of our boys. These are being answered diect without taking so much space in the Herald. We will be calling upon our men's classes soon for boys' clothing.

Thank-Offering—Thanksgiving Offering

The September Thank-Offering is taken by the North Carolina Branch of the Women's Work for Missions and when in hand is forwarded to the General Conference Treasurer for World Service, and counts on your budget for that purpose. Get that off in good shape, and then begin to prepare for a good Thanksgiving offering for the Children's Home, another phase of missions.

Remember your day's wage, and lay aside at least the wage for one day for the Children's Home. Thank you and God bless you.

Yours in His service,

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

LEARNING TO COOPERATE

The Christian Endeavor Topic for September 25, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, September 19—Principle of cooperation, Luke 10:1, 2.

Tuesday, September 20—Cooperation in nature, Prov. 30:24-27.

Wednesday, September 21—Sharing labors, Exod. 18:13-24.

Thursday, September 22—Cooperative toil, Neh. 4:6, 13, 14.

Friday, September 23—A cooperative mission, Acts 13:1-3.

Saturday, September 24 — Cooperation organized, 1 Chron. 9:23-34.

The text—Amos 8:4-8; Isa. 3:12-15.

As we continue our study of this series of economic problems, we delve into the problem of the ways for Christians to cooperate in achieving a Christian economic order. The crux of the economic problem in America is that our present economic system is so arranged that the money flows in the hands of a few. The majority of people in America are spending more than they receive. No people can be strong and healthy unless they can balance their income with their outgo—especially is this true of rural America.

Time and again in both the Old and New Testament we have exhortions to work together—to help our fellowmen. There is to be a division of labor, and each one is to work, not for himself, but for the good of the group. The writer of Proverbs tells us that there is even cooperation in nature—that the lower form of animals working together can accomplish that which alone they could never attain. The disciples were sent out two and two that they might work together. They were sent out without worldly possessions that the people might do their part.

There is a Christian solution to our economic situation of today—that is in the cooperative movement which was established more than 90 years ago in Rochdale, England, by 28 unemployed mill hands. This movement has spread until today it is in operation in 40 countries and has a membership of over 100,000,000. Mark A. Dawber in "Rebuilding Rural America," has one of the best chapters to be found on this subject, from this we quote: "A cooperative is an organization of individuals who agree to work together for the purpose of producing, manufacturing, transporting, purchasing, and marketing the things they need. Such organizations may also provide insurance, personal credit, health, and funeral service. It is not the purpose of cooperatives to produce for the competitive market, but by mutual and, to secure legitimate compensation for goods produced and service rendered. Cooperatives are not interested in profits but in service and mutual benefits.

There are three basic principles upon which the cooperative movement is founded:

1. Liberty for all. Membership is open to all persons regardless of race or creed. There is no voting by proxy and each person has but one vote irrespective of the amount of stock owned.

2. Security for all. Economic brotherhood should mean security for all. Capital invested in the movement receives only the current rate of interest and does not share in the earnings beyond this amount.

3. Justice for all. Economic brotherhood should mean justice for all. All earnings over and above the amount required to pay the operating costs are paid back to the members in proportion to their purchases. In this way the piling up of profits in the hands of a few people is prevented.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, of India, when in the United States on the National Preaching Mission of 1936 stated: "We must give the Kingdom of God on earth as a head-on and sweeping answer to the world's need, and we must do it without compromise and without apology. But to do so will require that we must apply it to the economic and social order to be adequate for this hour. For the economic is the present nerve center of our problems. The church can help by developing the cooperative spirit instead of the competitive, by organizing cooperatives of various types and kinds."

On his visit to the United States in 1936 Toyohiko Kagawa made the following plea: "I plead for the Christian conscience to infuse the cooperative movement and to create a society based on mutual aid and humanitarian motives." The Rochdale principles have been tested for more than 90 years, and have been found to be successful. Christianity has the wonderful law of the Golden Rule and the Sermon on the Mount. It is based on mutual service. The principle of the cross is the basic principle of reconstruction in economics . . . How shall Christianity change the economic system? Through cooperatives, which are the love principle in action.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, T. M. Johnson, Pastor, Sept. 6.—Our revival services began on the second Sunday in August, continuing throughout the week. Rev. Herbert Garmon, of Charlotte, doing the preaching. We feel our church has been greatly blessed through Brother Garmon's wonderful preaching. He certainly does not fail to lift up Christ and His cross. No one can know to what extent our church was blessed by these meetings. I know I was greatly blessed and feel I have come to know God better and want to serve Him better. And I'm sure all of us who have already trusted Christ were drawn closer and our hearts are still yearning for those who could listen at such preaching and pleading as Brother Garmon did and yet fail to turn to Christ. As for Brother Garmon he won a place in our hearts and in going he left a memory that will always linger. Our prayers will follow him as he goes forward in work for our Master.

On the fourth Sunday we had five members join with us. We welcome them and sincerely hope they may be a blessing to us and us to them. They were Mrs. Jay Brannon, Misses Ruby Smith and Thalia Cantrell on profession of faith came and were baptized.

We are still holding prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. Mr. Mont Westmoreland led a wonderful service last Wednesday night. Mr. Westmoreland accepted Christ as his Savior during the revival meeting and we are glad to know he has not hesitated to start working in the church.

Mr. Mack Compton was elected delegate to Annual Conference with Mr. P. D. Waddell as alternate.

Mrs. N. N. Smith is doing fine after an appendix operation. Mrs. Smith is teacher of the Intermediate girls Sunday school class.

Miss Lula Pearson and little Martha Compton are doing nicely following tonsil operations.

We were indeed glad to have our president, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, and Mrs. Pritchard with us on the third Sunday in August. This is the first time Dr. Pritchard has been to this field and we were indeed glad to meet him in person.

Our church is looking much better, a fresh coat of paint having been added inside and out.

We were indeed glad to have the friends from Fairview who visited during the revival. We welcome them back at any time they can possibly come.

Christian readers, we covet your prayers as church, Sunday school, organizations and individuals that we may do more for the wonderful Christ who has done everything for us.

MRS. EDDIE WADDELL, Reporter.

Kernersville-South Winston, Sept. 12.—We had the usual attendance and interest at regular services at South Winston, Sandy Ridge and Kernersville churches the past Sunday. The pastor and family were entertained for dinner in the home of Miss Ruth Gough, of the South Winston church, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

One new member, Mrs. H. M. Casper, was received by transfer from the M. E. church, South, at the Kernersville church on the first Sunday night. We are expecting others to unite with the Kernersville church soon.

Rev. R. M. Andrews, editor of the Methodist Protestant Herald, and director of the Fellowship Crusade, will preach at the Kernersville church next Sunday at 11 a. m. He will also preach at Pine Grove church at 3 p. m. We hope to have good attendance.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

West End, Thomasville, State St. Charge, O. C. Loy, Pastor.—The Woman's Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting Friday, August 26, at the home of Mrs. Raymond Pierce with ten members and one new member present. Miss Beulah Templeton was elected treasurer to fill out the unexpired term of Mrs. D. L. Disher whose resignation was accepted. The Auxiliary decided to pay one month's payment on the church debt. The next meeting will be September 30, at the home of Mrs. Carlos Hill.

The Thomasville Township Christian Endeavor Union held its regular meeting at West End Thursday night, September 1. About 60 representatives from seven churches were present. The president, Miss Ida Mae Alexander, of Calvary Reformed church, gave a very interesting report on the activities of the C. E. Camp at Camp Betty Hastings, August 27 and 28. The local society gave a short play, "The Notion Box." Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served on the lawn.

The Busy Bee circle met with Doris Brinkley Tuesday night, September 6, with 20 members and two visitors present. "Heart Pals" were revealed and names chosen again. It was decided to change the meeting night to Friday after the first Sunday in the month. At the close of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed after which the hostess served doughnuts, ice cream and lemonade. The next meeting will be October 7 with Sally Bett Rutledge.

Revival services begin Sunday, September 11, with Rev. L. E. Mabry, of First church, Lexington, as the pulpit help. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

REPORTER.

Love Joy Church, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge, E. G. Cowan, Pastor, Sept. 12.—Regular services were held in our church Sunday. Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock with 92 present. At the 11 o'clock service our pastor delivered a good message to a large congregation.

Beginning Monday night of next week there will be a series of prayer services at our church. These services will continue through the entire week beginning each evening at 7:30 o'clock. The services will be conducted by our pastor, assisted by a visiting minister. The purpose of these services is to get the church ready for our revival, or camp meeting, which will begin the fourth Sunday of this month. There will be three services on Sunday and throughout the week. We are fortunate in having J. Clyde Auman as helper in our revival. We are praying for and expecting a great camp meeting. We extend to each one a hearty invitation.

The Friendship circle held its regular monthly meeting September 2 with Mrs. Grady Russell. Fifteen members were present. Plans were made for furnishing rooms at the church for the pastor and helper during the revival. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Herman Beaman.

MRS. CLARA RUSSELL, Reporter.

Friendship Church, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Sept. 12.—Rev. C. E. Ridge filled his regular appointment with a good sermon after which the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was observed.

Our Sunday school is still growing after reaching the total enrollment of 200. A good offering was made for the Children's Home. Our church has reached its quota in subscriptions to the Herald.

Next Tuesday evening our Woman's Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting. Although few in number our women are faithful and persevering.

Among our young men who are going to college are Mr. Ona Virgil Byerly, who is returning to State College; Mr. Lawrence Holt, returning to High Point College; and Mr. Robert Holt, also going to High Point College. We shall miss these young men in our midst and hope they will be very successful in college.

Mr. Wade Phillips, who has been dangerously ill with typhoid fever, seems to be gradually recovering, for which we are thankful.

Friday evening, the Sunday school class of which Mrs. Ida B. Holt is teacher, had a picnic supper at Lake Side Park. Among those present were Misses Lelis Byerly, Addie Shoaf, Catherine Koonts, Lucile Hartley, Page Shoaf, Beatrice Shoaf and Mrs. Holt; also Messrs. Ardell Lanier, B. L. Koonts, Harold Kine, Robert Holt and Hoyle Lanier.

We have a cradle roll of 18, most of which attend church. We are very proud of our children and would miss them if they did not come to Sunday school.

We are hoping and expecting that our good pastor will be returned to us next Conference year.

REPORTER.

Union Grove, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, Sept. 12.—Just a few lines to tell how much we enjoyed having Dr. and Mrs. Dixon and some of our boys and girls from the Home with us on the first Sunday in May at our Home-coming; also Messrs. Rankin and Teague and one of our former pastors in afternoon, Rev. H. F. Surratt; we are always glad to have former pastors with us.

Due to measles we failed to have Children's day exercises, but took an offering. On the first Sunday in August our own Rev. J. D. Williams came to be with us in our meeting. It has always been a joy to have him come back home and to have him feed us the bread of life and he sure gave it to us during his days with us. One who attended the meeting and had never heard him before, thought him the best preacher she had ever heard. We feel that those who attended the services were blessed and eight joined the church: four on profession, one from M. E. church and three from Baptist church. We trust each one will be a blessing to the church and community.

We are planning to have Rally day. Our pastor gives us good sermons and he and his wife are much loved by our people. Our congregations are improving in attendance. Due to being in school until June and other meetings since school our pastor has not had time to get acquainted with all our members, but we trust he will have more time now. A home-going preacher who can spend some time there and learn the family, makes a church-going people. We trust our Annual Conference will let us have him back next year.

We, in Orange county, held an election September 7 for or against A. B. C. Stores and we are so thankful we are not going to have them. Chapel Hill, the seat of our state university, was the wettest precinct we had; a poor recommendation for it as a place for young men and women to go to prepare to make useful citizens.

In speaking of our meeting we failed to mention how much we appreciated and enjoyed having Mr. Tom Pender, of Mebane, with us for several services to lead the singing. We are always glad to have him with us and glad to have visitors at any of our services.

Denton Church, Geo. L. Curry, Pastor.—Although the summer months affect us in the same manner as they do our sister churches in the city, the Denton church has not been as inactive as the silence of the reporter might indicate. With the coming of cooler weather we anticipate a renewed interest in the church and its activities.

We have just closed a ten-day revival meeting in which Rev. T. J. Whitehead was the visiting speaker. He gave us splendid messages twice daily during that time, and generally endeared himself to the hearts of our people. A decision service in the Sunday school filled the altar with boys and girls, dedicating their lives to the Master. While there was not a large number of converts, we feel that we have had a successful revival, and that its results will be far-reaching.

A congregational meeting followed the close of the revival and one new member was received into the church on confession of faith. This was Noel Surratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Surratt. Routine business was disposed of and the following committee elected to nominate officers for the coming year: Rev. Geo. L. Curry, chairman, Mrs. Geo. C. Haltom, N. V. Johnson, Mrs. Coy L Kearns, and John F. Mitchell

The work of the Auxiliary has progressed nicely during the summer months. There are two circles in the Auxiliary and each of these is furnishing a school outfit for a child at the Children's Home.

A wedding of interest to members of our church occurred Thursday night when Miss Kate Sexton became the bride of Wilson Russell, in a beautiful home ceremony. Rev. Mr. Curry was the officiating minister and W. M. Sexton rendered the wedding music. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kearns, sister and brother-in-law of the bride, entertained in honor of the wedding party and the invited guests. Mrs. Russell is a popular member of the Denton church and an alumnae of High Point College. Mr. Russell is a prominent young business man of Denton.

Rev. and Mrs. Geo. L. Curry and Rev. T. J. Whitehead attended the quarterly meeting in Lexington last week.

Miss Virginia Curry has returned to the parsonage after spending the summer in Washington, D. C.

REPORTER.

Welch Memorial Church, J. D. Williams, Pastor, Sept. 12.—I have not written for foretime but our church is moving along as well as could be expected. Our special meeting is to start Sunday, September 18, 1938. Brother Charles White is our help. Pray for us that we will have a good meeting. Our Christian Endeavorers are having some wonderful meetings. Brother Luther Medlin has been with us while school was closed, but has gone to Gastonia to start his school, come again soon Brother Medlin.

All departments of our church are moving along nicely except our finances, and we are expecting after our meeting to even up our finances. Brother Williams is preaching some mighty fine sermons. Next Sunday, September 18, if you will look in the High Point Enterprise you will see the photograph of the Baraca class of Welch memorial church, The writer was the first teacher and is the present teacher. Pray for our meeting.

EUGENE SEAGRAVES, Reporter.

Friendship-Love's Grove, Earl A. Cook, Pastor, Sept. 12.—Personally, we have been too busy to write, however, we are taking the time to say a few things, so you may know we are here. We had a very good day yesterday, our appointment was at Love's Grove. We found a good congregation for both Sunday school and worship service. Several of our number was sick. Mr. John Love is improving some, but not able to get to his place in church yet. We miss him and Mrs. Love very much. Then Miss Ester Bivens, our pianist, has just returned home from the Yadkin hospital where she underwent a major operation. Ester was very sick, but is improving fast and we soon expect her back at her post of duty.

We had a very tragic accident in the Friendship community several weeks ago, when Carl, the little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Hatley, was struck by a car, and fatally wounded. He died the next day. The driver of the car was Mr. Atchley, a member of the Millingport high school faculty. It was purely an accident. Our prayers and sympathy go out to the bereaved family and friends.

The revivals at both churches have been held with wonderful success, and I will give here a brief account of them:

Friendship: Our revival began the first Sunday in August and ran throughout the week. Rev. Fred R. Love came to us on Monday night and did the preaching. He preached some inspiring messages, and many impressions have been left. There were 23 professions and reclamations, while nine united with the church. A good offering was made for Brother Love. Also an offering of $7 was given to the pastor on Saturday night of the meeting. May we thank you here for that kindness.

We were entertained in the following homes during the revival: C. R. Hatley, Wm. A. Hatley, Mrs. Margaret Eudy, Charlie A. Harkey, L. C. Burleyson, I. W. Hatley, Crowell Lowder, W. H. Howard, Mrs. T. J. Lefler, Mrs. Jonah Herlocker, J H. Snotherly, D. W. Sides, and John Mason.

Love's Grove: The revival began at Love's Grove on the second Sunday in August. Home-coming day was observed on Sunday. A large number were present and a good program was enjoyed. Dr. Fred W. Paschall came on Monday and did the preaching during the week. Brother Paschall is an outstanding evangelist and delivered some soul-stirring messages. The church was revived, and souls were saved. Twenty-four professions and reclamations were witnessed, and 12 joined the church, which make a total of 14 during the year. Others are expected to come yet.

We wish to thank the Ladies' Auxiliary for 12 gallons of gas as a gift during the revival.

We were entertained in the following homes: Henry Tarleton, Walter Little, P. S. Little, J. S. Polk, John Smith, John Efird, Hubert Love, Michael Love, J. W. Tarleton, S. R. Bivens, Doc Furr and L. C. Thomas.

At the two churches we have had 32 accessions whom we welcome among us.

A prayer meeting has been organized at Friendship, and wonderful experiences are witnessed in them. Mr. Ernest Lee Hall, Mr. Lonze P. Lowder and Mr. Oscar Hatley and Mrs. J. A. Herlocker have conducted the first four meetings. We have a good number of young converts that are taking a great interest in these meetings.

With kindest regards to the Herald and its readers, we will leave you for a while.

EARL A. COOK, Pastor.

Mill Grove, Earl A. Cook, Pastor, Sept. 12.—We are still working hard at Mill Grove trying to make a show before Conference. We have so much to do at home that we are slow on the items of the Conference. However, we have raised our Herald subscriptions, and are sending in Subsidy today.

We have a faithful little bunch of about 105 members at this little church. A thriving Sunday school. Mr. O. B. Furr is starting a campaign to raise the indebtedness on the church. It is a one-cent campaign. If your church get a letter asking you to make a penny donation to Mill Grove church, please don't ignore it, but give every one a chance to give a penny, that is all he is asking for.

Our revival was a wonderful success, and here is a brief account of it:

Mill Grove: Our revival began here on the third Sunday in August. A Home-coming day program was enjoyed on Sunday. Rev. H. W. Bell came for the service Sunday night and did the preaching throughout the week. We do not have as many members here as we have at the other churches, but have splendid congregations. Brother Bell preached with power and the messages were inspiring. Five conversions were witnessed and the entire church was revived, while 12 new members were taken into the church, several came by letter.

We were entertained in the following homes: We had our room in the splendid home of O. B. Furr, and took meals in the homes of C. W. Misenheimer, W. M. Morgan, L. W. Perry, D. F. McManus, J. N. Springer, S. N. Garmon, Miss Laura Morgan, R. O. Garmon, C. W. Whitley, R. L. Furr, L. W. McCoy, J. P. Hartsell, and P. C. Furr.

On Friday night, August 26, the close of our revival, the pastor came to his car to find that it had been loaded with groceries. After returning home late in the night we took stock and found the following: two cans of salmon, apple butter, crackers and peanut butter, Irish potatoes, post toasties and wheaties, several pounds of coffee, oat meal, grits, 12 pounds lard, syrup, prunes, lemons and tea, one-half gallon peach pickles, and to cap the whole pile there was 51 pounds of sugar.

All these things are useful, and all of us at the parsonage thank you good folks for this kind expression of your love. May God bless you and give you the things you need.

EARL A. COOK, Pastor.

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Corinth, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, Sept. 12.—Our revival meeting began at this church on the first Sunday in September. Our pastor preached for us on Sunday and Rev. E. A. Bingham, of the Saxapahaw charge, came over Monday and preached until Friday night, with the exception of Wednesday afternoon he was called home to conduct the funeral of one of his members. Rev. Mr. Bingham brought us some splendid messages and we feel that much good was accomplished at this meeting. We enjoyed having him with us and hope he will come back again. At the close of the service Friday night three joined our church.

On the third Sunday night in August Rev. Mr. Henderson preached for us. We were very glad to have him with us and hope he will come again.

Our third quarterly conference was held at the Little church on Saturday, September 10, at 3 o'clock. There was a large crowd present. The votes were counted for delegate to Annual Conference; Miss Annie Perkinson is our delegate.

We were very glad to have Mrs. Alice Glasgow and Mrs. Sallie Williams worship with us several times during the meeting and all the rest of the visitors.

Miss Hazel Inscoe, one of our members, is attending school at Smithdeal Massey Business college in Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Morris spent last Tuesday in Richmond, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Morris.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter..

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Liberty, Aubert M. Smith, Pastor, Sept. 12.—Our Sunday school gave a supper for the officers and teachers of the Sunday school in the Rotary hall Friday night, R. L. Elkins, superintendent, gave an interesting talk on the work of the past year and the coming year. Rev. Aubert Smith, pastor, was present for the occasion and led the invocation. During the supper Miss Kathrine Underwood and Mrs. J. T. Martin, formerly Miss Margaret Shepard, conducted a musical.

Mrs. C. B. Farmer was hostess to Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary Wednesday afternoon in the church parlor. Mrs. C. E. Brady, circle leader, presided at the meeting. Mrs. J. E. Cox had charge of the program and used as her subject: "Leadership Training." Mrs. B. J. Gregson and Mrs. J. N. Isley conducted the devotional. Interesting papers were read by Mrs. J. E. Cox, Mrs. C. E. Brady, Mrs. J. N. Isley, and Mrs. Wade Hardin. After the business session the hostess served refrehments.

Mrs. J. A. Clapp was hostess to Circle No. 2 on Thursday afternoon in the church parlor.

Mrs. J. A. Lyles, chairman, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Mamie Smith conducted the devotional. Mrs. R. W. Ward read a very interesting paper. The subject for discussion was "Leadership Training." The meeting adjourned to the Soda-Sandwich shop for refreshments.

Much activity has been shown in all organizations of the church.

May the Lord bless all who are laboring for the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

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First Church, Charlotte, T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—The Charlotte church has continued to be active during the summer months even though the the reporter failed to report to the Herald each week.

A call meeting of the third quarterly conference was held immediately after the church service Sunday morning. The conference voted to renew the license of Rev. Herbert Garmon and Rev. Guy Helms. Rev. Mr. Helms will return to Moody Bible school, Chicago, for the fall term, this week. Rev. Herbert Garmon has applied to our Methodist Protestant Conference for a charge. The First church, Charlotte, recommends him very highly and has written recommendations to be sent to the Conference by Rev. Mr. Strickland. We are indeed proud of these two young men and our prayers are for their continued success. At the meeting of the conference a nominating committee was elected. This committee will meet and decide the candidates for the officers of the church and Sunday school for the coming year. Members of the committee are Mrs. W. J. Lazenby, Mrs. E. B. Stone, Mr. R. S. Garmon, Mr. Herbert Garmon, and Mr. E. M. Frink.

The C. E. society held a Candle-light Installation service Sunday evening at the regular church hour. This service was very impressive as each officer in the society feels his or her responsibility and pledged their support to the upbuilding of the society for the coming year. Rev. Mr. Strickland has graciously consented to continue the Bible Chalk Talks in the Sunday evening meetings of the society until the first Sunday in November.

The Wednesday evening prayer meetings have also been very good as a Bible study course. Rev. Herbert Garmon has been conducting these services and great interest has been taken by all.

We were very fortunate in having our pastor, Rev. Mr. Strickland, and his wife, down for our meeting last Wednesday night. We were indeed proud to have them with us and trust that they may be able to come down more often together.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

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Piney Grove, Siler City Charge, A. M. Smith, Pastor, Sept. 10.—Our church work been going on very nicely since our last report. Our pastor has filled all of his regular appointments, bringing us good helpful and inspiring messages each time. Our revival meeting will start Sunday, September 18, at the regular preaching hour, 3 o'clock. There will be no morning service on account of our pastor filling his appointments at his other churches. Rev. Leo Pittard will be the pastor's help at this time. Mr. Pittard has been with us a few times for Young People's day services and we are very glad to have him come to us for revival services.

The Sunday school held its annual picnic and fish fry on Friday, August 26. The picnic was held on the church grounds.

We were very happy to have one of our former pastors and his wife spend the day with us, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Burgess. We are always happy to have those good people come back to see us.

May we have the prayers of all the Christian people that we may have a successful revival this year.

WILMA DARK, Reporter.

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Midway, Haw River Circuit, C. W. Bates, Pastor, Sept. 12.—Our pastor filled his appointment Sunday morning, giving us a splendid message, his subject being, "The Cross Through the Window." At the close of this message the Lord's Supper was administered of which a good number partook.

Our Sunday school has been very well attended this summer, for the last month we have averaged about 90. Some of our young people are leaving soon: Miss Pollie Barbee to Lexington, to teach; Miss Helen Wilson, to Stacy, to teach; Howard Apple to Atlanta, Ga., to school; John Apple, to Chapel Hill; and Mack Griffin, to Raleigh. All of these will be missed in our Sunday school and church services.

The quarterly meeting was held September 1, at Friendship church; Mrs. Sallie Turner was elected delegate to the Annual Conference.

We are hoping to close the Conference year in a successful manner. We ask the prayers of all Christian people.

MRS. G. W. APPLE, Reporter.

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Pleasant Grove, Fred R. Love, Pastor.—Pleasant Grove will observe Rally day the second Sunday in October. The young people of the church and C. E. will participate in the program.

The Kennedy-Cecil reunion was held at the church Sunday. An enjoyable occasion was reported. The usual Sunday morning services was held, and a thoughtful and helpful sermon was delivered by Rev. Love. A duet composed of Mrs. Boone, and Mrs. York was a feature.

Attendants reassembled at 2 o'clock in the church. The singing of America by the congregation was followed by a special program from the church choir. Rev. Love read the scripture and spoke the invocation.

The Sunshine Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, September 6, with Mrs. Fonzo Sink. Mrs. F. R. Love was in charge of the program.

The Ladies' Aid met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Willie Sink. The program was in charge of Mrs. Keiffer Morris.

ALICE KENNEDY, Reporter.

Seagrove Church, Seagrove-Love Joy Charge, Sept. 12.—Our revival services began Sunday night, August 28, and closed September 4. Our pastor, Rev. E. G. Cowan, was assisted in these services by Rev. C. E. Ridge. Brother Ridge did some splendid preaching. Those soul-stirring messages will ring in our ear for a long time and the results were the best meeting we have had in many years. There were a number of conversions and reclamations and the church was greatly revived The attendance was good and kept increasing each night. We appreciate so much the splendid cooperation shown us by other denominations, especially the Baptists and Christian.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely under the efficient management of Supt. S. G. Richardson.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary will meet next Friday night with Mrs. Carl King.

Some of our members have recently lost loved ones. Grandmother Williams (Mrs. Elizabeth Williams), a member of New Hope M. P. church and mother of Noah Williams, of this church, died September 7, at the home of her son, W. R. Williams, Asheboro Route 3. She was burried at Pisgah September 9. Grandmother Williams was 84 years old and frequently remarked that she had been here long enough and was ready to go. An obituary will appear later.

Mrs. Lizzie Auman, a member of Fair Grove M. P. church and mother of Clinton Auman, of our church, also mother of Rev. J. Clyde Auman, died September 10, and was buried at Fair Grove September 12.

These consecrated saints will be greatly missed but our loss is their eternal gain.

MRS. NOAH WILLIAMS, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary, North Davidson Charge, Sept. 5.—It has been several weeks since our last report, but we are not sleeping. The Auxiliary met Saturday night, September 3, in the home of Mr. and Rrs. Roy Hilton for the regular meeting. We had 18 members and two visitors present. The meeting was opened by the president. Mrs. Thomas Hilton had charge of the program. Fifty-three visits to sick were reported, 13 bunches of flowers carried to the sick. A hot supper will be given September 17 at the church. Everybody is invited to come and eat with us. We plan to hold our Thank-offering sometime in October.

After delicious refreshments served by the hostess, the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Bernie Hilton in October.

TREVA REID, Cor. Sec.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, Roxie Ann Shoe departed this life on the night of May 8, 1938; and

Whereas, Mrs. Shoe was a member of the Ladies' Aid society of Friendship church for many years, always showing her fidelity to the society by constant attendance upon all its meetings and by faithful service in every possible for her to do so. Now, therefore:

Be it resolved, that this society recognizes that it has suffered a distinct loss in our departed sister, that we shall always hold her memory in deepest reverence, that we shall endeavor to emulate the example in faithful attendance and devotion to the aid in all of its functions which she in all of its functions which she has set for us; and further:

Be it resolved, that the Ladies' Aid society hereby offers its expressions of deepest sympathy and love to every member of the family that has been bereft by Mrs. Shoe's death; and as a token of our love and esteem for our departed member, we request that these resolutions be published in the local paper, a copy sent to the Methodist Protestant Herald at Greensboro for publication, and that a copy be mailed to the bereaved family, and that they be spread upon the minutes of the society.

This July 9, 1938.

MRS. L. C. BURLEYSON, Pres.,
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WANTED!

Wanted: Two hundred and twenty-six churches in North Carolina to give a Thank-offering during this month of September or early October. We people in America ought to be grateful. Our homes are not being despoiled by militarists, our cities are not being bombed, we are able to bury our dead in decency and in order.

Yesterday I heard an address by a missionary who returned to America from China about two months ago. In her introductory remarks she told of a little boy, born in Indo-China who was on the same boat with her as she came home. He was coming to America for the first time, and was much interested in all he saw. As all passengers were showing passports at the port of entry the little boy, with his mother, was standing near the missionary as she presented hers. The boy said to his mother, "Is she getting a ticket to heaven?" This remark of the child set her to thinking—"a passport to heaven, America does seem like heaven after being in war-torn China."

As she told of Chinese homes being looted of beautiful redwood furniture and all valuables, the women and girls being snatched from the very presence of husbands and fathers and carried off to unspeakable atrocities, men being slashed and bayonetted; of bombs being dropped on houses—and as soon as the people ran out of doors, machine guns from airplanes mowing them down; of the dead in such numbers that there is no time nor ability to bury them — they are heaped in piles, saturated with oil and burned; of the hospitals, schools and churches that seem to be the special target of bombs: I say as I listened to all this and more, of the terrible devastation of a country whose Christian people are praying for their enemies, I thought "How thankful we ought to be that no enemy has invaded our peace, and how prayerful we ought to be for the Christians of China and Japan."

September is Thank-offering month, and if our pastors and people will give attention to this matter of gratitude, and we will all give as we should, our offering will go past the $1,000 goal we havt set ourselves. This offering is a credit on World Service and should be sent to Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Denton, N. C., designated Thank-offering.

Mrs. Kearns is Treasurer of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work which sponsors Thank-offerings. Even if you have no Women's Work, your church will be credited on World Service for any amount you send Mrs. Kearns as Thank-offering.

Brethren and sisters it is time for us to be liberal.

EDITOR WOMAN'S PAGE.

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DELEGATES NAMES WANTED AT ONCE

It ought not to be necessary to repeat the request I made two weeks ago in the Herald; namely, that the pastors send me the names of their delegates. Several did respond, and I was at the quarterly assembly and got a number more. But there are still some 30 pastors who have not sent in the names of their delegates.

Just about two months to Conference. I can wait until almost the last minute to finish the roll so far as calling it is concerned. But the Entertainment Committee needs the list so they can get busy locating homes. The Conference President needs the list so he can make out the Conference Committees. In view of the near approach of Union, those committees need to be named well in advance of Conference. I will supply the lists if you will send me the names. BUT I CAN'T DO UNTIL YOU DO. SO PLEASE DO.

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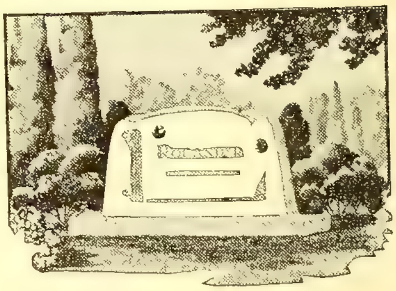

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Skeen

Rufus H. Skeen was born April 7, 1858, and departed this life September 10, 1938; age 80 years, 5 months and 3 days.

Mr. Skeen was married to Elvira Chandler on September 26, 1882. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Marshall and Whitson Skeen; ten grand children and two great-grandchildren.

The deceased professed faith in Christ at the age of 13 and united with Chandler Grove church, where he was a faithful member until 40 years ago, when he moved his membership to Lineberry where he remained a faithful member until death. He was a devoted husband, faithful father, and a good neighbor. During his last sickness he expressed his willingness to be called by the death angel to his Heavenly home, and he was ready to go.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Lineberry church, after which the body was tenderly laid to rest in the Lineberry cemetery. C. L. GRANT.

Mrs. N. A. Hill

Mrs. Augusta C. Hill was born December 18, 1869, and died August 9, 1938, being 68 years, 7 months and 21 days of age at death. She is survived by her husband, N. A. Hill, of Denton; three children, Mrs. A. R. Morris, Mrs. J. J. Cook, of Denton, and W. M. Hill, of Asheboro She also has eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a host of relatives and friends.

She professed faith in Christ and joined Mt. Ebal M. P. church when about 12 years of age. Later she moved her membership to Lineberry M. P. church where she remained a faithful member until death. She was a loyal companion, advocated mother and a faithful Christian.

The pastor, C. L. Grant, being absent, the funeral service was conducted by W. M. Rathborn, G. L. Curry and E. A. Bingham. The service was held in Lineberry church and the body placed in a vault in the church cemetery. The church would not hold the large crowd that attended the service. The floral designs were beautiful.

E. A. BINGHAM.

Kiger

Mrs. Eliza Jane Kiger, daughter of the late Monroe and Lucy Apperson Hunter, was born in Forsyth county March 25, 1882; died Wednesday morning, August 10, 1938, after an illness of approximately five months.

Mrs. Kiger was converted in early childhood and united with Pleasant Hill Methodist Protestant church. At the age of 18 years she with her family moved to the present home place, about six miles north of Winston-Salem, and united with Maple Springs church, where she remained a faithful member until death.

She was married to Eugene Frances Kiger, May 11, 1902. She is survived by her husband and the following daughters: Mrs. W. C. Wolf, of Statesville; Mrs. L. M. Miller, of Winston-Salem; Misses Myrtie and Flora Kiger, of the home place. One son died in infancy. The following sisters also survive: Mrs. J. T. Poindexter and Mrs. S. A. James, of Forsyth county; and Mrs. J. Emory Cox, of Winston-Salem, along with six grandchildren.

If we should undertake to name one trait of character which describes her life better than any other we should say LOYALTY. She was loyal to her family, her friends and her church to an unusual degree.

Next to the immediate family Maple Springs church feels most keenly the going of this "mother in Israel." Not only was she faithful in attending its services, but she was an active member of the Woman's Auxiliary and Sunday school and could always be counted on to support in every way possible the entire program of the church of her choice. R. A. HUNTER.

A Tribute of Love

The Woman's Auxiliary of Maple Springs M. P. church on August 10, 1938, lost one of its most loyal and faithful charter members in the passing of Mrs. Jane Hunter Kiger. Her faithful life will be long in our memories. In her death we have lost a true Christian; one who was always interested in all departments of the church. She was loyal to this society, in thought, if not in person, and her Christian spirit will be a helpful memory to all who knew her.

Therefore, be it resolved that we cherish her memory and strive harder to help fill the vacancy left by her here, and live that we may meet her again.

Be it further resolved that we extend to the bereaved ones our sympathy; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Methodist Protestant Herald and a copy be spread on the minutes of our Auxiliary.

MRS. C. A. LONG.
MRS. IRA W. BAITY,
MRS. W. V. BAUCUM.
Committee for Woman's Aux.,
Maple Springs Church.

NOTICE

The Chapel Hill revival will begin on Thursday night, August 15. There will be all-day services Sunday. Dr. G. I. Humphreys, president of High Point College, will be the 11 o'clock speaker. In the afternoon there will be a singing program by several groups. All singers are invited to attend this program. At 7:30 W. L. Harkey, the pulpit help, will be the speaker. Every one is invited to attend these services.

C. L. GRANT.

REVIVAL AT PINEY GROVE

Beginning at 3 o'clock next Sunday afternoon in the Piney Grove church of the Siler City charge, a week of revival services. These services will continue each evening of the week, starting at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. J. Leo Pittard, pastor of the Moriah Methodist Protestant church, will do the preaching.

MARRIED

Thompson-Latta

A lovely summer wedding was solemnized on Friday evening, August 26, at 6 o'clock in the Efland Methodist Protestant church when Miss Georgia Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Dudley Thompson, of Efland, became the bride of Milton Arrowood Latta, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Latta, of Hillsboro. The last faint rays of the late afternoon sun cast a soft glow through the stained glass windows to make more beautiful the setting of palms and ferns which were interspersed with floor baskets of white hydrangeas and dahlias. Candles burned in two seven-branch candelebra during the ceremony.

A program of impressive wedding music preceded the ceremony. Miss Margaret Efland, pianist, wearing yellow marquisette, played Schubert's Serenade as a prelude, which was followed by "At Dawning" and "Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life," sung by Miss Evelyn Nicholson, of Mebane, wearing powder blue taffeta. Mr. J. Marvin Lindley, of Snow Camp, N. C., then sang "The Rosary" and "I Love You Truly."

The bride and groom entered unattended as the first notes of Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus were heard. As Rev. Clarence P. Morris, pastor of the bride read the marriage vows, using the ring ceremony. Miss Efland played "The Indian Love Call," very softly, and used Mendelssohn's wedding march as the recessional.

The bride, a striking brunette, was lovely in her robes of white organza worn over white satin. Her floor-length gown was fashioned with bishop sleeves, the high neckline and shirred bodice were outlined with tiny satin buttons. Her fringe-tip veil fell from a bandeau pointed over the forehead and wreathed in lilies of the valley. She carried a white satin prayer book with a lily of the valley cascade.

Baxter Latta, brother of the groom and Taylor Bivins, of Hillsboro, were ushers for the occasion.

Mrs. Latta is a native of Efland. After her graduation from Efland High school she attended Burlington business college. For several years she has been connected with the Life Insurance Company of Virginia in Burlington.

Mr. Latta attended Hillsboro high school and Danville Military Institute in Danville, Va. He is a promising young farmer of Hillsboro.

Immediately after the service the bridal couple left for a wedding trip to an unannounced destination. For travel the bride wore a sports costume of wine with accessories of British tan. Her corsage was a single white orchid.

Upon their return they will be at home near Hillsboro.

Wilson-Edwards

On Saturday afternoon, August 27, Miss Virginia Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Wilson, of Mebane, became the bride of George Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Edwards, of Efland. Rev. C. P. Morris officiated. Only a few intimate friends of the young couple were present for the ceremony.

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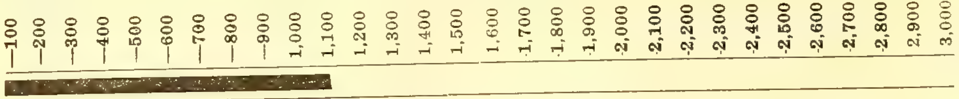

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Why Not wake up? We are glad to see that Why Not is waking up and a few efforts like the one of last week would put Why Not out on quota, but Why Not every charge? I know it is bewildering almost, at times, as we think of the calls that come. Right here on my own work we are working now to meet a $2,000 payment on our church debt, but what are we living for if not to meet the emergencies of life and come out conquerors, yea, more than conquerors, when we ovecome for Christ's sake. I suppose that if the same energy was spent on some charges for the church paper that is spent in discussing either keeping, or getting rid of the present pastor, there is no telling how much could be done. Why not try to help the charge by working for its interests that are abiding.

We thank you Brother Graves, for sending in this good batch of names and cash. Keep up the good work till you are on the front line with your subscriptions as you are with subsidy.

Let's see if we cannot add, not one, as last week, but several on the subscription quota in the next few weeks. And we only have eight weeks to do that!

Four payments on subsidy this week, that helps. Davidson charge, Reidsville, that Young People's class at Tabernacle, that never forgets, and from Treasurer Auman, all of which goes to show that there are still some who recognize the importance of this part of the work.

Brother Layman: Look up your charge on the back page of the Herald, and see if it has met its obligation on subsidy, and if not, help your pastor to get this. I am sure you will. ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT FROM SEVERAL, and the job is done. Thank you.

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The Responsibility of the Local Church To the Denominational Program

When visiting the churches in the North Carolina Conference we have been almost constantly aware of the lack of cooperation between the local organizations and the denomination. This evident lack of interest in what the General Church was doing is really appalling. The loose connection of the local Church to the General Church; the ignorance of what the General Church wants to do seems strange after so long a time. In fact, I have feared I sensed a smouldering opposition to any General Church project. For when the members were urged to contribute to missions, to education, and the other well-known benevolences of the denomination, the response was so devoid of a real appreciation of these interests that it was difficult to explain simply on the ground of their lack of knowledge.

In churches of this type what is done for the claims has to be done largely through the initiative and labors of the pastor. Too frequently it happens that there is not a person in the congregation who is willing to assume leadership in such activities. And it is rather unusual for a pastor to remain faithful under such killing indifference very long; he is almost a hero if he keeps up the effort against such tremendous odds.

The Church member must decide between being local in his sympathies and in his participations in the Church programs, and in being world wide in his sympathies, prayers and contributions. He will hardly remain half and half very long. But a Church which is willing to confine its activities to itself, and which fails to respond to the call of the struggling men in "Macedonia," far outside its own area, need not feel agrieved when it is classified as a self-centered organization; selfish in its outlook and unChristian in its labors. The great commission, the one command our Lord gave His disciples which stands out above all others, is, "Go ye therefore into all the world and make disciples of all nations."

Had the Apostles and their followers accepted this challenge with the same spirit many of the leaders in the modern Church accept it, Christianity would never have gotten outside of Palestine. And we in America, today, would be hottentots, Mohammedans, or some other more benighted peoples instead of what we are. No Church ever goes down until its members give up. But whenever the leaders sit down and refuse to arise and gird themselves for the task, there is no hope for the organization because the spirit has decayed. We have seen many local Churches decay and some of them die, but we are unable now to recall a single one which died or even declined that was actively engaged in missionary work and whose leaders went out seeking the unsaved in the community. This kind does not die; even Hitler could not destroy it.

But when a Church fails to keep the revival fires aglow, when its leaders become more interested in economic or social activities or in local politics than in religion, no one should be surprised to hear of the death and dismemberment of such a body. For there is really no vital reason for it to continue. Its place may easily be taken by the civic and fraternal organizations in the community. The local Church is a member of the body of Christianity, like a branch, a member of the vine. The branch which fails to bear fruit is cut off. So, beloved, cooperate, participate, have a share; do your part in Kingdom service and thereby keep your local organization alive. For what can the vine do in fruit bearing when the branches die?

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Obituary Committee for Rev. R. S. Troxler

Having obtained the wishes of the family, I am appointing Drs. R. M. Andrews, N. G. Bethea and J. D. Williams as the ministerial part of the obituary committee for Rev. R. S. Troxler.

Uniting Conference Goes to Kansas City

Last week I was with a committee in Kansas City, Mo., looking over the facilities of that city for taking care of the Uniting Conference which meets April 26 of next year. The committee moved on to Cincinnati where on Saturday the full commission was in session. When the matter finally came to a vote late Saturday afternoon between Baltimore and Kansas City it was found that Kansas City won. This will come as somewhat of a disappointment to a great many Methodist Protestants who had planned to go to Baltimore if it had been held there, however, the majority of the committee felt that a mid-western city should be selected because of its central location. As Methodist Protestants long since learned to accept the verdict of the majority, all of them on the committee voted to make the vote unanimous.

No Church Visited Last Sunday

On account of being with the committee in Cincinnati last Saturday it was impossible for me to visit any of our churches Sunday. So there is not anything to write about along that line this week, however, every Sunday is taken between now and the meeting of the Annual Conference, so it is expected that there will be something to be said for the next several weeks.

Fourth Quarterly Conferences

It will be only a few more weeks until the fourth quarterly conferences will be held, especially those on circuits. This is always a very important meeting and it should not be taken lightly. Reports should be made by all officials. These should be written so that they may be filed for future reference These meetings should also be attended by the officials. It has been a custom to instruct delegates as to the pastoral supply for the next year. While there is nothing in the discipline to authorize this, yet it is a custom and I have no disposition to change it now. But the thing I am insisting on is that both pastors and Church officials be frank with each other. If the pastor has definitely made up his mind to move I think he had just as well let it be known. If the Church has decided not to ask for the return of the pastor I think it should gently break the news to him so that he may know what course to pursue. Already I have some engagements to hold quarterly conferences and I shall be glad to hold just as many as possible.

Not Able to Visit All the Churches

I am very sorry that I have not been able to visit every Church on every Charge this year but this has been impossible. There are 224 Churches and these are grouped into 90 charges and there are a little less than 52 Sundays available for this visitation. But I have done the best I could and from now until Conference I expect to visit, in most cases, from two to three charges each Sunday.

More Pastors' Reports

Not being in close touch with the printers of the Herald I do not know whether all of the reports which I have been sending in for the past several weeks have been printed or not but I do have two that came in late which I am sending this week. If there are others on hand the printers will run them. Next week I expect to give some figures concerning the total number of conversions and accessions as gathered from these reports.

Moriah, Rev. J. Leo Pittard, pastor—One conversion, two accessions, salary paid to date, $25 raised on A. C. Budget, $40 raised for College, $5 raised on World Service. Church property has been improved and the cemetery has been beautified.

Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, Rev. J. D. Morris, pastor—Twenty conversions, nineteen accessions with one more meeting to be held, salary not paid to date, $25 raised on A. C. Budget, $15 raised for College, $5 raised on World Service.

Appointments

Sunday, Sept. 25—11 a. m., Community Church, Thomasville.

Sunday, Sept. 25—7:30 p. m., Denton.

Sunday, Oct. 2—11 a. m., Roberta; 7:30 p. m., China Grove in dedicatory services.

Sunday, Oct. 9—11 a. m., Midway; 7:30 Union Ridge on the Forsyth charge.

J. E. Pritchard.

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A Message From the Bible

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

"Trust not tomorrow's dawn to bring
The dreamed-of joy for which you wait;
You have enough of pleasant things
To house your soul in goodly state;
Tomorrow Time's relentless stream
May bear what now you have away;
Take what God gives, O heart of mine, and build
Your house of happiness today."

The preacher must live with his people if he is to know their problems, and he must live with God if he is to solve them.—*Joseph F. Newton.*

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Congratulations to the pastor and membership of West End Church, Greensboro. They have just cut their debt in half during the present pastorate. Reducing from $12,000 to $6,000. Quite an achievement. We remember the first effort towards the organization of this Church; the Editor, then pastor of Grace Church, constituted an organization of three of his members, Brothers C. F. Johnson, L. M. Foust and J. K. Osborne, as trustees to hold the property and a Church lot was purchased. That lot was not used, but this was the first effort towards the establishment of West End Church. The Editor appreciates being remembered by the congregation in distributing "The Book of Good Cheer," last Sunday. We hope to have time very soon to absorb some of that spirit. Many thanks.

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Why Sing?

Singing is an important part in a worship service. But it varies according to what is sung and as to how it is sung. I know of no human medium which so fully communicates the Spirit of the Lord in a public worship as a really spiritual hymn or song properly sung. Its two channels, the words and music, bring the Spirit at high tide into our souls and fill us with the desire to do the will of the Lord. We have seen congregations made up of several thousands moved by a single voice into ecstasy as it lifted words of love, of faith, of hope in a lovely melody to their souls.

It is rather difficult to have a worship service without songs. And it is even more difficult to have a service with some of the songs we have to endure as they are sung in some churches. It is surprising that Christian people are willing to endure the punishment meted out to them by this sort of jazz music heard in our churches from time to time. An examination of this type of songs often reveals the fact that the words have no depth of spiritual meaning at all, and that the music is of the poorest sort. And to go to church to worship and have to sit through this riproaring ranging crescendo-fortissimo stuff is enough to wean one's desire for worship where these songs are sung.

Why sing? We should sing with the spirit and the understanding that we may glorify God our Creator and lift our own souls up towards the place of His lofty throne. We should sing so that our souls might join together in the mighty purposes of the Lord. We should sing so that our thought might be cleansed and our purposes centered upon those things worthy of our best. We should sing so that we would unite our spirits with the spirits of the saints who have won the crown of eternal life. So let us sing.

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Completing the Fellowship Crusade

We shall want for our report to the coming Conference the results obtained by the pastors and their churches on all three objectives of the Crusade. This was a definite work set up by the Conference and we hope to make as complete a report as possible. We want to give every one credit for all that was done. But in order that we do this we must have the information requested in our letter as of several weeks ago. We have endeavored to assist personally all who have called upon us for help. In a few cases there were conflicts and we had the assistance of several of our pastors and some of our laymen. As it was the thought of the committee in its last meeting to try to get immediate results during the month of September, we hope that we can yet do much for the causes represented in this great movement.

And we certainly hope all money pledged to the Crusade will be collected as rapidly as possible and sent directly to Mr. J. H. Allen, Reidsville; of course I can send it to him, but there is no need that it go through my hands at all.

R. M. Andrews, *Director.*

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The Low in the High

While we American people have boasted much of the possibility of the humblest citizen among us rising to the pinnacle of fame and position—and it is true—yet it carries with it the possibility of the unworthy, incompetent rising to such positions of influence and power as an official that our freedom becomes to us a curse instead of a blessing. And you have doubtless heard that in Europe it was quite different; the ladder by which one rose to the place of rulership was well-guarded there. But we have to reconsider and admit that Russia, Germany and Italy stand as three denials of our claim. Really there is no way to prevent the unworthy, the unfit for positions of high trust and responsibility from reaching them except the will of the people. Let it be in a democracy or in a Totalitarian state. The dictators rule only so long as the people let them rule. Hence the great importance of giving greater consideration to the low and the lowly; to the ignorant and the educated, to the good and the bad. But above all, the Church, if it is to save itself, must let its concern for the welfare of the race express itself more outwardly and constantly. If the Church has nothing better to offer; if its leaders are selfish seekers after honor, riches and pleasures more than after God, then the lowest may take the place highest in our midst. It happens in a revolution. And no country is absolutely safe from such a turmoil. Only the grace of God can save a nation from destruction.

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Answer to Brother Alexander

Brother S. A. Alexander asked the Editor to say what he thought was the meaning of the 27th verse of I Sam., 15th chapter, "And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent." The question is, who is the "he" in the verse? Is it Saul or Samuel? We think it refers to Saul. And if we supply the name it would read like this, And as Samuel turned about to go away, Saul laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. As we see it Saul was not yet ready to end the conference and in his attempt to detain Samuel, he tore his mantle. Then said Samuel, "The Lord has rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day."

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What Is Efficiency?

It is doing things, not wishing you could do them, or dreaming about them or wondering if you can do them.

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It is self-mastery, concentration, vision and common sense. It is the sum total of all that is in man.

DR. FRANK CRANE.

WE MUST MAKE UP OUR MINDS

Jesus Christ rose in the hearts and lives of a handful of fishermen and they went out and revolutionized the world. And if only we would allow him to rise in us today we could do the same to the utter confusion of dictators and others who seek to usurp the place of God.

The rise of Communism and Fascism is due largely to the complacency of those of us who call ourselves Christians. The world today is surrendering its liberties to small men who have seized circumstances and exploited them to their own advantage whilst announcing that they are lovers of liberty and peace.

What an amazing thing this is, the surrendering by the people of their rights and the delirious acceptance of the dictator. Who would have believed it to be possible twenty years ago when the civilized nations bled themselves to make the world safe for democracy?

After centuries of religious struggle for liberty and the rights of democracy we see people throwing them away, even gleefully. We have lived to hear dictators actually hold up to scorn the rights of the common people. We are back in an age of cruelty when might is right and the damned Jew is an animal to be hunted and persecuted. And this, in the year of our Lord, 1938!

The followers of Christ, the Prince of Peace and liberty, have gone quietly to sleep. We are resting. We are too tired to organize again for the defense of our hard-won liberty. Somehow, we have lost our radiance and our zeal — and for the plain and simple reason that we have cut our communications with our base; we have cast loose from our moorings and are adrift.

Drift—that is the watchword of us ordinary followers of the Master in these days; and the dictators and the demagogues—always keen opportunists—have seen their chance and jumped in. And assuredly they will find a footing in this land of the free if this Christian drift is allowed to continue. America is ripe for a pagan Know-All who shall come in and take away our freedom whilst we Christians, the only real keepers of freedom, are comfortably sleeping. For believe it or not, the militant Church of Jesus Christ is the only force that can smash the dictators. The blind-bat dictator of Germany will find that out before he has finished with Martin Niemoller. The only force that can overcome Totalitarianism, in one form or another, is the mighty evangel of Jesus, working through men and women pre-occupied with Christ.

America cannot retain her freedom if America's Church remains weak. Unless Christ is allowed to rise in America she cannot but go the way of those desperate nations which, in their hopeless confusion, surrender their freedom and their very life into the hands of bullies and political racketeers. It is Christ or chaos in these desperate days; and whilst we still have some measure of freedom in our land we can make our choice. The days for complacent, irresponsible, drifting, inactive Church members are gone. We must make up our minds once and for all about Christ and His Church—and if we do not hurry, our minds will be made up for us by someone other than Christ.—*Reynold B. Boden in "Advance."*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Ignorance About the Bible

Concerning the Bible, there is a vast ignorance. Students pore over Milton and Shakespeare never to meet them again, yet they neglect the greatest Book of all and meet it almost every day. We pass a laborious examination on Tennyson and bid him a long farewell, but we make no study of the Bible, the message from whose pages is read to us every Sunday.

And so there comes to be a natural and dark misunderstanding about the Scriptures. This ignorance has its humorous as well as its serious side, and many funny stories are told to illustrate the case. Here are a few examples.

A certain man was telling of his Biblical understanding. His friend insisted that he did *not* know much about the Bible. In fact, he said, "I'll give you $5 to say the Lord's prayer." The first man started in, "Now I lay me down to sleep . . ." As he wound up the little prayer his challenging friend said, "Here is your five; I had no idea you could do it."

Another individual said that all he knew about Abraham Lincoln was what he read in the Bible, and that was not much.

Then there was the boaster who declared that the epistles were the wives of the apostles.

A certain student (not at High Point College, however) gave this historical information about the patriarchs: "Abraham was the father of Lot and had ten wives. One was called Hismale, and the other Hagar. He kept one at home and the other he sent into the desert where she became a pillow of salt in the daytime and a pillow of fire by night."

Some one said that the Tower of Babel was a place where Solomon kept his wives.

This one makes me think of another story about Solomon. A certain person declared that Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines.

Then there was the fellow who wrote this: "Esau was a man who wrote fables and sold his copyright for a mess of potash."

Another lad, on being asked who was sorry when the Prodigal Son returned, said, "The fatted calf."

This illuminating answer was given about a character in the New Testament: "Lazarus used to eat the food out of the rich man's stable."

A certain individual, on being asked in what order do the Prophets come, replied, "One after another."

I have before me now this little bit of information about Job — not written by any of my students: "Job had one trouble after another. He lost all his cattle and all his children, and then he had to go and live alone with his wife in the desert."

A very religious young lady had just married. Her friends in the office where she worked decided to send greetings. So they thought a verse of Scripture would be nice. Consequently they instructed the telegraph operator to wire her First John four-eighteen, which speaks of living in love and "perfect love casteth out fear." But the operator, knowing little about the Bible, turned to the Gospel of John and wired the young bride John four-eighteen, which reads, "For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband."

DAVID: TRIUMPHANT FAITH

International Sunday School Lesson for September 25, 1938

By Rev. O. L. Easter

Lesson Text—Psalm 23 and 27.

Golden Text—"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."—Psalm 23:1.

In our last two lessons we have been touching on the great life of David in our studies in the lives of his contemporaries, Saul and Jonathan. To know a man's associates is to a great extent to know his own life. In his contact with King Saul Young David met with treachery, hatred, jealousy and danger. After his victory over Goliath there on the plains and he had felt the triumphant support of the great God, Jehovah, David in Saul met with the opposing forces of principalities and powers and wickedness in high places that every God-used life will always encounter. Then in that noble friendship that he found with Jonathan David encountered also those saving virtues in human nature that redeem it from the shame and failure of a Saul.

Someone has said in response to this presence of a Jonathan with a Saul that "man is both the glory and the shame of the universe." Truly, upon the hearts and lives of mankind is written the story of heaven and hell—God and sin. If a heart is found, like David's, to be tuned after God's own heart then out of that heart will be heard the very harmonies of heaven. It was Jesus of Nazarus who came to reveal God in His fulness, who said that the greatest expression and the truest sample of the realm of God was to be found in the sterling virtues and humble attitude of a little child.

"For of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

As we study the noble life of David from the simplicity of shepherding his father's sheep to the complicity of shepherding the flocks of the House of Israel we are thrilling to the glory of the universe — a righteous man in tune with the Almighty. Yes, we call up before us just here his great sin, but even in his deep sin David showed himself in touch with God. His broken and contrite spirit enabled the mighty powers of God's salvation through mercy to go into action and to restore that soul. Indeed, it is the shame of the universe when a human heart lets sin lead it into the valley of death, but when that heart lets arise its feeble voice of repentance to the great Shepherd who leaves the ninety and nine for the one lost sheep and thus lets his soul be restored—then that life is still showing forth the glory of the universe. If only Saul who in his youth had shown himself humble and noble should have in his sin and pride as king let God restore his soul.

Thus in David we see not a perfect man but one who had a triumphant faith in God. Great it was for David to be able to sing of the Lord that "he preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." Thus to feel that Jehovah would provide strength and comfort in his fight with the Goliaths of his life. But greater still is his triumph realized when he comes to the knowledge that God can and will restore his soul after he has succumbed to the presence of his enemies. Only a faith that embraces a God of salvation and forgiveness can be a triumphant faith for mankind.

"For all we like sheep have gone astray."

It is not surprising then that out of David's full cup which ran over with the goodness and mercy of God there came forth many psalms of triumph and praise. A triumphant religion is always a singing religion—Christianity is a religion with a song. In a world that offers so much of darkness and fear, yea even the valley of death, a heart is bursting with a song of relief when through that darkness it feels the rod and staff of God. And so we hear the "sweet singer of Israel" singing his songs of faith and courage.

> "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever;
> With my mouth will I make known
> Thy faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 89:1.
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> "The Lord is my light and my salvation;
> Whom shall I fear?" Psalm 27:1.

"For a day in thy court is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Psalm 84:10.

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COMMITTEE MEETS

The Committee on Membership and Temporal Economy met in Memphis, Tenn., September 6 and 7. This committee was appointed by the joint commission on Methodist Union in the meeting held in Evanston, Ill., June 30-July 1. The committee is composed of six representatives from the two larger bodies of Methodism, and three from our group. All members were present except Honorable Nate S. Williamson, of our Church, and Dr. George W. Henson, of the M. E. Church. Each Church is represented on the committee by a chairman. Dr. L. B. Smith serves in this capacity from our Church, Bishop Frederick D. Leete from the M. E. Church, and Bishop Frank Smith from the Southern Church. They preside over the meetings in turn. Full programs, with three sessions a day, characterized the Memphis meeting. Substantial progress was made in the work committed to the committee. Probably the most important matter to be worked out by this committee is that of formulating a plan by which the benevolences of the Church are to be raised and distributed. The plan is not ready for publication, but this phase of it seems to be assured, viz., the principle of voluntary acceptance on the part of charges, of the amount of the askings of the Church that they will accept. That is to say, when a budget is presented to the charge from the Annual Conference, the charge will decide whether it can accept it all, and if not, what part it can accept. The amount accepted will constitute the budget for the charge. It is the same practice that we now have in vogue in our North Carolina Conference.

Other matters involved in the Union and assigned to this committee, include stewards, pastoral support, lay-activities, trustees of Church property of all sorts, and Church membership. The committee has a major task, but the work was well begun in Memphis, and will be completed in a second meeting to be held in Nashville, Tenn., November 24, Thanksgiving Day.

Seven other like committees are working on definite phases involved in the plan of Union which will make these three Churches organically one. It is easy to see that this is a matter of no small moment. Many questions arise that must be answered; many intricacies are involved, legal questions must be settled, and the forms and practices of the three Churches over long periods of years must be taken into account. But the work goes forward in a surprisingly rapid and harmonious manner. All of these eight committees will be ready with their completed reports for the meeting of the full commission in Jackson, Miss., on the 24th of next January.

When the work is completed a perfect Church will not have been set up. That is not to be expected, of course. And every individual will not have incorporated in the new Church all of his ideas as to what the Church should be. But it is my opinion that we will have a Church organically constructed for the highest measure of efficiency, and yet for the maximum of simplicity in its operations. From the highest position in the Church down to the individual member in the local Church, and from the individual member in the local Church up to the highest position in the Church there will be a bond of union that will make the new Church one great organic whole. And the step with which this new Church will move out to its world-tasks will be so regular and so steady and so certain that eight million Methodists will strike a new spiritual stride as they march in solid front to make righteousness real in the earth.

S. W. Taylor.

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IT AIN'T RIGHT, BRETHREN

What ain't? Why, keeping us waiting for the names of the delegates. Up to this writing I have received just sixty names. I should have eighty-nine. Where are those twenty-nine? While we wait for them we are held up. I can't make out the Conference roll; Brother Pritchard can't make out the Conference committees; the Entertainment Committee can't assign homes.

Now I know none of the brethren would deliberately delay our work. They have just been negligent. But won't you please stop being that way, and send in that card? Just this much, and no more:

Name of Delegate......................

Address of Delegate ....

Pastor ....

Charge ....

Thanks,

C. W. Bates, *Secretary*,
Brown Summit, N. C.

OUR STORY PAGE

A COLLIE SAVES TWO LIVES

William Workman's father gave him a collie dog. William had seen John Campbell's dog swim into the creek and bring out sticks for hours at a time, but the dog would not bring out anything else. William told John that he would not permit his collie to swim into the water and fetch out anything except something useful. John laughed at him.

Day after day William took old "Lige," his dog, to the creek. He carried with him a cap, a woolen hat, a derby, a straw hat, and two dolls, one dressed as a girl, the other wore trousers. One by one William tossed all of these things into the middle of the creek until old Lige became expert in swimming in and catching them in his mouth, and then he would hurry out to the bank as quickly as possible. Sometimes old Lige would dive and get them as they sank.

Two years after William Workman had trained his collie to do this kind of work, he was out on the river with his father fishing on the Fourth of July. As usual, there were hundreds of other people on the river, some fishing, some boating and some swimming.

Just before noon they were startled at the cry of a small boy and girl, and, on running up the bank, they saw the two children being carried down the stream. The father had no boat and he himself was such a poor swimmer that it was dangerous for him to jump into the water. Calling quickly to old Lige, William Workman threw a clod of dirt that struck the water by the side of the little boy who was all but drowned. Instantly the dog was in the water, and in less than ten minutes he had both of the children safely out on the bank.

The father of the two children hugged and kissed old Lige as he would have had the dog been a man. In a few minutes a very large crowd gathered about to learn what the faithful collie dog had done, and they all praised William Workman for his wisdom in training his dog to swim in the water and carry out something useful.—*Our Dumb Animals.*

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JANE ADDAMS' BURGLARS

A recent magazine tells the story of two occasions on which burglars broke into the home of Jane Addams, that great-hearted social worker. The first time, Miss Addams had her small nephew asleep in the next room. When she waked up and saw the burglar, her only thought was that the child should not be frightened.

"Don't make any noise," she said quietly to the man.

He was so startled that he jumped for the window. Then her thought shifted to him.

"You'll be hurt if you go that way," she warned him, still quietly. "Go down by the stairs and let yourself out," and the burglar meekly obeyed.

The second time a housebreaker tried it, Miss Addams asked him pleasantly, why he was doing such a dangerous thing. He answered her frankly that he was out of employment and desperate enough to try anything. She told him to go away and come the next morning and she thought she could get him a job. He took her at her word, came next day, and she found employment for him.

One interesting thing about these two incidents is that Jane Addams, following her own rules of life, never thought of herself at all, and so had no time for fear. She was accustomed to helping all sorts of people and looking after everybody, and she made no exception for burglars. Another interesting thing was that even a burglar could see this fact, and behave accordingly. Such sincerity and kindness as hers were convincing, even to a criminal.

Most of us go through life without meeting burglars in the dead of night. We need not practice behavior for such improbable occasions. But it is worth while to consider how valuable such an attitude as that of Jane Addams is in other events of life. To meet each stranger with sincerity and kindness—what an asset in successful living that would be. To think of other people always and of ourselves not at all—is there any better rule for working out a crisis?

Miss Addams was noted for her brilliancy of mind. But she was far more noted for her warm and steadfast heart. She put both into the service of others all her life. A great many persons besides burglars were impressed by her in a remarkable degree. These two incidents help to explain why.—*Mildred Elliott, in Girl's World.*

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Constantly reaching out for something just beyond your grasp tends to bring discontent rather than happiness. It is destructive to your tranquility of mind to envy others what you have not, to want too many of the things you see around you, and to dwell overmuch upon your own desires.

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Form good habits. Cultivate laughter and good cheer. Be tolerant of other people's opinions. Constantly apply the Golden Rule. Have a daily playtime. Breathe deeply. Be systematic and orderly in the details of your work. Avoid the desire to set other people right and to reform the whole world.

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Aim to influence other lives for good by the force of your example. Have a definite daily program. Form good habits and let them work for you automatically.

—*Grenville Kleiser.*

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What We Admire in Our Pastor

Having served as a pastor and having also served in other capacities, I have frequently heard people say what they disliked so much in their pastors. We are here suggesting that you sit down and make a list of the things *you like in your pastor.* You like the way he speaks, his manner towards others, his consideration of others, his concern for the unsaved, his willingness to cooperate in community projects, his faithfulness to all the claims of the Church. You like his sincerity, his frankness, his outspoken opposition to evil, etc.

It would do you lots of good and we believe increase your esteem of your pastor as a leader if you would sit down at once and study him carefully to find all the excellent points of his life and conduct. And in doing this make no record of those things which you dislike. Let them be for the time being ignored. Emphasize the good.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, Editor
909 West College Drive
High Point, N. C.

DATE CHANGED!

Quarterly Meeting N. C. Women's Work to Be October 7

Due to the fact that Rev. and Mrs. Paul Warner, missionaries to Japan, now on furlough, can appear on our program on October 7, we have changed to that date instead of October, 5 as they found it impossible to reach us for the earlier date.

Please let's make this a record-breaking attendance. Bring lunch, except salad and drink.

The meeting begins at 10:30 o'clock a. m., M. P. church, Concord, N. C.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS, Pres.,
MRS. J. T. BOWMAN, Cor. Sec.

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MINNIS FUND

Previously reported	$270.65
Shiloh, Shiloh	10.00
Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant	10.00
Concord, Saxapahaw	7.00
Gillberg, Vance	2.00
Fountain Place	5.00
Flat Rock, Vance	3.00
Mrs. Maggie White	1.00
Miss Mary White	2.00
Moriah	5.00
Mt. Lebanon	5.00
Haw River Circuit, sent by Mrs. Bates	2.00
Brown Summit C. E. Soc., sent by Mrs. Bates	.50
Mrs. Kernodle, Reidsville	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. Geo. R. Brown, Reidsville	5.00
Union Grove, Orange	2.00
Friendship, Shiloh	3.00
Rev. Homer Casto	6.00
Kistler's Union	5.00
Julian	5.00
Weaverville	5.00
Pleasant Grove Auxiliary	5.00
Pleasant Grove Ladies' Aid	5.00
Gibsonville	5.00
Hickory Ridge	2.50
Henderson	10.00
Total amount collected to date	$386.65

MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treas.,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARIES

In the August-September issue of The Missionary Record, there are suggestions given for the using of the children and young people's study books on India. If you have not already secured copies of these books, please do so at once and begin using them in correlation with the suggestions in the Record. In the "How to Use," which comes with the study books, there are many fine and helpful suggestions for using these books with your groups.

It makes a splendid program for the children, supplying the worship, study, and handwork periods and is interesting and stimulating to the children. Many requests have I had saying "We have no material for interesting programs." Believe me, Young People's Secretaries, we do have plenty of material for interesting programs in these study books, and the Missionary Record. On the back of the poster sent you sometime ago, there is a list of these study books. Order yours immediately and begin the study with the children!

I want to share a personal experience with you. At one of the meetings of the Children's circle, we decided each of us would put aside a penny a day until our next meeting for the children of India to be used through the Minnis fund. I have never seen a better response on the part of any group. On the day of our meeting, we had a worship service with many of the children taking part—"Other Countries Share With Us—Let us share our greatest gift, Jesus Christ, with them." Toward the close of the worship period, the children came by the table and very reverently and joyfully put their offering into the World Bank for the taking of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the boys and girls of India. It was a lovely service and the deep impression it made upon me has remained.

I write this with the hope of giving you a suggestion for your own groups of children. Where you do not have separate missionary groups, carry on the work through the Sunday church school classes. It is the most excellent opportunity!

Can I help you? If so, please write me at Route 4, Greensboro, N. C.

MRS. EUGENE A. LAMB, Secretary,
Young People's Work.

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THIRTEENTH DISTRICT MISSION STUDY

The Thirteenth District will hold a Mission Study day at Pleasant Hill church, West Forsyth, Thursday, September 29 at 10:30 a. m.

Devotionals will be conducted by Milna Long. A review of "Moving Millions" will be given by Mrs. Edgar Waller, of the hostess church. "City Shadows" will be reviewed by Mrs. Ralph Merritt, of Hickory Ridge church.

Mrs. T. L. Speas will have charge of the memorial service.

There will be a discussion of Auxiliary problems in which we invite the pastors to participate. Other items on program not listed here.

We are anxious that every church in the district have a good attendance. Please make it a point to be there and let's have a profitable and pleasant day together.

Picnic dinner will be served on the grounds.

ANNA COX,
District Chairman.

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A Scottish cleric owned a farm, which was as economically as possible. One day, taking a stroll, he saw his ploughman sitting idle on the handle of his plough, while the horses took a needed rest. He was paying the man sixpence an hour and so he gently, but reproachfully said: "John, wouldn't it be a good plan for you to have a pair of shears and be trimming these bushes along the fence while the horses are resting?"

John returned the minister's gaze and answered: "And might I suggest that you take a bowl of potatoes into the pulpit and peel 'em during the anthem?"—Exchange.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Miss Pearl Pentecost, Guilford charge	$1.00
Sent by Pastor Trogdon.	
Mrs. W. T. Payne, Saxapahaw	1.00
Sent by Pastor Bingham.	
A. S. Hunter, W. Forsyth charge, Pleasant Hill church	1.00
W. B. Speas, W. Forsyth, Pleasant Hill	1.00
Miss Nora Jones, Guilford charge	.50
Miss Hazel Hendrix, Kernersville	1.00
Sent by Pastor Way.	
T. E. Stafford, Mt. Pleasant charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Braxton.	
J. R. Beasley, Pleasant Grove church	2.00
Paul Kennedy, Pleasant Grove church	2.00
Wallace Kennedy, Pleasant Grove	2.00
Rev. F. R. Love, Pleasant Grove	2.00
G. L. Hilton, Pleasant Grove	1.00
J. E. Veach, Pleasant Grove	1.00
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Sent by Miss Alice Kennedy.	
J. Thomas Pritchard, Haw River charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Bates.	
D. A. Pender, Mebane	.50
T. O. Pender, Mebane	.50
Sent by Mrs. D. A. Pender.	
Miss Sallie Taylor, Asheboro	2.00
Sent by Dr. Taylor.	
W. P. Wall, Denton	1.00
Sent by Pastor Curry.	
Rev. Hermon Yokely, Connelly Springs, Club subscriptions	2.00
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Mrs. C. C. McNeil, Asheville	1.00
N. C. Koonts, First church, Lexington	1.00
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W. W. Swicegood, First Ch., Lexington	.50
Sent by Pastor Mabry.	
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Dr. C. R. Hinshaw, First Ch., High Point	1.00
Miss Wayne Ellis, First Ch., High Point	1.00
Mrs. R. L. Davis, First Ch., High Point	1.00
D. A. Dowdy, First Ch., High Point	1.00
Sent by W. J. Spencer.	

Subsidy

Mt. Pleasant charge	5.00
Graham church	7.50
Haw River, Friendship church	4.00
Tabernacle charge	2.70

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An Englishman was walking along a river bank in Ireland when it started to rain. Presently he found an Irishman fishing with his line under a bridge.

"Why," he asked, "have you got your line like that?"

"Sure, yer honor," replied the angler, "won't the fishes be crowding in out of the wet?"—Montreal Star.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Please Remember

In gathering up the canned goods which are being prepared for the Home please remember to get the men to give other produce. Grain of any kind, potatoes, pumpkins, chickens, or anything useful in your family will be helpful here. Get it to us if you can. If not then please have your charge collect it all at some convenient place and notify us. Thank you. These offerings usually come in late October, or in November.

Mitchell's Grove S. S., Guilford	$ 4.06
Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, Shoals S. S., June and August	5.26
Beginners' class, Harmony S. S., Yarborough	2.00
Calvary S. S., Greensboro	15.00
Stallings S. S., Mecklenburg	1.00
Baraca class, Mebane, special	3.97
Community Church, Thomasville	14.83
Glen Raven C. E. Soc., clothing child	5.00
Baltimore S. S., West Forsyth	3.00
Enfield S. S.	5.00
Giles Chapel S S., Richland	3.50
Pleasant Union S. S., Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Haw River S .S., Glen Raven	3.75
Woman's Auxiliary, Enfield, for shoes	3.00
Three Rivers, Mich., for shoes	2.00
Haynesville, La., for shoes	3.50
Saginaw District, Mich., for shoes	3.00
Mrs. Ida M. Reibald, Baltimore, Md., for shoes	5.00
Fountain Place S. S., Burlington	7.14
Bethany, Randolph	4.43
Harris Chapel, Vance	2.75
Flag Springs S. S., Why Not	2.00
Fair Grove S. S., Haw River	.44
Salem, Saxapahaw	5.35
Missionary Soc., Montgomery, Ala., for shoes	6.00
First Ch. S. S., Burlington	35.00
New Hope, Why Not	5.00
Browers' Chapel, Richland	15.70
Woman's Auxiliary, Henderson, for shoes	5.00
Rockingham S. S.	2.00
A Friend, Denton	5.00
Liberty Hill S. S., Anderson	6.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Hollister, for shoes	2.00
Mrs. A. A. Lockey, Fallston, for shoes	3.00
Midway C. E. Soc., special	2.99
N. Davidson, Spring Hill S. S.	2.80
Matthews Chapel S. S., Greensville	1.25
Center, Alamance	5.61
Henderson S. S.	7.50
Friendship S. S., Shiloh	3.50
Liberty Grove S. S., Mt. Pleasant, May to October	3.00
Pleasant Grove	15.00
Lebanon S. S., High Point	6.63
Friendship S. S., Chase City, Va.	1.50

Clothing and Other Gifts

West End, Greensboro, 3 extra dresses, 7 cakes and 9 packages of cookies for school lunches.

Circle No. 2, First Church, Burlington, a lot of extra clothing and 3 large boxes of cakes and cookies for school lunches.

Mr. Frank Mather, Westminster, Md., a box of books for our library and a large package of coupons.

We thank you for all this help. Only one and a half months until Conference. Many Sunday schools are behind with their offerings. We want to make a good report and you want a good report from your church at Conference. Please look up your records and see if you are to be on the honor roll. Help us to make a good report. Thank you and God bless you.

Yours in His blessed service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"MY FATHER WORKETH"

The Christian Endeavor Topic for October 2, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, Sept. 26—God working through Noah, Gen. 6:11-22.

Tuesday, Sept. 27—God at work in nature, Acts 17:22-31.

Wednesday, Sept. 28—How God worked through Jesus, John 17:1-8.

Thursday, September 29—God at work in us, Phil. 2:12-16.

Friday, Sept. 30—God at work in His world, Ps. 121:1-8.

Saturday, Oct. 1—Doing God's work, I Cor. 15:58.

The text—John 5:17; 9:14; 14; 10 (Consecration Meeting.)

To the Leader

This is the first in a series of three topics on "Work." Introduce the series and relate your topic to the succeeding two. In this meeting endeavor to show how God is working in the world through nature, events and persons. Try to point out the way God works through individuals and groups of individuals in church.

Topic Hints

"My Father Worketh."

Everywhere in the Bible we read that our Father worked. In the records, in history, and in nature we know that God worked. We can see His hand upon the nations and communities that have chosen His way.

God created the world for men. He thought of every possible thing a man would need. The acute ear, the sensitive eye and blessings without end He showered upon these creatures. He revealed His love by sending His son Jesus Christ. God works for man's good. "He leads us over some easy places for encouragement and over some difficult places for our development." The unfolding of mysteries to explorers and scientists has been but the work of God.

They who once probed and doubted now believe
The men of science, for they humbly learn
There is a Will that guides the atom's course;
A Power that directs what they discern
In light and air, in star and wave and sod;
Beyond electrons they discover—God.

From research they derive a new faith that
Sustains foundations of our ancient creeds;
They grope through matter toward an utmost Light
And find a living God behind his deeds.
—Adelaide P. Love.

"My Father worketh in men." After creating men with many abilities and placing them in a world he had made for them, he gave man a soul. All that he had given man was but for the purpose of man's using what had been given him. He gave them a free-will to choose and become perfect in heart that they might see Him. When men get the spirit of God, when they reach high ideals and become thoughtful and sympathetic of others they begin to know God. He begins His work in them.

God does His work in our universe through men. The characters of the Old and New Testament, the founders of the church, teachers, and others have carried the message of God. Then too, God gives His cooperation to these men. He is always ready and waiting to help those who seek him. The finest things ever created are those done by man in cooperation with the Father.

Hands

We are the hands of labor
We seize the axe, and the forests fall,
We take up the pick, and the mountains open,
We run the soil of all lands through our fingers, and the world is fed.
We dig the coal, and men are warmed
We wrench the ore from the heart of its Mother Earth, and a new civilization is born.

Our light and skilful touch makes and uses the most delicate instruments of men.

We move the chisel through the marble: we bring the brush to the empty canvas; we pose the pen above the unmarked page; and ageless beauty is released.

We clinch in hate against oppressors; we open to soothe; we spread wide to plead; we point the way to a better world.

We lie idly in the market places of the world, crying out only for a chance to labor—and for justice.

For, when God needed a link between his unfinished world, and the brain that could dream of its completion, He created us—hands.

We express the fellowship of all men with him who said, "My Father worketh and I work, too." —P. R. H.

Rev. Raymond W. White sums up our Father's work thus: "Growing flowers, golden fields of maturing grain, wild birds winging their way across continents, the cattle on a thousand hills—how can these be except as God brings to pass the conditions that make them possible?" "When a scientist discovers a new truth it is as though God were using science to reveal more of Himself to man." "When a humanitarian touches a blighted area of human life, it is as though God Himself were ministering to needs of underprivileged men and women." God is working everywhere but it takes a man of God to recognize His work."

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Rev. and Mrs. Paul Warner, missionaries to Japan, now on furlough; to speak on Women's Work program, October 7. See Woman's column.

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Lawyer: "The plaintiff, your honor, was in a reverie when struck by my client's machine."

Magistrate: "In a Reverie, you say?"

Lawyer: "Yes, your honor."

Magistrate: "Don't think I know that make of car."—Ex.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Denton-Canaan. — Revivals: At both churches the summer revivals have been conducted. At Canaan the revival began on the second Sunday in August. The Sunday services were largely attended. A number of friends of the church and former members were present. Among them were Rev. C. E. Ridge and family and Brother Ira Ridge and family of High Point; their mother and other brothers and sisters were also present. Mrs. Smith, of Winston-Salem, presented to the church a beautiful pulpit chair in honor of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Lalier, all of whom were former members of Canaan church. Through the week the attendance and interest were good. There were a number of conversions and rededications. Five joined the church. The pastor did the preaching.

At Denton the revival began on the fourth Sunday night in August and closed on Tuesday night, September 6. Brother Whitehead did the preaching and did it well. We were all highly pleased with the preacher and his good work. The morning services, which were conducted at the 10 o'clock hour were especially impressive. The visible results were not just what we had hoped for but this is partly accounted for in the fact that we had a nice ingathering at Easter and during the year. One joined the church. This revival was by no means a failure.

Finances: Duplex envelopes are being used at both the churches and by this means our Annual Conference have been ready at each time when they have come due. The World Service has been cared for through the special services. The pastor's salary is not quite up to date but it is not far behind and it is all 100 per cent good. That which is most beautiful about it all is in the fact that the people are learning to pay as they go and make paying a contribution to Kingdom service and do it with a spirit of worship.

Visitors: This pastor has never done much visiting among former parishioners but it certainly is a great pleasure to have those whom we have tried to serve and have learned to love in other days come our way. The Denton parsonage has been favored recently by a number of such good people. The list follows: From Tabernacle, one of the Auxiliary circles picnicked with us, Miss Ethel Fields called to see us; from Forsyth, Mr. Ira Baity and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Baity, Jr; from Spring Church, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Demick and party on their way to California. We were glad to have all these good people with us and would be glad to have them as well as many more whom we have served to come at any time.

Birthday: On Sunday, September 11, a large number of relatives and friends of our good Brother, M. C. Cranford, gathered in the municipal park of High Point, and gave him a great dinner. This was to celebrate his birthday at which time he was so many years young. After the dinner we were invited to the home of Mrs. Hedrick, the daughter of Brother Cranford, where the Denton chorus rendered a number of musical numbers and highly entertained the company. Brother Cranford, his son, Colon C., and family, are all members of the Denton church but have recently moved to High Point. They are of our best and we very much dislike to give them up but since they live near Rankin Memorial Brother Suits will give them pastoral attention.

Removed: Brother J. W. Wright and family who for a number of years have been good workers in the Denton church have recently moved to the city of Hickory, N. C. We shall greatly miss them.

At School: Mr. Clinard Nance and Mr. J. Norman Hunt, two of our fine young men of Canaan, are attending a commercial school at Winston-Salem. Miss Golden Morris and Miss Ruth Morris, of Denton, are attending a commercial school in Bennettsville, S. C. Miss Virginia Curry is in High Point College. Miss Inza Hill has returned to her work at Rankin high school near Greensboro, where she is head of the commercial department. We are glad to note that our Brother Marvin Sexton, who has for a number of years been teaching elsewhere is now in the Denton school teaching music. We are glad to have his efficient services in our church work. We are glad to welcome the Denton high school teachers back to our community. Quite a number of these teachers worship and work in our church.

Our sick: Brother Godwin Loflin, who found it necessary to spend some days in one of the High Point hospitals is now at home and is well on the way to recovery. Mrs. Pegram Sexton, who has been sick for some time, is not quite as well as usual. Mrs. Martha Sexton, because of a fall, is confined to her bed.

Our Wedding Bells: Wedding bells continue to ring in Denton. On Thursday night, September 8, Miss Kate Sexton, the beautiful daughter of the late John Sexton and Mrs. Nancy Sexton, became the bride of Mr. Wilson Russel. The wedding took place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, Mrs. Kearns being the sister of the bride. A number of relatives and friends were present. The pastor officiated. After the vows were heard the happy couple immediately went to Asheville and other places of interest. Mrs. Russel is one of the fine young people of our church, while Mr. Russel is a member of the Methodist Episcopal, South. They will live in Denton where Mr. Russel is in business.

GEO. L. CURRY, Pastor.

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First Church, Thomasville, J. T. Bowman, Pastor, Sept. 19.—Our revival services began on Sunday, September 4, and came to a close Friday night, September 16. Rev. W. L. Harkey, of Lincolnton, assisted the pastor in the preaching. He came to us on Monday evening remaining through Friday evening's service when he had to return to his own charge to preach Sunday morning, then he again returned to us and remained through Wednesday evening's service. Rev. Mr. Harkey gave us some real soul-stirring messages which made us realize more fully the great responsibility that rests upon us as professed followers of the lowly Nazarine.

On the first Sunday of the revival the Christians were called upon to reconsecrate their lives to Christ's service in celebrating the Lord's Supper. This service was in charge of the pastor and again at the evening service Mr. Bowman brought us a very challenging message. There were several reclamations and conversions and we feel that the church as a whole has been greatly revived.

The doors of the church were to have been opened yesterday for the reception of members but this was postponed until next Sunday because of the inability of our pastor to be with us. He had the misfortune of falling last Friday morning and breaking his right arm. It was paining him very much yesterday morning but later in the day he was resting more comfortably. We hope he will be able to be with us again soon. In the absence of our pastor yesterday the pulpit was filled by Rev. J. Clyde Auman, who brought us a very inspiring message based on Phil. 3:1-11.

At the regular evening worship hour a song service under the leadership of Mrs. J. T. Bowman, was greatly enjoyed. All the regular services of our church have been resumed and if we may judge from the attendance yesterday we can say that the year's work is off to a good finish.

The Woman's Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) night. Rev. J. A. Neilson, of the Baptist Orphanage, will be guest speaker.

MRS. W. A. LEONARD, Asst. Reporter.

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First Church, Henderson, T. J. Whitehead, Pastor, Sept. 19.—September is here and with it a feeling of sadness mingled with joy—sadness because so many of our young people are leaving for college, others to teach, and then a feeling of joy because these boys and girls have the courage to take advantage of these splendid opportunities to prepare for their life's work. We shall miss them but tender thoughts, loving prayers and best wishes go with them. Those who have gone from our church are Misses Nellie Gray Kittrell, Nancy Parham, Mary Mitchell Baity and Ralph Hight to High Point College; Miss Lucille Finch has entered Shenandoah college, Dayton, Va., and George Gooch is attending Virginia Episcopal school, Lynchburg, Va.

Miss Mary Young is teaching in Rio Grande, Ohio; Miss Eleanor Young at Belmont, N. C.; Miss Margaret Hight in Maryland; and Miss Mary Parham in Aycock school, Henderson.

The Auxiliary was delightfully entertained Monday afternoon, August 29, in the home of Mrs. Clyde L. Finch. In the absence of the president, Miss Elizabeth Fox presided and Miss Margaret Hight led the devotional exercises.

Miss Mary Young gave a most interesting review of the mission study book, "Moving Millions," which was very much enjoyed and appreciated. Mrs. Finch closed the meeting with an earnest prayer for missions.

The Baraca class sponsored a Brunswick stew at the King's Daughters park Wednesday afternoon, August 31, for the members of the church and Sunday school. The weather was ideal, the park beautiful, the stew delicious and everybody seemed in a happy mood. Mr. Carlstrom asked the blessing and after about 165 guests had enjoyed the stew Miss Elizabeth Fox in her usual pleasing manner, and in behalf of the church and Sunday school thanked the class for their hospitality.

In the absence of our pastor, September 4, who was conducting a revival at Denton, N. C., Mr. Bruce Wilson, a young student from Louisburg college, preached for us and Mr. Colton rendered a beautiful solo, "The Ninety and Nine." The congregation appreciated these young men and wish for them much success.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. W. T. Nuckles and Mrs. R. J. Daniel in the passing of their uncle, Mr. Luther Ball, of Dabney.

Misses Irene Jackson and Marjorie Cawthorne united with the church Sunday. We welcome these young people gladly. We need them.

Circle No. 1 met at the King's Daughters park September 12 with Mrs. Roy Dixon as hostess. Circle No. 2 was entertained by Mrs. McFarland and No. 4 had their meeting in the Philathea class room in the church Monday evening.

The Girls' Mission club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Clyde L. Finch.

Mayor and Mrs. Henry T. Powell, Jr. announce the birth of a daughter, Marie Smith, September 12, at Maria Parham hospital.

We were pleased to have Mr. J. W. Whitehead, of Graham, to worship with us Sunday. Mr. Whitehead has been visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Whitehead.

At the morning service yesterday our pastor gave us a splendid sermon on the subject: "Thy kingdom come—here?" There was no evening service as we united with the congregation of the First Methodist church to hear a program by the children from the Methodist orphanage. This will be one of the institutions of the United Methodist church.

At a called meeting of the fourth quarterly conference and Workers' council September 12 Sunday school officers were elected and the Sunday school organized on closely graded basis. Officers elected were as follows: Superintendent, Clyde L. Finch; assistant superintendent, Robert Oakley; secretary-treasurer, E. O. Falkner; assistant secretary-treasurer, Ralph Grissom; committee elected to nominate church officers for the coming year were Mrs. Clyde L. Finch, Miss Elizabeth Fox, Mr. E. O. Falkner.

The fourth Sunday was set apart to reorganize Sunday school and the first Sunday in October as Rally day for the Sunday school and church loyalty day.

ANNIE C. LASHLEY, Reporter.

Chestnut Ridge, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—Our church work has been going on very nicely since our last report. Our pastor has filled his regular appointments, bringing us helpful and inspiring messages each time.

Our revival meeting began the fourth Sunday in August with Rev. R. C. Stubbins assisting our pastor. Brother Stubbins was with us both services Sunday and remained throughout the week. We were glad to have one of our superannuates, Rev. W. M. Pike, and Mrs. Pike, to be with us. Rev. Mr. Pike served this charge several years about 40 years ago. We were also glad to have Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Williams. Rev. Mr. Williams is one of the Orange county boys who entered into the ministry. We are always glad to have them return and our thoughts and prayers continue to follow them. Mr. T. O. Pender, a former member of our church, was present for most of our services to direct the singing. We had some special selections with Miss Edith Dixon of Mebane and Miss Mary Jordan of Hillsboro, at the piano. We feel that everyone enjoyed all these services and appreciated everyone that took a part.

A survey, which was made in our community for the benefit of Sunday school attendance has proved very successful. We are glad to have some new members in our Sunday school and we hope they will continue to attend regularly. We wish that more of our church members would come to Sunday school and take an active part. We are sorry that some of our members have had to be absent due to sickness and other causes and wish for them a speedy recovery and their return to church.

REPORTER.

Community Church, Thomasville, J. Clyde Auman, Pastor.—Our hearts go out in sympathy for our pastor in the death of his mother, Mrs. Jefferson Auman, who passed early Sunday morning.

Our church is cooperating in a city-wide "go to church week." Special appeal has been made by radio, house to house canvas and other means to get the people to attend church. Practically all the churches in town are having services each evening this week at 7:15. We are using as our slogan "A Christian can know Christ."

We were glad to have Rev. Tom Sykes, of this city, bring us the messages on Sunday and morning evenings. During the remainder of the week our pastor will have charge of services. Wednesday night has been set apart as "family night" at which time he will speak to the head of families in particular. Thursday night will be "Young People's Night," and Friday night, "Children's night." We invite anyone who can to come and worship with us, and we covet your prayers in this our city-wide revival.

MRS. HOWARD GREEN, Reporter.

Fairview, Anderson Charge.—The Fairview Ladies' Aid society held its September meeting in the home of Mrs. Carl Watson with Mrs. O. M. Watson serving as joint hostess. During the busines session it was voted to send immediately a contribution to missions. After the Bible study Dr. T. M. Johnson discussed a part of the mission study book, which is about India. It was so interesting that a number of women expressed the desire to read the book, thus Dr. Johnson is going to get more copies of it.

The Fellowship club was happy to have present last Friday evening a group of boys and girls from Liberty Hill church.

Much interest has been shown in the sign which has recently been placed in the Lord's Acre project, a four-acre field of cotton that the Fellowship club has tended.

Dr. Thomas Carter, internationally known as a prison evangelist and criminologist, addressed a large audience at Fairview last Friday evening, September 16, at 8 p. m. He used as his text Acts 16:25. He related his own marvelous experience in being converted from a prisoner in the Arizona State prison to a prison evangelist and the founder of the Inter-Church Prison Evangelistic association, which specializes in revivals in jails and prisons and conducts Christian training homes for men released from prisons. In 1922, he was released and since that time has conducted services in jails and prisons in 46 states in the United States, in Canada and in Old Mexico.

The Oyer Musical party of Greenville, accompanied the Carters and rendered a 30-minute musical program prior to Dr. Carter's sermon.

REPORER.

Enfield-Whitakers' Charge, Whitakers' Church, D. R. Williams, Pastor, Sept. 19.—We are still alive as a church, all our organizations are doing fairly well, but could do better. About three weeks ago we had a fine Sunday school picnic, all the children of the other schools were invited and we had a big crowd and a splendid dinner, thanks to the Men's Bible class.

Our pastor's physician has ordered him back to the hospital so he did not fill his appointment last night, however we hope he will soon be back and stronger for his work.

Some of our sick people are better; others are not doing so well.

We are hoping to have a Rally day service soon.

MISS MOLLIE WHELESS, Reporter.

First Church, Burlington, F. W. Paschall, Pastor.—Our pastor, his wife and family have returned from their vacation. They report that they had a good rest but were glad to be home again and we're might glad to have them back, too. During the absence of our pastor, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Dixon and a few of the children from High Point were here on Sunday morning, August 28. The children rendered a musical program after which Dr. Dixon made some remarks about the Home. We always enjoy having Dr. and Mrs. Dixon with us and trust they will come back real soon. They were entertained in the homes here.

On Sunday morning, September 4, Mr. Wilson Cheek, a local boy who is studying for the ministry, preached for us. He is a student at the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed church, located at Lancaster, Pa. A large crowd heard him. His message was very interesting and helpful. We enjoyed having him so much. At the evening service, Miss Lula Riddle and her students put on a musical program. The entire service was turned over to her. Everybody enjoyed it.

On Sunday, September 11, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of the Annual Conference, was with us at the 11 o'clock hour. We were so glad to have he and Mrs. Pritchard both visit us. Dr. Pritchard preached a "sermon." He said at a lot of places he went, the people probably expected an address, but he most always preached a "sermon." He used as his theme, "Interested in Others." It made us feel at home to hear Dr. Pritchard again. Twenty-three years ago he was pastor of this church. Before he started preaching, he told some interesting things that happened during his pastorate here. Some of them brought laughter and some brought tears. At the evening service Dr. Paschall filled the pulpit. He used as his theme, "God's Love."

The Young People's organization which meets every Sunday evening at 6:30 is quite active under the leadership of Miss Glenna Teer. They met together Sunday afternoon, September 11, and made a trip to the Bible room at the Pomona "Y" in Greensboro.

Some work has been done on our church recently which has improved the looks 100%. The church has been painted outside and inside. New paper has been put up and all the benches repainted. New glass windows have been installed and several improvements made. We feel very proud of the committee in charge of this and assure them that their work is greatly appreciated. The church is old but when it is cleaned up real good, it still looks good.

Revival services will begin in this church on the first Sunday in October. Let us pray earnestly and daily for these services. Dr. N. G. Bethea will do the preaching. Cottage prayer meetings will be held the week prior to the first Sunday.

A Fellowship Supper is being held in the Hut Wednesday night, September 21. The committee in charge is planning a big time. Trust that everybody will come out and help support this Fellowship campaign.

REPORTER.

Central Church, Asheboro. — The revival which began at Central church Wednesday evening, September 7, will continue through Sunday, September 25. Rev. J. C. Madison, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant church, in High Point, has been speaking three times each day and will continue during the week. The day services are at 9 a. m., and 3 p. m. On Tuesday evening Mr. Madison delivered a message primarily to 'teen-age young people and the afternoon services have been largely for young people. Rev. C. E. Ridge, pastor of Shiloh charge of the denomination, is leading the congregational singing. The attendance has been good and it is hoped that the spiritual life of the church is being revived. The excellent messages by Rev. Mr. Madison are deeply appreciated.

Dr. S. W. Taylor, pastor of Central church, selected Joshua 24:15, for his discourse at the morning worship hour last Sunday.

William Lewis returned to his Baltimore home last Friday after serving for three months as director of religious education at Central church. He will continue his theological course at Westminster Seminary this month.

The Senior Philathea class observed the annual birthday party Friday evening at the home of Miss Louise Swaim on S. Fayetteville street, with several class members acting as hostesses. The committee to select officers for the new year both in the church and the church school are C. Earl Bulla, chairman, Mrs. Daniel Henley, Mrs. D. D. Almond, Mrs. J. S. Lewis, Carmen Parks, and Mrs. W. C. Hammer.

The college contingent of Central church have departed to the various institutions during the past week. Miss Catherine Phillips, Miss Clara Louise Cox, Miss Louise Rich, Miss Helen E. Brown, Harris Lamb, Thomas McDowell, M. C. Henderson, Jr., Jack Pugh and Lacy Lewis, Jr., have entered High Point college; Miss Elizabeth Phillips, Miss Helen M. Brown, and Miss Martha Mendenhall, Woman's college, Greensboro; Hal Hammer Walker, Cicero Holder, University of North Carolina; June Lutterloh, Guilford college; Bill Bulla and Johnny Redding, State college, Raleigh; and Miss Jane Page Walker, Valli Crucis.

Mrs. C. F. Smith, who has been ill for many days, is slowly improving; Mary Jane Ross, daughter of the L. F. Rosses, is better from an ear infection; Mrs. Lundy Frye, of the Flags Spring church, is recovering from a fall when she suffered a fractured hip-bone.

Miss Catherine Presnell, of Baltimore, is with her parents for a vacation visit; Miss Enolia Presnell has arrived from Charlotte to resume her duties as second grade teacher in the Fayetteville Street school; and Miss Kate Hammer, who returned September 1, from a 40-day visit in England and on the European continent, is still sharing the wonderful vacation with her numerous friends.

Dr. Taylor was awakened Friday evening by strange noises in the chicken house. With visions of chicken thieves before him, he set out to investigate. Reaching inside the hen house, he found an egg shell where once an egg had been. Then he turned on his flash light, and dazzled the eyes of the "thief," a fine well-fed 'possum. Now, says the honorable pastor, if someone will just furnish the "red yams," a good meal is in the offing!

CLETA RICH.

Shady Grove Church, Connelly Springs Charge, Herman Yokeley, Pastor. — Our church services are still improving.

Our Sunday school, September 18, had 129 scholars and six teachers present. We hope it will go to 200 in the near future.

Rev. Mr. Yokeley filled his regular appointment Sunday night; a large number was present; seven members were received into the church. Our pastor brought us another wonderful message, using as his subject, "Salvation." All seemed to enjoy it very much.

Our new church is not completed yet, but we believe with the Lord's help it will be before the year is gone. We are so glad we can have services in it now.

The interest is still good in the Ladies' Aid society; pray that we might grow stronger in the Master's work.

MRS. RUTH AIKEN.

Mt. Hermon, Mt. Hermon Charge, J. R. Anderson, Pastor, Sept. 19.—The first Sunday in October at 7:15 p. m., the second week of our revival will begin. The pastor will do the preaching.

The third Sunday in October at 11 a. m. the vote on change or no change of pastor will be taken.

The fifth Sunday in October our Conference President, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, will preach. We are looking forward with pleasure to his visit.

The Herald committee has been asked to put on a special drive to raise our quota.

Circle No. 2 will give an oyster and Brunswick stew at Mrs. Linnie Bailey's home Saturday evening. Plates will be sold for 25c. The proceeds will be used on painting the church.

Circle No. 1 will meet September 30 at 7:30 p. m. with Mrs. Slocum Johnson.

Plans are being made to cover and paint the church. Pledges have been made to buy the roofing. We wonder if some of our members who are too far away to attend the regular services would like to have a part in the improvement of our church. If so donations sent to the treasurer, Mrs. L. P. Holt, Route 1, Graham, N. C., will be appreciated.

The pastor preached on "Divine Sustainance and Guidance," Luke 14:17. Come for all things are now ready. God asks for volunteers, He does not force any one to follow Him.

REPORTER.

Sapling Ridge Church, Alamance Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor, Sept. 18.—There hasn't been a report from our church in some time but our work is going on smoothly. Mr. Isley brought us a wonderful message on the second Sunday afternoon, his text being taken from the 12th chapter of Romans.

Sunday school was held at 10 o'clock; the attendance was not very large, but we hope to get others interested enough to come to church.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met Saturday afternoon, September 17, with Mrs. H. K. Webster. About half of our number were absent, there being only 11 present. We hope they can be with us at our next meeting. Our Auxiliary is making pleasing success in the sale of flavoring.

The sick list of Sapling Ridge church includes the names of Mr. Will Pugh, Mr. Rhupus Johnson, Mr. A. G. Campbell and Mr. Jim Johnson. We are hoping they will soon be able to be back at church and fill their respective places.

Pray for us that our church may continue to grow in grace and that it might be a blessing to the community.

MRS. FRANK WEBSTER, Reporter.

Rankin Memorial, High Point, Edw. Suits, Pastor, Sept. 19.—The reporter has failed to send any news from this church for some time; but activities have not ceased during this period.

Since vacation days are over, and folks have gone back to work at their regular posts, interest seems to be picking up somewhat. There were 170 present in Sunday school on last Sunday, which was again of about 20 more than on the previous Sabbath. We hope that those who haven't yet started back to Sunday school and church will soon be there to fill their places again.

Our fall revival is scheduled to begin on the second Sunday in October. We are hoping that much good will be done during this series of meetings.

Our pastor has been bringing some good messages at the morning services on some of the things that are necessary for a revival meeting. This last Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour he preached on "Preparation." At the evening services he has been preaching about some "Character" in the Bible. These have also been interesting sermons.

The Senior C. E. society is planning to present a play entitled "Old Fashioned Mother" on Friday night of this week (Sept. 23) in the basement of the church. They have been spending quite a bit of time in getting this up, and we believe it will be good. The public is invited and a small admission will be made.

We are sorry to report that several of our members are on the sick list. Mrs. Amick, Amelia Bradley, and J. A. Bowers are among those sick. Mrs. J. S. Loflin has been suffering from injuries received when her hand was caught in the wringer of a washing machine. We trust that all of these will soon be well again. Mrs. Rouse has also been sick but she was able to be back at church on this past Sunday.

Since the last time any report was sent from our church, the death angel has visited in our midst on two occasions, claiming one of our members, and a son of another member. Our hearts were made very sad some time ago when Mason Pegram, a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pegram, was taken from us as the victim of an automobile accident. Our hearts went out in sympathy for the bereaved ones, who felt so keenly the loss of this young man. Then a few weeks later Herbert Chase Hoover, 10-year-old son of Mrs. Ava Payne Hoover, was claimed by death. Our deepest sympathy went out to the family of this little boy.

The reporter regrets that she failed to send a report of the series of meetings which Dr. N. G. Bethea, of Greensboro, conducted for us several months ago. The messages which Dr. Bethea delivered during that meeting were splendid ones; but the meeting closed without some souls being saved that we thought ought to have been brought into the Kingdom. We thought that our visiting did all he could to bring the messages as forceful as needs be; but something seemed to hinder the progress of the revival at that time. We trust that on the second Sunday in October when the next meeting is scheduled to begin, that our hearts will be prepared for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and that many souls may be brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We covet the prayers of the Christian people for a wonderful revival at our church at the appointed time.

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Calvary, Greensboro, R. C. Stubbins, Pastor, Sept. 19.—Our pastor continues to bring us wonderful messages. He delivered a most impressive one Sunday morning, his subject being "An Ideal Life.'

Our Woman's Auxiliary met Monday evening in the hut. Our annual Thank-offering service was held. A Thank-offering play, "The Lighted Highway," was presented by eight women under the direction of Mrs. L. W. Gerringer, Thank-offering secretary. Mrs. R. C. Stubbins conducted a very impressive devotional program, using "Lights—Visible and Invisible" for a subject.

The members of our church are looking forward with great enthusiasm to entertaining our Annual Conference which comes to us November 9.

Mrs. Numa Causey and Numa Causey, Jr., united with our church Sunday morning.

Our sympathy goes out to two of our members, Mrs. Robah H. Fields and Mr. Leroy Caudle, whose mother, Mrs. E. A. Caudle, passed away last week.

Rally day will be observed at all our services on the first Sunday in October. A play, "The Trial of Every Man's Church," will be presented at the evening hour, 7:30, under the direction of Mrs. Floyd G. Reynolds. The Senior C. E. society will have charge of this evening service.

The young people entering college from our church are: Miss Rebecca Hines, U. N. C., Greensboro; Ernest Curtis, State college, Raleigh; Billy Caudle, Guilford College; Miss Sarah Lou Gerringer, John Frank Williams and Morris Campbell, High Point College.

The Baraca class recently entertained the Myrtle Bates' class with a watermellon slicing on the church grounds. Much interest is being shown in the Baraca class, due to the fine messages the teacher, J. C. Coe, brings each Sunday.

The Senior, Intermediate and Junior C. E. societies have resumed their regular Sunday evening meetings, which are held at 6:45 o'clock. Much enthusiasm is being shown in each society.

The Senior and Intermediate societies are planning to attend the quarterly C. E. rally of the Greensboro Union, which will be held in the First M. P. church, Gibsonville, Tuesday, October 11 at 8 o'clock.

Floyd Reynolds, who for the past five years has been scout master of Troop No. 7 recently resigned because of other activities. The troop has been very fortunate however in securing J. Fletcher Caudle as their new scoutmaster. He is well qualified for this duty because of the various training courses he has taken, given by the Boy Scout council.

MRS. HOWARD R. NEECE, Reporter.

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Pleasant Gap, Democrat Charge, W. C. Clark, Pastor.—Perhaps some have wondered what we are doing at this place, or if this church still exists. It certainly does. Our Sunday school is going good. The attendance is better this year than for several years.

A Christian Endeavor society has been organized. This is the first Christian Endeavor work that has been carried on at Pleasant Gap since the writer can remember. Much interest is being shown. We have about 30 young people in attendance, most of whom are active members.

Our revival meeting closed last week. The Rev. Boyd Clubb, of Spartanburg, S. C., was pulpit help. The services were well attended and his sermons were appreciated by all who heard him. There were 11 conversions and 12 additions to the church; two came by letter from other denominations and ten were converts who received baptism on the third Sunday of this month.

We feel that everyone has been blessed, the church being greatly revived, and the community been made better. We are grateful to Him who has blessed us so wonderfully.

REPORTER.

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Siler City Church, A. M. Smith, Pastor, Sept. 20—On the third Sunday morning, our pastor filled his appointment with another of his good messages. At the close of this message the Lord's Supper was administered to the greater part of the congregation. At the evening service, Rev. Leo Pittard, of Moriah M. P. church, was with us and filled the pulpit for our pastor. This was another fine message and everyone enjoyed it very much. Special music was furnished at the morning service with Mrs. V. M. Duncan, Misses Joy Holt and Doris Fox, singing a lovely trio, "Marvelous Grace." At the evening service Mrs. Duncan and Miss Holt sang very impressively as a duet, "It Pays to Serve Jesus."

Our Sunday school is coming along fine in the banner contest. It was won the second Sunday by the Philatheas, and on the third Sunday by Miss Sallie Smith's class.

The C. E. society met in the home of Misses Mattie and Novia Jordan on the third Sunday evening. This service was held for their mother and father who are not able to attend church.

Circle No. 1 met in the home of Mrs. D. L. Johnson Wednesday night, September 14, with 12 members and one new member present. Mrs. T. J. Smith, the chairman, had charge of the devotionals and business. It was decided on and plans laid to feed Rotarians on Monday, September 26. Mrs. T. C. Fox was given a handkerchief shower, for her birthday, which was a great surprise to her. Mrs. Fox received another birthday surprise Sunday when she returned home from church and found a long table on the lawn loaded down with all kinds of good things to eat. Her children, relatives and neighbors did this for her because everyone loves her and we all wish for her many more happy birthdays.

Circle No. 2 met in the home of Miss Cleta Andrew on Tuesday night, September 13, but the reporter does not know of any business that was transacted at that time.

Mr. L. L. Wrenn is confined to his home because of illness. The Philathea class and entire church is missing him and hoping and praying that he may soon be back in his accustomed place.

Mr. T. L. Smith is our delegate to Annual Conference with Mr. Routh, of Bonlee, alternate.

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Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, Sept. 19.—The summer has been filled with revival meetings for some of us. It is a pleasure to settle down in the parsonage after spending a big portion of the summer in revivals. As a matter of fact it is our first breathing-spell since coming to Orange Charge. During the winter I was in school at Duke, and almost immediately upon graduation was plunged into special meetings. I have assisted in four and have been assisted in four, making a total of eight weeks. While I enjoyed each one of these meetings, it is with a sign of relief that this work is terminated with only pastoral duties to engage my attention.

For the most part this has been a profitable year with us. Perhaps our greatest visible achievement has been with regard to the Fellowship Crusade. The committees of each of the four churches have worked faithfully, and the entire membership has cooperated nicely to make this achievement possible. The entire amount of $500 will have been sent to Treasurer Allen by the first of October. Our members have responded loyally to meet this emergency.

The revivals on the charge consumed most of the month of August. Each of them proved to be of great spiritual benefit to all the churches. We had good preaching and good attendance. Twenty-six have been added to the church rolls as a result of these efforts, and there may yet be others to join. Two of the churches, Hebron and Efland, put on Vacation Church schools in conjunction with their revivals with good results. It has truly been a session of ingathering and spiritual edification.

Our third quarterly conference, which was held at Efland church the first Sunday in September, revealed the fact that all the churches are behind some with the finances. However, I feel safe in prophesying that all conference claims and pastor's salary will be paid up by the time of our Annual Conference. I am confident that Mr. Ben F. Wilson, of Hebron church, our delegate-elect, will be sent up to Greensboro with a good report.

It is our school days once more, and we had the pleasure Sunday of welcoming to our Efland church the new principal of Efland high school, Mr. O. G. Thompson, and his family who have moved from Burlington, as well as three other new teachers together with those who were with us last year. We hope that this will be the best year that the school has yet had.

Committees have been set up in all the churches to get up the Rally day programs. We are expecting good programs and good offerings to apply on our W. S. budget. The Auxiliaries of Efland and Chestnut Ridge are planning Thank-offering services on the fifth Sunday in October. A group of children from the Home will render a program at Efland at 11 a. m. and at Chestnut Ridge at 7 p. m. The ladies of each church will give picnic lunches for the children.

The fourth quarterly conference will be held at Union Grove on the third Sunday in October, following the 3 o'clock service. We are expecting some good reports at that time.

We are trying to organize Christian Endeavor societies at Efland and Chestnut Ridge. The fourth Sunday afternoon following the church service has been set as the time for organizing at Chestnut Ridge, while Wednesday night, September 28, at 8 o'clock has been set as the time for organizing at Efland. It is our sincere hope that these meetings will be well attended by the young people of the respective churches, and sufficient interest manifest to justify an effort at organization. Hebron has been a society, and we are looking to P. N. Thompson, Jr., to get things going there again soon.

PASTOR.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—Rev. J. W. Braxton brought us a forceful message Sunday morning, September 18, on the subject, "Measure of Goodness." He told us that a loving spirit was the key to goodness. We had several visitors for this service and was glad to have them worship with us.

The Mission Band held a regular meeting, September 7, at the home of Mrs. Trixie Suits with Mrs. Maude Smith associate hostess. During the business meeting a collection was taken to help clothe needy children of the community. Guests were invited to the lawn around a large bonfire where they roasted weiners and marshmallows. Cookies and iced lemonade was also served. Games were played with the bonfire providing light. Others who joined in the games besides the hostess and members were Mrs. Clyde Hurson and Mrs. R. C. Causey. An evening of fun and good entertainment was enjoyed by all.

The classes of Intermediate girls and boys have been combined.

The parsonage stove has been paid for by Pleasant Union and Mt. Pleasant churches.

Rev. Mr. Braxton is in Reidsville, assisting Rev. Geo. Brown in a meeting there.

S. Dewey Murray, age 40, was claimed by death on Wednesday night, September 14. Mr. Murray has been ill only a short time and death came as a shock to all. He is survived by his wife, the former Allie Hicks, one son, James; three sisters and four brothers: Mrs. Wilbur Foster, Liberty; Mrs. Arthur Coble, Mrs. Marvin Coble and R. R. Murray, of Burlington; Gurney and Arthur Murray, of Kimesville; and T. W. Murray, of Greensboro. Funeral services were held at Mt. Zion Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. L. A. Nall, assisted by Rev. J. W. Braxton. Burial was in the church cemetery.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

Efland, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor, Sept. 19.—Another year is almost gone. What have we accomplished for the Master? This question faces us as we review our work. While there is much we would like to do we feel that we have had a very successful year. Not that we are satisfied, no. Our goals have not all been reached, but most are in reaching distance.

The third quarterly conference met at Efland. Some reports were very good while there were others we hope to improve before this quarter is up. The Ladies' Auxiliary, the Fellowship Crusade and the Sunday schools all made very encouraging reports. The Crusade committees have worked faithfully and can almost see themselves on the honor roll now. An interesting feature of this meeting was a review of the goals our pastor set for us in the beginning of the year. A number of these have been reached and some others will be. Mr. Ben F. Wilson, of the Hebron church, was elected as delegate to the Annual Conference. We are confident Mr. Wilson will ably represent Orange charge and do his best in transacting the business of the church.

The sermon Brother Morris brought us yesterday was very fitting just at the close of the revival season. An interesting point was year-around-Christians and not revival-season ones.

A very impressive service followed the sermon when 13 young people were baptized and received as members of the church. These boys and girls all are members of our Sunday school and we are glad to welcome them into the church.

Plans are on the way for Rally day on the third Sunday in October.

REPORTER.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Warner, missionaries to Japan, now on furlough; to speak on Women's Work program, October 7. See Woman's column.

"It must be hard to keep time on this ship."

"How is that?"

"Well, I just heard the captain say he uses four watches a night!"—Exchange.

He (talking over party phone): "Hey, you, don't you know the line's busy? Get off the wire."

Voice: "What in the name of sense do you think I am? A bird?"—Exchange.

"We camped out every night," said an athletic person, relating his experiences in the northern woods in winter.

"And didn't you get cold?" inquired the fair listener.

"No," returned the robust camper. "You see, we were careful always to sleep under a fir tree."—Exchange.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

In Memory of Mrs. J. A. Auman

It is with deep sorrow that the members of Fair Grove church, Seagrove-Love Joy circuit, record the passing of our much-loved sister, Mrs. Lizzie Lawrence Auman, widow of the late Jefferson Auman, on September 10, 1938.

Mrs. Auman was the oldest member of our church, being 79 years and two days old. She was converted at the age of 10 years and joined the Christian church. After her marriage to Mr. Auman 60 years ago she joined Fairgrove church and has remained a faithful member until death.

We hesitate to put into mere words a tribute to one so worthy of the best and deepest eulogy the heart can offer, although she will no longer be with us in the flesh, her spirit remains with us, and will continue to influence our lives, leading onward and upward.

Resolved, That, we bow in humble submission to the will of God.

Second, That we hold in remembrance the life of the deceased and be true to the cause she loved so well.

Third, That we embody the goodness of her life in our lives, that her work may live after her.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the M. P. Herald, the Randolph County papers and to the family of the deceased.

MRS. C. E. STUART,
MRS. M. A. CAGLE,
MRS. J. D. LILLY,
Committee.

Herbert Claiborne Alston

Funeral services for Herbert Claiborne Alston, of Enfield, who would have reached his 78th birthday on September 8, and who died at the home of his son, R. W. Alston near here, on Friday night, following a lingering illness of heart trouble, were held Sunday afternoon from his son's home at 4:30 o'clock. Rev. D. R. Williams, pastor of the M. P. church of Enfield, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Sam Hable, Jr., pastor of the Enfield Baptist church. Interment followed in Elwood cemetery at Enfield.

Mr. Alston was married December 16, 1885, to Miss Sallie Ann Whitehead of Hill's Cross Roads. She preceded him to the grave several years ago. He is survived by his son, Reginald Whitaker Alston and three grandchildren.

Brother Alston was a good man, a good citizen, and loved by all who knew him. A member of Enfield M. P. church.

D. R. WILLIAMS.

Williams

Elizabeth Vuncannon Williams, was born May 20, 1854, and died September 7, 1938, age 84 years 3 months and 18 days. She was united in marriage in 1871 to John Tyson Williams who died 11 years ago. To this union were born 12 children and seven survive. They are W. R. Williams, Asheboro, N. C., route 3; Mrs. S. C. Stuart, Burlington, Route 1; Mrs. C. E. Durham, Greensboro, N C.; Noah Williams, Seagrove, N. C.; Y. C. Williams, Haw River, N. C.; Mrs. O. J. Sink, Asheboro, N. C., Route 3; and Lacy Williams, of Detroit, Mich She is survived by 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; also a host of friends and relatives.

She united with the church when very young. She was a charter member of New Hope Methodist Protestant church, and remained a faithful member until death. It was always an inspiration to be in her presence.

The funeral was held at Pisgah M. E. church September 9, at 11 o'clock. Her remains were laid to rest beneath a mound of beautiful flowers. The writer was assisted by Rev. E. G. Cowan and Rev. H. W. Bell.

May the children be comforted by these words:

"Mother was tired and weary,
Weary with toil and pain;
Put aside her glasses and rocker;
She will not need them again.
Into Heaven's mansion she's entered,
Never to sigh or to weep,
After long years with life's struggles
Mother has fallen asleep.

"Near her loved ones we laid her,
Low in the churchyard to lie,
And though our hearts are near broken,
Yet we would not question why.
She does not rest 'neath the grasses,
Though o'er her dear grave they creep,
She's gone into the kingdom,
Mother has fallen asleep.

"Rest the tired feet now forever,
Dear wrinkled hands are so still,
Blast of the earth shall no longer
Throw o'er our loved ones a chill.
Angels through Heaven will guide her,
Jesus will still bless and keep,
Not for the world would we wake her,
Mother has fallen asleep.

"Beautiful rest for the weary,
Well deserved rest for the true,
When our life's journey is ended
We shall again be with you.
This helps to quiet our weeping,
Hark! Angel music so sweet,
He giveth to his beloved
Beautiful, beautiful sleep."

C. H. HILL.

In Loving Memory

It is with sad hearts that, we, the members of the Efland Missionary Auxiliary of the Methodist Protestant church record the passing of Mrs. Pearl Efland Dunn, beloved wife of our Sunday school superintendent, Brother J. M. Dunn.

We shall greatly miss her in her accustomed place in the choir, in the circle and Auxiliary meetings, and in her Sunday school class of young girls which she had taught for a number of years.

Mrs. Dunn was particularly interested in the spiritual and social welfare of the young people and was always ready and willing to serve, whenever called upon, in all activities of the church and community.

She served as grade mother of the senior class in our high school for a number of years and presented a Bible to each member of the class for graduation, expressing the desire that it would ever be their guide.

Her passing is greatly regretted and her presence sorely missed by the members of Circle No. 2, of which she was a most loyal and devoted member.

We sympathize most deeply with her bereaved husband and relatives and pray our Heavenly Father to comfort and sustain them.

Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of this memoriam be sent to the bereaved husband and a copy be recorded in the minutes of the Auxiliary; also, that a copy be sent to the Methodist Protestant Herald and to the Missionary Record for publication.

MRS. NETTIE BIVINS,
MRS. CARRIE NICHOLS,
MRS. LULA MURRAY,
Committee.

Mrs. Lizzie Auman

Mrs. Lizzie Auman, widow of J. A. Auman, of Seagrove, N. C., Route 1, passed to her reward early Sunday morning, September 11, 1938, at the ripe age of 79 years and two days.

Mrs. Auman was the oldest member of Fairgrove Methodist Protestant church, and one of its most loyal.

For a number of years she had taught a class in the Sunday school, until about two years ago she resigned because of failing health.

Mrs. Auman was a good neighbor, and was loved by all who knew her, for her sunny disposition and cheerful smiles, she will be very sorely missed in the community, at the church, in the Sunday school but most particularly in the home.

Her life was a benediction to her children and to all who knew her, as her pastor it was always a great privilege to me to visit her in her home, and during her first illness she was so cheerful, so pleasant in spite of her suffering, she never complained, and she remarked to members of the family some time before the end came, in fact, some time before she became confined to her bed, that she had nothing to fear, that she was ready to go, and was just simply waiting for the call of her Heavenly Father which she knew was coming soon.

Surviving, are two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Austin, of High Point, N. C.; Mrs. J. D. Lilly of Seagrove, N. C.; six sons, C. B. Auman, of Biscoe, N. C.; Rev. J. Clyde Auman, of Thomasville, N. C.; E. L. Auman, F. R. Auman, and E. W. Auman, all of High Point, N. C., and M. C. Auman of Seagrove, N. C.; 27 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Annie Lee Beck, of Greensboro, N. C.; two brothers, O. D. Lawrence, of Seagrove, N. C., and J. I. Lawrence, of Austin, Tex., and a great number of nephews and nieces, and of course, a great host of friends who mourn her going.

The funeral was conducted on Monday afternoon at Fairgrove M. P. church by her pastor, Rev. E. G. Cowan, assisted by Rev. J. C. Madison, of High Point. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Other ministers present were: Dr. J. E. Pritchard, High Point; Dr. S. W. Taylor, Asheboro; Rev. W. H. Neese, near Thomasville; Rev. J. T. Bowman, Thomasville; and Rev. W. L. Harkey, of Lincolnton. These acted as an escort of honor for the body while it lay in state in the church for one-half hour before the funeral services. Rev. R. E. Heath, a Baptist minister of Balfour, and a friend of the deceased was also present at the funeral.

Her body was laid to rest under a mound of most beautiful flowers to await the resurrection morning. The floral offerings were profuse, and the great throng of people which more than filled the church attested the great esteem in which she was held by those who knew her.

We again extend our heartfelt sympathy to the loved ones.

E. G. COWAN, Pastor.

WANTED: A PERFECT MINISTER

Our wardens have gone traveling; they're on a mission bent,
To pick us out a rector—one with whom we'll be content.

He mustn't be too High, and he mustn't be too Low;
We'd like him very plastic, a man made out of dough.

He mustn't be too short, and he mustn't be too tall,
And he must not have opinions that will clash with ours at all.

He mustn't be too young, and he mustn't be too old,
And he must be very humble and never speak out bold.

He must please the rich and haughty, and the poor and humble, too,
And he must always praise us all for anything we do.

He must be very tactful, and have pleasant things to say,
And when we disobey him, he must look the other way.

Our wardens seem to think that they can find the very man;
But, do you know, I'm doubtful if they ever really can.

—Exchange.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Warner, missionaries to Japan, now on furlough; to speak on Women's Work program, October 7. See Woman's column.

A master in a school new seven funny stories which he told his class in rotation at frequent intervals, always with the expectation that the children would laugh. On one occasion he noticed that one boy did not respond in the usual manner. "Why don't you laugh?" he asked the boy.

"Please, sir, I'm leaving today," replied the boy.—The Schoolmaster.

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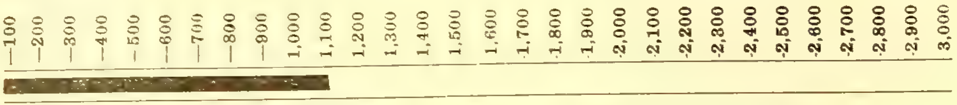

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Just look who is on the front line again! Cook, of course. We always look for him to be there. The biggest amount of cash for Friendship-Love's Grove and he put Mill Grove over on subsidy. We need Cooks, glad we got one like this one, but unless the rations are forthcoming the cook cannot supply the meal. But here is a Cook that brought it all ready to assimilate into that which is helping us go along at a much better pace than if we did not have it. Thank you Brother Cook, and the good people that helped you to do it, for were it not for cooperation failure would be stamped upon everything. No man liveth unto himself the good book tells us, and that other part which we must all do sooner or later will not be done unto ourselves. And the better we do the living the better will we do the dying. The same thing is true of the Herald. Every one of us Methodist Protestants must suffer, and if we let this interest die, what will be the result. It is easy to see.

We appreciate the check from Brother Dixon for subsidy as well as Mill Grove. This gives us exactly 25 that have paid their apportionment for this and a number of others have paid in part and expect to pay out soon.

I often wonder how many are in my congregation that would like to hear a new voice week after next. But what they are interested in is not so much the new voice as carrying out the plans the Master has left for them. The agitator of the other kind we dread and yet we have them. Novelty is what they seek and not Christ. Wonder if we ever thought about our own responsibility in regard to the church paper? There are many of us who should put forth efforts for the institution, not the man in charge of it. For back of that which we need to make the work go, is Christ Jesus. Are we doing our part?

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Hard Times Testing Us

By W. E. Saunders, D.D.

These hard times are a test of us, a test of our ability to change. Can we move on with the advancing purpose of the God of the ages? If not, we shall surely be smashed. Some folk are talking about going back. They are not students of history or they should know that the world has never gone back to any previous conditions. If that is the hope of any of you who come here this day with your minds perplexed and worried, you have indeed good grounds for despondency. The historical perspective allows us to look no way except ahead. The world has always struggled against change and the struggle has always been useless and futile. The test of hard times is the test of our adaptability. The economic world never will return from this machine age to previous conditions, even though so great a personality as Gandhi sponsors a movement back to hand tools. The test of hard times is the test of adaptability to change.

But most important is the test of our religion. These hard times bring a new and challenging test of the message of the Christian Church. What has the Church to say in these days? Has it anything to say? If ever the world had a right to expect a message from the Church it is now. If there is any place to which the world has a right to turn in its perplexity and agony it is the Church. This is an unparalleled opportunity for the organization that speaks in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. G. K. Chesterton is quoted as saying that this is the day in which we build eight million dollar moving picture palaces to show thirty-cent pictures in. Now is the time for the Church body authoritatively to give the message of God. And there is a more important test of religion in these times, the test of our personal religion. An area of prosperity such as that in which the present generation has been raised, does not make for a deep personal religious experience.

Some one has pictured us as "A generation with its Bible yet unread, living on the rumors of the faith of the fathers." Certainly today has its quota of troubled hearts. Yes, our personal religion is being tested. Some souls are leaving faith as trouble hits. Some, when the going is hard, are deserting. There is but one thing more sure than trouble and that is the love of God the Father. Today we shall need to do some deep thinking as to what God really wants for us. There are those who are afraid that we have thought that what God really wanted for us was comfort, motor cars, electricity, music, books, and we have felt that if we didn't get them life has cheated us. Now is the time for us to realize what God wants us to have is real faith which can be tested, courage which face hard things, sincerity and consecration which are not depended upon without pay or reward.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Calendar

Annual Conference, Calvary, Greensboro.....November 9-14
Payments to be made on: A. C. Expenses, January and February; High Point College, March, April; Church Extension, May, June; A. C. Debt, July, August; Superannuates, September, October.

Conversions and Accessions

Last week I promised to give information this week as to the number of conversions and accessions as reported by the pastors in the third quarterly report. The quarter ended August 6. Since then quite a number of revivals have been held and many conversions and accessions have been reported to the HERALD which are not included in the quarterly reports. But eighty-seven charges of the ninety charges in the Conference report the number of conversions for the first three quartres as 1,125 while the number of accessions is given as 1,033.

Revising Church Rolls

From now until Conference meets local churches on circuits and quarterly conferences on stations will be revising the Church register. The discipline of the Church is very specific as to how members may be discontinued. I am presuming that all of the pastors have the discipline which contains our present law in regard to dropping members. This is found in Chapter 1, Section 1, pages 45 and 46 of the 1928 discipline. Of course there may be cases where it is necessary to drop names from the roll as in cases where the people cannot be located but I am asking that an effort be made to get the members to renew their covenant with the Church before they are turned out wholesale.

The Work Is Being Delayed

My work of appointing committees for the Annual Conference is being held up, due to the fact that a good many of the pastors have failed so far to send the name of the delegate to the secretary, Dr. Bates. The quarter ended August 6, so it does seem that all of the third quarterly conferences have been held before this time. So, Brother Pastor, rush the name of your delegate to the secretary. And remember also that the election law of the North Carolina Conference provides for the election of the alternate delegate in the fourth quarterly conference rather than in the third.

A Sunday Morning at Community Church

My appointment last Sunday morning was with the Community Church, Thomasville, Rev. J. Clyde Auman, pastor. This Church building was erected by the late Mr. C. F. Finch and became one of the appointments in our Conference in 1923. This auditorium is one of the largest in the Conference and without doubt has the most expensive appearance. The congregation last Sunday was said to be unusually good although it will be a long time before membership will be large enough to fill the auditorium even if all of them should come to the same service, a thing which is seldom done anywhere. But the people were very attentive and seemed to appreciate the sermon. One of the beautiful things about this Church is the devotion of Mrs. Finch to the Church which her late husband erected, although her membership continues to remain in the Baptist denomination. She is the faithful organist at the Community Church and it is said she seldom ever misses a service. Brother Finch, before his death made provision for a substantial part of the finances for the Church. In the membership of the Church are some of the most loyal members to be found anywhere, so the work moves on. Brother Auman, the pastor is wide awake to all the needs of the Church and easily ranks as one of our most successful pastors. The finances of the Church are practically up-to-date and assurances were given that everything in the regular budgets would be paid in full. Those who are in close touch with the work of the Church say that it is in the best condition now that it has ever been in. It was a great pleasure to be there for the morning service.

A Sunday Evening at Denton

I was at the Denton Church, Rev. G. L. Curry, pastor, for the evening hour last Sunday. While I had been in Denton a good many times in the years gone by, this was my first visit to the present Church building. This building is of brick construction and has a substantial appearance. The auditorium is large enough for any ordinary occasion and there are a good many Sunday School rooms. This congregation is said to be different from our congregations in a good many places in the fact that the majority of the business men of the town are in our Church. It is also said that the most of these substantial business men were students in the school which Rev. G. L. Reynolds, then known as Professor Reynolds, conducted in Denton a good many years ago. While it seemed necessary to discontinue the school after the state began to establish high schools everywhere yet this school moulded the characters of the young people of the town so that even yet the influence of the school is felt. To my way of thinking this is a great compliment to Brother Reynolds. It is also true that Brother Reynolds' offer to educate children free of charge was one of the determining factors in the establishing of our orphanage at Denton, now our Children's Home at High Point. There was a splendid congregation present for a Sunday night service and it was a pleasure to preach to them. This is Brother Curry's first year at this Church and he and his family are delighted with the Church and the Church seems to be pleased with them. Brother Curry is one of our hardest and most successful workers. The Church is running practically on schedule with all of the Annual and General Conference interests and it is expected that a good report will be made to Conference.

Haw River Auxiliary Has Meeting

Last Thursday I played the part of chauffer for my wife to the home of Dr. C. W. Bates where we partook of a good dinner and attended the meeting of the Haw River Circuit Auxiliary, Mrs. Pritchard speaking to the group on the subject of Missionary Education. This really was my first opportunity to attend a meeting of a Circuit Auxiliary and I am

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Cast all your cares upon Him for He careth for you.—*The Bible.*

The world is wide
In time and tide,
And God is guide;
Then do not hurry.

That man is blest
Who does his best
And leaves the rest,
Then do not worry.
—*C. F. Deems.*

Time is infinitely long, and each day is a vessel into which a great deal may be poured—if one will actually fill it.—*Goethe.*

Every man should keep a fair-size cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

God has given us tongues that we may say something pleasant to our fellowmen.—*Heinrich Heine.*

Smile a little,
Help a little,
Push a little,
The world needs you.

Work a little
Wait a little,
Hope a little,
And don't get blue."
—*Author Unknown.*

If our correspondents will send their communications direct to P. O. Box 1817, High Point, it will save time and also save the forwarding clerk in the Greensboro Post Office the trouble of handling the mail.

Are you, gentle reader, keeping up with the march of time? When you read this there will remain six weeks in which to finish the work of the Conference year in your Church.

The student enrollment at High Point College exceeds this year all previous years, we are pleased to note.

Last week's Herald carried the news of the illness of Rev. D. R. Williams, and that Pastor Bowman had broken his arm; we trust both may soon be in their normal health and condition.

The trouble-maker usually gets into more trouble for himself than he makes for others. The law of retribution appears to hound down the trouble-maker and compel him to swallow the bad medicine he has prepared for others. The rank weeds of his sowing become a part of his harvest and he learns to his sorrow, that "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

A European war could be averted tomorrow if Hitler and Mussolini should get a case of genuine religion. Wars in all ages have usually been caused by the greed and selfish ambition of some ruler. Duplicity and brutality are twin disturbers of the world peace wherever they are found.

We appreciate most sincerely the response to our appeal for renewals and payments on subsidy. The amount for Children's Home was $100, the total amount given by that institution to the maintenance of the Herald, instead of $30. Thanks to every one.

Brother Bethea reports the death of H. B. Neville. Brother Neville was for forty years steward at Eden Church, Halifax Charge. He conducted the funeral of this good man.

Look what Brother Ray Leatherman and his Christian Endeavorers did for the Herald this week. Who'll "follow in their train"?

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What Would Hitler Do With America?

While this leader of fascism is seeking for self-determination of German people in the land of the Czechs, let us see what it would mean to put the same principle in operation in America were all foreign countries to demand the same privilege of the foreign-born peoples in this country. Here is the way they show up:

Germany has 6,800,000, Italy 4,500,000, British empire 3,300,000, Poland 3,300,000, Canada 3,100,000, Scandinavia 3,100,000, Irish 3,100,000, Russia 2,600,000, Mexico 1,400,000, Czechoslovakia 1,300,000, Austria 900,000, Hungary 680,000, French 500,000, which does not include 3,900,000 other peoples from some seventy foreign countries. Here we have something like a third of our population made up of foreign born peoples. And were an ism to be propagated today to demand self-determination among all these peoples as to whether they would be loyal to the United States or to the country from whence they came, it is easy to see the turmoil we would be thrown into. We believe all normal people want peace, are opposed to war in every form, but when a ruler ignores the rights of all other people, and many of his own, to gratify an insane ambition, we praise a people who has the courage to set a line beyond which this aggressor cannot go unmolested.

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Gracious Words

Mankind does not have an implement which can accomplish more than speech. While words without works is void, words may inspire the most sacrificial, golden deeds done this side of heaven. Centuries ago the writer of the Proverbs said, "Words fitly spoken are apples of gold in pictures of silver. As an earring of gold, and as an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear."

It is so easy for us to lose sight of the importance of kindly speech. We once heard a Veteran say that he had seen the pulse beat of a spirited horse increased greatly by an unkind tone of voice to it. How profoundly is man moved by words. Speech may urge him to deeds of great kindness, or to the most brutal act. St. James declared the tongue to be as a fire, a world of iniquity . . . setting on fire the course of nature with the fire of hell. No one questions the truth of his words as he has seen anger kindled by an untruthful, unkind word. These words not only blanche the face, they wrankle the souls of men. Some one said:

> "Words are wonderful things;
> They are sweet like the bee's fresh honey,
> Like the bees, have terrible stings."

The Christian should acquire the artistry of gracious speech. The kindly word in the kindly tone heals old wounds, is a shield against anger, soothes the brow of care, and gives swings of peace to the soul setting sail for the eternal shores. Our Lord stretched across the horizon of the lives of his disciplse a bow of promise in these words, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me."

However much people may want wealth, success, knowledge; however hard they may be bent upon pleasure, all of these things reach them through speech. And so is it with the Christian life; men are won by words, we are kept by the Spirit through words. When Elijah was in the very depth of despair under the juniper tree the Lord reached his discouraged heart through words. You can acquire the use of correct, kindly speech, even though you may never get wealth or a college education. All who will may learn the art of speaking kindly. Yes, and all of us SHOULD learn that art.

What You Want Your Church to Be

I think most of us want our Church building to be kept in good repair, the interior to be kept clean, seats well dusted, all papers and song books kept in their proper places. A dirty Church floor and pews indicate a careless, indifferent people.

As to the services. All who attend Church services are human beings and as such really like to be recognized by the pastor and Church members when present even though they are not members there. And if they are members there, they like to have an opportunity to express their social instincts in friendly greetings of the pastor and members of the congregation.

As to the music; it must be a small per cent of the attendants upon a religious service who really care for classical music from the choir. Not much of this sort of music gets inside the heads of the attendants much less into their hearts. When it comes to singing, nothing so appeals to the majority of Church-goers as the soul-stirring hymns which have moved their fathers and forefathers in a worship service. Of course, new hymns and tunes which are worshipful in their influence are most acceptable to the religious-minded Church attendant. But what the devout worshipper wants is a heart-warming experience, not an exhibition of the latest jazz or the newly-acquired skill of some person to sing classical music because it is classical. We admit that there are some soul-moving melodies from the classics, nevertheless, the great hymns which have stood the test of time and human experience are much preferred. What the serious-minded Church attendant wants is a renewal of his strength that he may overcome the temptations of the morrow; that he may have a true conception of his duty, and have it made known to him beyond a peradventure that God really cares for him. These are far more important to him than the order of service or the exhibition of a perfect skill in music.

And if the sermon and the service can so produce in his heart the feeling that God is in that place, he can well forget all else—such as how the people were dressed, how the choir sang and whether the preacher used notes and was educated or not. I do pity the critic who attends a religious service. There are so many things for him to criticize, as a rule, that he must be entirely overworked as he leaves the Church steps after a preaching service. The way the service was conducted, how the choir sang, the preacher's "Atrocious grammar," or style, the women's hats, etc., these are enough to keep the "real critic" working overtime for several days. And when all this is finally disposed of to his entire satisfaction, think how empty his heart is, how poverty-stricken his soul. What a spiritual derelect is he, out in the waste places of pendantry "Where he can hear nobody pray."

Busy People

Recently I heard one person ask another how she managed to be engaged in so many community activities since she had some small children, did her own household work and looked after the chores on the farm, that so many women have to look after; she replied that she discovered years ago that people even though very busy did the things they wanted to do.

I believe it can be stated truthfully that the Lord never called a disciple into his group who was a loafer. Read the list and you will find the men engaged in some worth while activity when called. Our experience in getting Church work done is that we must depend upon busy people to get it done. Leave it to that larger class of the membership who have time on their hands for fishing, hunting, motoring, pictures, card parties, etc, and you will surely get poor results. If they attempt the task at all, it is rarely well done. They do not visit the sick, clean off Church grounds, see that the Church is kept clean, (in rural centers) they do not "have time" to teach a class in Sunday School, or to attend quarterly conferences or act as an officer of the Church. But turn one of these jobs over to some women who is consecrated, and although she may have several small children to take care of, and do her household work, she'll find time to teach a class in the Sunday School or be an officer in the Auxiliary—she'll do well what is committed to her hands. And the same is true of busy men who love their Lord; trust them with an arduous task, it will be well done. But these loafers—they will very likely fail you. It is too bad, because these idlers need to do something worth while for their Church, to sacrifice some selfish pleasures for their Lord, in order that they shall grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

A New Idea on Genesis

In his book, *The Real Meaning of Genesis,* David Murray has given us a new idea. I have mentioned it on class a number of times. He claims that the book is a separate and complete work, intensely valuable even if we did not have any more of the Old Testament. The author of Genesis is trying to answer the question, How shall man attain the highest and best life? What means shall the Creator employ to bring man up to His will and expectations?

Now, in answering this great question Genesis shows that five methods were tried and given as failures. These were Environment, Efficiency, Ecclesiasticism, Punishment, and Nationalism. Let us look into this argument.

First, *Environment.* The Garden of Eden was the perfect environment. There was beauty, food, flowers, rivers, and comradeship. God provided richly for man's needs. He put everything at his disposal; all man had to do was to enjoy it and be happy. But environment failed. God cannot make man by good surroundings alone. Adam and Eve had a perfect chance and bungled it. No, soft surroundings cannot make the rich, full life, whether this good surroundings is provided by home, school, community or government. And so God turned from the environmental method; gave it up in disappointment. He could not make man that way.

Then, *Efficiency.* Here we have the Cain and Abel story. The very name, *Cain,* means "to get," in other words, a go-getter. He was efficient; able to do things. He was successful, and when his brother seemed to be favored above him, Cain just could not stand it. He would not let any man beat him. Business is business. Let every fellow look out for himself. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Like hundreds of others since his day, Cain made a success at the expense of his character. But what of it? He was a man of affairs, practical and exacting. In the competitive struggle he *would win!* Let others take care of themselves. But hard-driving efficiency, like environment, is not able to make man. Efficiency had failed.

Third, *Ecclesiasticism.* Beginning with Gen. 4:25, we have the account of Seth whose son was Enos. "Then began men to call upon the name of Jehovah." God's new experiment, since both Environment and Efficiency failed, was formalism in religion. But Ecclesiasticism soon went to seed, became soul-less and without power. It degenerated as it usually does and these ecclesiastical "sons of God were soon marrying the daughters of men." The leaders of organized religion married the pleasures of earth, and so corrupted the Church. Thus Ecclesiasticism alone cannot make man as God would have him make.

Fourth, *Punishment.* The story of the flood comes in here. The Creator now turns to punishment in the effort to build a people worthy of His name. But this too ends in failure. Noah himself, the one chosen as the best example of the day, gets drunk celebrating his safe landing after the deluge and disgraces himself as if nothing had happened. To emphasize the severity of the punishment, the author goes into detail. The punishment was complete. "All flesh died." The disaster was universal and thorough, yet man is so proned to sin that punishment will never keep him from it. So Punishment is not the way to redeem the world.

Fifth, *Nationalism.* The Tower of Babel illustrates this experiment. Men of a certain language came together to build a vast nation. They determined to build even to the skies, hoping, of course, that they could go on and on and save themselves while other nations took what was left. Has God not now struck the right solution? Is Nationalism the way to bring the human race to its best? Well, the Tower of Babel gives the answer, and the answer is *No.* Nation fighting, exploiting, persecuting other nations will never make man. It will always wind up in a confusion of tongues. Nationalism failed then, as it fails now, simply because it rests on misunderstanding—confusion of tongues. Germany now does not see like England, and England does not see eye to eye with Italy. So it all comes tumbling down in death and disaster. Nationalism is not God's way to redeem mankind.

Finally, *here is the way,* namely, the *God-directed life.* And this, the right way, is shown in Abraham. God called him and he, by faith, followed. "Now Jehovah said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from the kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee . . . So Abram went, as Jehovah had spoken unto him." The remainder of the book of Genesis unfolds the family records of those who, descending from the patriarch, seek to find the Lord's hand in walking the roads of life. Not Environment, Efficiency, Ecclesiasticism, Punishment, nor Nationalism, but the God-directed life is the real way to make and redeem mankind. Unless God builds a person or a people they labor in vain that build them. It takes God to redeem man.

The President's Letter

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frank to say that I believe there are great possibilities for such organizations in places where it is not possible to have one in each Church.

Appointments

Sunday, October 2—11 a. m., Roberta; 7:30 p. m., China Grove in dedicatory services.

Sunday, October 9—11 a. m., Midway; 7:30 p. m., Union Ridge on Forsyth.

Saturday, October 15—7:30 p. m., Spring Church in quarterly conference.

Sunday, October 16—11 a. m., Lebanon on Spring Church charge; 3:30 p. m., Eden Church on Halifax Charge; 7:30 p. m., Halifax quarterly conference at Bethesda Church.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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There are two spirits of prayer: one that prays to get what it wants, the other to know what God wants it to get.—*Unknown.*

THE ONE TRUE GOD

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, October 2, 1938

By J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Exodus 20:2-3; Isaiah 45:22; Mark 12:28-34; 1 Cor. 8:4-6.

Golden Text—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy might." Deut. 6:5.

Today at the beginning of another quarter we begin the study of that expression attributed to Moses which we call the Ten Commandments. Some may discuss at length the origin of these laws found in the Decalogue. Others may question the description of the situation in which they are supposed to have been given. Still others may have arguments concerning the authorship. In my mind these commandments are expressions of certain moral laws which are basic in our universe. Neither the origin nor the authorship affect their truth. Had the Bible never been written they would still have been true. They are laws of life which we must deal intelligently or else they deal with us.

In regard to the origin of the Decalogue we know that much of Hebrew law can be traced to other and much older codes of legislation. The Code of King Hammurabi, supposedly formulated in the twentieth century B. C., apparently had much influence upon the early law makers of Israel. This is a fact which neither adds to nor takes from the sigsifiicance of these laws. The Decalogue, however, show less dependence upon former legislative expressions than do the other laws found in the Covenant Code recorded in the twenty-first through the twenty-third chapters of Exodus. And the most original apparently in the Decalogue is found in this first commandment which we are studying today. Though the law-giver, supposedly Moses, admits the existence of other gods he proclaims that there is but one god for Israel. Thus we have the beginning of an idea that was to grow until a day when the prophets of Israel went forth declaring that there is but one god, that at the center of life and of the universe there is unity rather than division. "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is one." In making this statement Jesus was simply expressing a profound truth which came to birth in the Ten Commandments, was reemphasized and purified by the prophets, and became the accepted teaching of the Jewish religion.

It is difficult for us of the twentieth century to realize just how revolutionary the teaching of monetheism at first was. It came like a bomb-shell in a polytheistic world. It was destined not only to have influence upon man's thinking but upon man's relationship to God and to his fellowman. If God is One then that means that we can deal with Him in honor, and if there is but one God and Father then that means that all men are brothers. In my mind this idea of one and only one God is one of the most profound steps forward ever made in the development of religion.

Another important step forward in man's thinking about God came when the prophets, accepting His unity, proclaimed for Him the attribute of justice. At one time the world thought of Him as possessed of all the jealousies, hatreds, and weaknesses of mankind. Revolutionary was the message that God was not nearly so much concerned for sacrifices as for justice between men. It is a consideration of no small significance to believe that there is in the universe a supreme power that supports us in our most noble ambitions and approves of strict ethical dealings between man and man. It is one thing to deal with a god of whim and fancy but quite another to deal with an Ethical Being Who responds to man in strict justice . . . "what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" .

Probably the most profound truth about God was revealed through Christ. Christ accepted His unity and His ethical nature but He goes further to reveal that His true nature is love. Christ teaches us that at the center of the universe there is love as well as justice, that there is mercy and forgiveness for sin as well as condemnation. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." So as we see Christ in all His love and passion for men, never so much concerned for what a person has been as for what he may yet be, we see God himself. He is a Being not only to be feared and reverenced but to be loved as a Father. We may now approach Him with a faith that He will not only respond in justice but that that justice will be motivated by love. In the words of Dr. William Ernest Hocking: "I believe that Christianity has given the name Christ to what we might call the voice of God to man; and I like to think of the word Christ as meaning what I might call the human face of God. The veil of reality has been broken, as though some being had come towards us out of the darkness; and we can say to the universe, not 'It is there,' but 'Thou art there and thou carest for me'."

Now if God is and these ideas about Him are true they come to represent the most profound truth in all the universe. If they are false they represent the greatest error in human thought. Either God is or He is not. If He is then our indifference to Him is our greatest sin. If He is not then the pious beliefs which we express in creed but not in deed become our greatest shame. In other words if we believe in God we should have courage to proceed upon that belief. Jehovah will be the one and only God in our lives, challenging our love, respect and obedience, or else He will not be there at all. So we hear Him say,, "I am Jehovah thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

WESTERN PASTORS' FEDERATION MEETING

Albemarle, N. C., October 4

Program

10:30—Devotions, Rev. C. G. Isley.

10:45—How to Secure the Largest Thanksgiving Offering for the Children's Home, Dr. A. G. Dixon.

11:10—Address, Dr. J. E. Pritchard.

Lunch

1:45—Devotions, Rev. C. L. Grant.

2:00—Business.

2:15—The Fellowship Crusade, Dr. R. M. Andrews.

2:40—The Minister's Chief Business, Rev. W. L. Harkey.

T. G. Madison, *Secretary.*

OUR STORY PAGE

PEACETIME HEROES

Jimmy was curled up in the big armchair in front of the gas-log reading a book that he had borrowed from the school library. He had no lessons, because tomorrow was Armistice Day.

Florence came over to see what book Jimmy was reading. "It's about heroes, isn't it?" she asked.

Florence knew the kind of stories that Jimmy enjoyed so much. He was always pleased to read or hear about people who did brave deeds or hard tasks.

"Yes, but these stories aren't about soldier heroes, Florence," answered Jimmy. "They tell about explorers, and the hard times they've had discovering new lands; and inventors, and what a lot of patience their inventions sometimes took. There are other stories, too, that I haven't read yet."

Jimmy showed Florence a picture of Thomas Edison bending over his work-table. "My book says that it took Mr. Edison a long time to find out how to make the electric bulbs that we use now. He tried all sorts of materials that didn't suit before he found the right ones."

"I would get impatient and give up," declared Florence. But then she glanced at the bright electric light beside the armchair and thought how helpful it was for seeing and reading. "Well, maybe I wouldn't give up right off, and anyhow, we are certainly glad that Mr. Edison didn't," she said. Jimmy smiled at that, and so did daddy, across the room.

"Electric bulbs are useful things," daddy agreed.

"Other men have done fine things, too, haven't they, daddy?" said Jimmy eagerly. "One story in my book tells how General Goethals and his workers built the Panama Canal, and what a job it was, because the earth and rocks often slid right back where the men had been digging."

"Yes, that was a great job of engineering," agreed daddy. "Probably there is also a story or two about doctor heroes in your book, Jimmy."

"Doctor heroes, daddy? What are some of the deeds they've done?" asked Florence.

"Some doctors have worked hard like Mr. Edison, trying to find what causes diseases, Florence," daddy explained. "Often it has been very dangerous for them, too, for they could easily catch the disease which they were studying. But they kept on, in order to learn about it and make the world healthier."

Florence and Jimmy stared at the bright gas-log, thinking of the men and women who quietly work so hard and do so much in different ways to make everyone else happier and better off.

"We're glad there are such people in the world," said Jimmy. "When we think of heroes we often think first of generals or soldiers, but others have done splendid things, too."

"We have many peacetime heroes," agreed daddy.

"And I'm glad to have peace, so that men and women can work and study instead of having to go to war," put in Florence. "Inventions and cures and all those good things help people around the world."

"Yes, Florence, peace and friendship do indeed help all the people," said daddy.

Florence and Jimmy were still thinking about the peacetime heroes the next day as they watched the Armistice parade. They hoped that there would be peace, so that men could work together for the good of all. Maybe they could have some part themselves some day.—*Grace Helen Davis in Junior World.*

IN QUEST OF GREATNESS

What is a great man? One high in public life or one rich as Midas? The dweller in the big house on the hill looking askance at all whose wealth is consumed daily in the grim battle for food, raiment, and shelter for himself and his family? These may be great judged by certain false standards, but not how far they may fail in the true tests of life.

Here's a really great one. "He was the only man I ever met who made me feel he had never noticed that I was black." That is what the brilliant Frederick Dougles, coal-black Negro orator, once said of Abraham Lincoln.

And this one. "The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus, for he oft refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain"—a tribute of real worth from one of the finest, Paul.

A famed missionary from Africa was quitting a place where he had delivered a lecture. A lad lingered near the door, half afraid of the prominent visitor. "Well, my lad, do you think you would like to be a missionary?" And that night David Livingstone began the thinking that was to take him ultimately to Central Africa—his death sentence of love.

About the richest man in town was he, but how he loved his Master. He was convenor of a billeting committee for a great gathering of young people. Two colored girls arrived at his desk—the only two at the gathering. "Well, you two ladies are my guests. We have just room for two at our house." And he took them home to his splendid home, drove them back to the church in the morning and then suspecting that their purses were far from filled, he said: "Now, I go home to all my meals daily—I'll just pick you up at noon and again at evening and we will have our lunch and dinner together as a family while you are here." He would not let them risk a snub or slight from some thoughtless host. Well did he know, too, that their status was secure at that Convention when it was known that they were his guests. "Those girls were a delight to us," he added after they had gone. "We enjoyed every moment of their stay with us."

Another convention—not Baptist this time. A judge, high in legal circles, and his wife had promised to care for two delegates. A white man arrived and was welcomed and then, just at tea time, the second came—black, very black, indeed. It was evident that the first guest was disturbed; he was quite rude to his fellow delegate. At the conclusion of the family meal the judge spoke to his white guest—perhaps it was his years on the bench that made him direct. "You were quite disturbed by this colored man and quite rude to him. I am very sorry and I have apologized to him for the offense. He acted the part of a Christian gentleman. My friend, the colored man, will be our guest during this convention. If you cannot be gracious to him, you will have to seek another place of entertainment." He remained, but that night he must have been amazed to discover that the judge and the colored man—a railway porter—had become so engrossed in conversation in the library after dinner that the black delegate had missed the convention.—Two great men—one a judge and the other a porter.

A great man—he was rich, some say he counted his fortune in millions. But once he had worked for ten or twelve dollars each week and he had found two treasures—he knew Jesus well and he knew that however poor a man might be, he had a responsibility to him. One day he heard that an old employee of one of his numerous firms was very ill, not likely to recover. An elevator man, I think. Then it dawned upon him that in all the years he had gone up and down that elevator he had never discovered if the man was a Christian or not. A five hundred mile journey, both ways, to the bedside of the almost unknown to ask forgiveness for his failure and to seek to bring a little cheer to the poor old master's man he found.

And still another. Once this man had been poor, with apparently no hope of success in his little business. There was many an uncomfortable arrival of the sheriff in those days when only two or three were in his employ. But he had grown very, very rich and even the King had been pleased to confer honors upon him. Unlike many, however, he was always loyal to the two or three who stayed with him in the days when the pay envelope was very uncertain. One day, traveling afar, he heard that one of his old friends was slipping away slowly, but certainly. At once he re-arranged his itinerary and began the long trip home as fast as possible. The wire brought him frequent bulletins from his home city. And then one night, just at dark, he arrived. A dash to the hospital, to sit for hours holding his old employee-associate's hand—and watch him go away. Wealth—position—power all forgotten; two old friends sitting together awaiting the summons.

What made Gladstone so wonderful? Probably a great heart—rather than a great head. Recall that day when he appeared in the House of Commons to deal with a matter of supreme importance—he came directly from an all-night vigil at the dying bed of an almost nameless crossing sweeper. That night William Ewart Gladstone was not Premier of Great Britain, but just a Christian man seeking to help a lonely sick man "cross the bar."

Greatness is goodness—and goodness is Godness. A man is great, not because of wealth or place or power, but only if he is a servant of others. That was Jesus' way—"I came not to be ministered unto but to minister." And He ministered—to weary bodies and sin-sick souls, even to Calvary.

A self-centered life cannot be great.

A Christian one cannot be trivial.—*The Canadian Baptist.*

JOHN WYCLIF

Many fail to realize that leaders of the English people were declaring their independence of the Church of Rome long before the final break which came during the reign of Henry VIII.

One of the very early leaders to take his stand in this matter was John Wyclif, who lived in the fourteenth century.

He was born about 1320, in Yorkshire. He became Master of Balliol College, Oxford, in 1361—the year of the Black Plague. In 1365, he became Warden of Canterbury Hall, from which position he was expelled, because of his teachings, and which action was confirmed by a Papal Bull in 1370.

In 1374, he was presented by King Edward III, to the rectorship of Lutterworth, in Leicestershire, a position which he held until his death.

It was about 1363, that he became conspicuous in English national life, where he appeared first as a statesman and diplomatist, rather than a theologian. He energetically defended the autonomy, the rights and interests of the Kingdom, especially against the claims and pretensions of the court of Rome.

He became known as the most learned man of his day in England, and in addition to his fame as a scholar, possessed great popular influence as a powerful preacher in the mother tongue.

He became a leader in the cause of national and religious freedom, and efforts were made to bring him within the power of the Roman authorities for trial and punishment as a heretic. This was prevented by the King and the authorities of his university. Many attempts to condemn and silence him were thwarted, especially in his later years. From his chapel and lecture room now went forth an organized succession of "Poor Priests," clad in coarse garments, barefoot, and with staff in hand, to carry the sacred fire to the common people of the land. His followers, who were numerous, became known by the name of "Lollards."

From the ablest of these Wyclif chose assistants, and with their help began and finished a translation of the Bible into the vernacular. Copies of this, the earliest complete translation of the Bible into English, were carried by the "Poor Priests" through all the Kingdom, and this, together with the poems of Chaucer, exerted on Middle English the same creative power that Shakespeare and the King James' Version had on modern English.

In 1384, this great scholar and early Protestant found peace, as he passed from this life into the greater knowledge and clearer vision of the life of the Immortals.

The hatred of Rome, however, pursued him beyond the grave, for, by order of the Council of Constance, his remains were dug up, in 1428, and burned, the ashes being scattered upon the river Swift.

But the influence of Wyclif and his teachings, and especially his Bible, were indestructible and have been of inestimable value in the development of the free England of today.—*Rev. John T. Walker in Supreme Council Bulletin.*

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WOMEN'S QUARTERLY MEETING PROGRAM

October 7—10:30 A. M.—Concord, N. C.

The main feature of the program for this quarterly meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work will be addresses by Rev. and Mrs. Paul F. Warner, returned missionaries from Japan.

Mrs. C. W. Bates, Mrs. W. C. Hammer and Mrs. H. C. Nicholson will each speak on our progress and plans to promote further progress, from their official viewpoints.

All departmental secretaries will be given opportunity to present plans for furthering their departments, and the regular official reports will be given.

We hope for a full attendance of Auxiliary representatives.

MRS. R. M. ANDREWS,
President of N. C. Branch.

REVIEWS OF THREE OF OUR HOME MISSION STUDY BOOKS

The American City and Its Church, by Samuel C. Kincheloe, cloth, $1, paper, 60 cents. **My Community, My Church and Me!**, by Wilbur C. Hallenbeck, paper, 35 cents. **City Shadows,** by Robert W. Searle, cloth $1, paper 60 cents.

The year the cycle of missionary education studies returns to the theme of the city and its church. As aids to an understanding of organized religion in urban civilization, three excellent books are provided.

The main study book by Dr. Samuel C. Kincheloe, of Chicago Theological Seminary, while written in popular vein, is more definitely sociological in conception than most of the previous treatments of the same theme. It is essentially the story of the influence of the city on the church, and the resulting characteristics and prospects of the church in an urban environment. Professor Kincheloe traverses the inevitable ground presented by the city and its problems, but is always mindful of actual people living in concrete situations. When he generalizes, as is necessary in so short a book, as to housing, delinquency, etc., it is with a clear sense of the bearings of these things upon the family and its sanctities and the lives of the individuals who compose it.

Perplexed and tried by the vicissitudes of urban change, the church makes such adjustments as it can and is not altogether unsuccessful. Dr. Kincheloe's book furnishes an excellent popular introduction to urban religious problems.

True to his calling as a professor of education, Dr. Hallenbeck attempts to carry learning over into action. He invites Dr. Kincheloe's readers to use the results of their studies in a series of projects in their own communities. "My Community, My Church and Me!" shows how to set up a religiously motivated study of any particular urban situation, combining research and discussion on the part of a local cooperative group which is in a position to assume real responsibility.

After the religious people of the city have established the facts by direct investigation, Dr. Hallenbeck's book will help them to evaluate their findings in the light of Christian ideals and to determine objectives, both immediate and more ultimate.

Dr. Searle's poignantly written series of vignettes of types of urban people under pressure of adverse surroundings, personalizes the problems of which Dr. Kincheloe writes, and identifies the people for whose sake Dr. Hallenbeck would like to mobilize the Christian forces for action. The neglected child, the unstable immigrant family, the disintegrated American home, the mentally handicapped, and the unemployed—all figure graphically in a series of brief but striking sketches based on the author's experience as a metropolitan pastor, now secretary of the New York Federation of Churches.

Approaching the problem of urban religion, as these books do, from the three-fold standpoint of knowledge, feeling and action, every church ought to find one or another of them useful. H. P. D.

These books may be obtained from the Board of Missions, M. P. Church, Department of Women's Work, 516 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

THANK-OFFERING

Thank-offering boxes, envelopes, worship services and pageants should be in use now, and may be had by writing Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, Secretary Thank-Offering, Asheboro, N. C.

Let us all observe Thank-Offering month personally, as Auxiliaries and churches.

BENEVOLENCES AND STEWARDSHIP

All other activities began in with renewed interest their fall work, after a summer slump, due to hot weather, to vacations, or perhaps from mere habit; and we, too, in this department of Benevolences and Stewardship wish to put on renewed energy. We appeal to every local Auxiliary secretary to keep her work, its needs, before the church group. Those faithful women who have canned fruits and vegetables for the Children's Home deserve much praise for their loyalty, especially do we feel grateful to the Graham Auxiliary for their splendid donation on Children's Home day. Their secretary of Benevolence had a unique plan to raise that birthday offering, and we are proud of her success.

With such a splendid group of women for the work of Benevolences and Stewardship we desire to get in touch with every one of you in order to make progress. Our field is large, there is much we can do by a united effort. With the varied causes for our deep concern,—from our little ones at the Children's Home to the dear old folk at the Home for the aged and our very own ministers of the Superannuate Fund. Then, too, there is our Bethel Home, the house of healing, where we can help make the sick comfortable; and our aid in contributions, through our local church, to the American Bible society, to spread the gospel.

One project now working, is the donation of cakes and cookies, from various Auxiliaries, to the Children's Home to assist Mrs. Dixon in the school lunches for 104 boys and girls. This is a great help, for most of us would find packing lunches for three or four each morning a job to us—but oh! just think of 104 lunches five mornings every week. We are working out a schedule of dates, hoping to keep a necessary supply for the entire school year. So when I write your Auxiliary for a gift of cakes for a certain day, please let me know if I may depend on it. If there is some date you prefer to take cakes to the Home just let me know at once, please, before I have other plans made.

Our main objective just now is to get every Secretary of Bevenolence to assist in arousing the interest of each man, woman and child to the financial needs of the Children's Home for the best Thanksgiving offering this year.

May I remind you, Secretary of Benevolence, to confer with your pastor about the Superannuate Fund and assist him in raising the quota for your church. We must not forget to help our few aged ministers.

Along in the new mission study book we suggest that every group have a course in Stewardship; give at least one program at an Auxiliary meeting on this subject, and present a Stewardship pageant in the church. There is good material in the Missionary Record for this, as well as a list of material from which you can order supplies.

Have you read that article in the August-September Record on "The Stewardship Movement—Whence and Whither?" I hope each Auxiliary will use it in a regular meeting as it is splendid.

These books I find especially good and suggest them added to your reading list:

"The Victory of Mary Christopher," by Calkins; "Stewardship for All of Life," by Lovejoy; "Speculating in Futures," by Lovejoy; "Dealing Squarely With God," by Cushman.

Wishing all of you the best cooperation in each of your undertakings, I am,

Very sincerely,
MRS. J. H. STONE,
Sec. Benevolences and Stewardship,
N. C. Branch.

MINNIS' FUND

We are coming along very well but let's rally to call and put this over.

A new Auxiliary at Chapel Hill-Davidson charge, has contributed to this fund. This Auxiliary was organized in May and has begun by responding to call for Minnis' Fund. We trust they will give liberally since this will count on their World Service budget of their church.

The Friendship C. E. society on Haw River circuit, will be responsible for $19.50 of Minnis' salary. That is fine, now won't more C. E. societies, Sunday school classes or some group of young people follow their examlpe and make a pledge or contribution now.

You of course read report of Minnis' Fund last week by Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, of Denton, Treasurer of N. C. Branch. Was your church, or group in that? Well then see how fast we can work and send in your money and be proud to help, not only the Minnises but help your pastor go to Conference with World Service paid in full.

Watch the Missionary column for more articles by interested women of North Carolina.

Yours for Minnis Fund,
MRS. H. C. NICHOLSON.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Please Remember

For the harvest-home offering for the Children's Home that produce of any kind will be helpful, especially grain of any kind, chickens and potatoes. Send it to us if you can; if not then please let each charge gather it at one place and notify us. This request is made to save time and gasoline. Thank you.

Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	$ 5.50
Shiloh S. S., Randolph	2.20
Friendship S. S., Haw River	5.00
Richland, Cedar Falls S. S., 3rd quarter	8.51
Orange Chapel, Saxapahaw	1.00
Love Joy S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	2.00
Canaan S. S., Denton	1.00
St. Paul S. S., Greensboro, June to Sept.	24.00
Shiloh S. S., Shiloh	8.50
Love's Grove S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	4.11
Bethel S. S., Flat Rock	1.51
Union Ridge S. S., Forsyth	5.00
The Rea Missionary Society, Dundee, Mich.	5.00
Mt. Carmel S. S., Forsyth	3.58
C. E. Soc., Glen Raven, for shoes	4.00
Spring Hill S. S., North Davidson	1.00
Welch Memorial S. S., High Point	10.00
R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., by Mrs. J. P. Dodge, for shoes	3.00
The Ladies' Bible class, R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., clothing child	5.00
Bethesda S. S., N. Davidson	3.13
W. Forsyth, Pleasant Hill S. S., for the quarter	4.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

The most of the fall outfits for our girls are in, and for the most part the dresses are beautiful. A few of our boys are provided for, but some 40 of the boys will have to have winter clothing yet.

Wanted

Forty men's classes which will contribute $8 to buy winter clothing and a pair of shoes for a boy. Last year we had the Biltmore jeans out of which to have suits made for our boys, but this year we haven't. But with what the boys now have we can outfit each one fairly well on $8 per boy.

We thank you for a quick and hearty response to this.

The Woman's Auxiliary, Grace church, Greensboro, several packages of cakes and cup cakes for school lunches.

The Ladies' Aid Society, Canaan, North Davidson, 36 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables.

A friend, one 24-pound bag of flour.

Mrs. W. H. Neese, one pair of shoes.

Miss Sara Marie Neese, one dress and one sweater.

We are thankful for all these gifts of money and substance, and ask that you do your best to help us make a good report to Conference for your charge.

Yours in His service,

A. G. DIXON, Supt.

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"Do you think kleptomania is catching?"
"No, it's taking."—Exchange.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

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CHURCH WORK — GOD'S WORK

The Christian Endeavor Topic for October 9, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 3—A Hard Task. Hag. 2:1-5.

Tuesday, October 4—A Child in Church Work, I Sam. 2:18.

Wednesday, October 5—A Church Founded. Acts 2:36-47.

Thursday, October 6—Preaching in God's Work, Heb. 2:1-4.

Friday, October 7 — Working for God's People, I Pet. 5:1-11.

Saturday, October 8—Paul as a Church Worker, Phil. 4:1-7.

The text— Isa. 2:2, 3; Eph. 5:25-27.

The word church has many different shades of meaning. Especially do we find this true in the New Testament. But regardless of the shade of meaning or of the place or time the true church is always a divine institution. It is a religious assembly selected and called out of the world by the doctrine of the gospel to worship the true God in Christ according to the word. I Cor. 1-2, Rev. 2:7. It is all the elect of God, of what nation soever, from the beginning to the end of the world, who make but one body, whereof Jesus Christ is the Head, Col. 1:18. It is the faithful of a family or group together with such Christians as were want to assemble with them for solemn worship, Rom. 16:5. But whatever its form or its name God instituted the formation and directed the obedient individually and collectively.

This divinely instituted church has many phases to its work—work that has to be done if the church is to fulfill its place in the world. The work of the church is God's work and should be considered as such. All of the work of the church should be done in a spirit of worship whether it be evangelizing or merely physical work on the church building and grounds.

Paul in his letter to the Ephesians says that the church should be sanctified and cleansed with the washing of water by the word. The church should be presented to God without a spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

As with everything else we get out of our church work just what we put into it. And while leading others to Christ is the most important work of the church, if the physical work of the church carries with it a religious experience it too can be of great value to the worker as well as to the church. In fact our religious experience would mean a lot more to most of us if the experience were strong enough to make us want to do something constructive for our church—for God's church.

I know a man who is a wonderful craftsman. Who before the depression had a good business employing several men, and yet time after time you could go to his place of business and fail to find him there. Usually one of his men would say that he could be found at his church. When he became discouraged —when things didn't go just right he would leave his work and go to his church—not to sit and meditate or to pray as some people would do, but to work some. He would find something around the church that needed mending or repairing. Many times even late at night his car could be seen parked in front of the church and his whistle could be heard coming from the church where he was worshiping God and enjoying a religious experience in doing God's work.

That man lost his business. During the depression he has had a hard struggle but he has always remained cheerful and driven away his worries with his tools in the church. One of his employees made the statement that if he spent as much time at his place of business as he did at church he would have a prosperous business—but he is happier doing the church work—God's Work.

The Carpenter

Silent at Joseph's side He stood,
And smoothed and trimmed the shapeless word.
And with firm hand, assured and slow,
Drove in each nail with measured blow.

Absorbed, He planned a wooden cask,
Nor asked for any greater task,
Content to make, with humble tools,
Tables and little children's stools.

Lord, give me careful hands to make
Such simple things as for Thy sake.
Happy within Thine House to dwell
If I may make one table well.

—Phyllis Hartnoll.

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SERMONS AT WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Greensboro

Dates for University sermons of the academic year at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina have been announced by Dr. W. C. Jackson, dean of administration. Four eminent religious leaders will address students in Aycock auditorium at the college on the following Sunday evenings: October 2, November 20, January 15, and March 5.

The speaker for the first date is Dr. W. A. Smart, Emory university, Georgia, and Rabbi James Heller, Cincinnati Ohio, will speak November 20. Ministers to fill the January and March engagements will be announced later in the year.

Dr. Smart was ordained into the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1907, and has held pastorates in Lynchburg, Va., Portsmouth, Va., and Charlottesville, Va. For the past 25 years he has been on the faculty of Emory university as professor of Biblical theology. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Smart holds the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Southern Methodist university and from Ohio Wesleyan university.

Dr. Smart is a native of South Carolina and a graduate of Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tenn. He was also graduated from Union Theological seminary. The public, as well as members of the college community, is invited to attend the series of University sermons which Dr. Smart's address will open, announces Dr. Jackson.

The hour is 7:00 o'clock.

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School Principal: "What would you like your son to specialize in? Has he shown any particular taste?"

Mother: "Yes, for apple pie."—Exchange.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

West End, Greensboro.—Thought the reporter would have something in this week about our fine Anniversary day. With the concessions made by the Finance company that made the loan, and the fine spirit of cooperation on the part of all departments of the church and Sunday school, we have the debt reduced now to $6,000. Looks the best it has since coming here. This has been done despite the predictions of the prophets of doom, some of which would like to come in now and help to ride in on the easiest work to do, for the folks now believe it can be done, even the most pessimistic of four years ago.

The Gift service arranged by the program committee was very impressive and the writer believes this was a service that was really helpful to all present. The Berrier quartette from Lexington, Shiloh charge, gave us a number of inspiring selections. Everybody enjoyed them. Come again, young people. Then in the afternoon Rev. Tom Sykes gave us a fine address on our responsibility in the stewardship of life. Those who have heard him know something of what we got, those who have not heard him have missed much. He is one of the unique speakers of this country. The day passed off to the profit of all who attended these services.

A good year.- Thirty-three accessions, much done in the way of church improvement, finances somewhat behind on other interests, but the chairman of the Board of Stewards promises activity through October that should meet all claims.

N. G. BETHEA.

Littleton Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—It has been quite a while since a report was made from us busy workers. Guess some may think probably we are not doing anything to report, but let's hope no one will get that impression.

The third quarterly conference was held on Saturday evening, September 10, at 2 o'clock, at our church. All the churches on the charge were represented well. Miss Annie Perkinson was elected delegate to attend the Annual Conference in November.

The Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Frank King, Tuesday evening. There were nearly all the members present and we had the pleasure of having one of our former pastors, Rev. R. L. Vickery, of Danville, Va., with us. He had been helping in a revival at Vaughn's church on the charge. Mrs. Bud Perry had charge of the program for the evening. We sang a hymn at the opening of the meeting, Mr. Vickery led in prayer. And then we sang another song, after which Mrs. Bud Perry read the meditation, and we all join in the responsive reading. Then Miss Louise King gave us an interesting talk on railroads in China. Our business discussion for the meeting was making a quilt. We began on the quilt on Thursday after the meeting was held on Tuesday evening. Then the meeting came to a close, after a refreshing ice course and cakes were served. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Sallie Williams, our president.

Our pastor, has filled his regular appointments during the weeks we have failed to report. And I must say, congratulations to our pastor on how he gets along with his work so well, in all he undertakes.

Our Sunday school attendance has been very well throughout the summer, considering the vacation days. But now they are over for the summer and we are hoping to have more of our members and others to attend regularly.

We have a contest on now, that's been of great help to keep our members attending so regularly. We chose green and gold for our colors this time. The greens are a little ahead at the present, but the yellow is not far behind us by no means.

On the third Sunday morning we are to have our regular services, and on the third Sunday night, we are going to have our Children's day program. And we are looking forward with pleasure of making this one of the best programs we have had this year. So let's hope by God's help, that we can continue to work for the Lord and do good at all times.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, T. H. Vickery, Pastor, Sept. 25.—Have been waiting to see the report our pastor was going to make but guess he has been so busy getting started back to school.

We have all been busy and much is being accomplished. We have raised almost enough money to get our church painted. Work is to begin next week.

Our pastor is going to Wofford College this year and we thought by being nearer he would get to be with us more often. Rev. Mr. Vickery was with us today for his regular appointment.

He brought with him one of his school friends, a Rev. Mr. Carver. We were indeed glad to have him and hope to have him come back whenever possible.

It isn't long until we send our delegate, Mr. Ralph Hughes, to Conference but we have a good bit of work to do to have a 100% report, which we are hoping to accomplish.

Glad to have had the report from Yarborough's Chapel. Come on, don't let it be the first and last.

SARA SIMPSON, Reporter.

Glen Raven Church, Charles Coble, Pastor.—Our church is moving along very nicely. We have been so unsettled for so long. We were all so grieved by the sickness and death of our pastor, Rev. R. S. Troxler. Our deepest sympathy and most sincere prayers go to his family and loved ones. When our work here is done we are called to our new work in Heaven.

The different organizations are doing nice work. The Ladies' Aid has had two Brunswick stew suppers in the last little while. These ladies are truly carrying their part of the finance of the church. They are getting along nicely with the payment on the furnace.

The Christian Endeavor is steadily increasing in membership and in interest. We have been having services at the county jail and these services are very beneficial to each of us as well as the inmates. At our last meeting there were ten inmates and each of them gave their hearts to Christ. There were seven men and three women. Our prayers are that they may be sincere in their decision and that they will continue in His wonderful love. The Endeavor has enjoyed so much getting together clothing for our little girl at the Home. We still call her our "little girl" although she is 15 years old.

We have just concluded a two weeks' revival with Dr. Fred W. Paschall helping. We had a good meeting. There were only about six conversions but those of us who are striving to walk in the Light were wonderfully blessed by Dr. Paschalls' inspiring messages.

Vestal Johnson has returned to Oak Ridge to continue his studies there.

We had a Home-coming day the second Sunday. There were not so many there but those who were there enjoyed the fellowship very much. Dr. R. M. Andrews preached at the 11 o'clock hour and he brought us a most inspiring message. We had a basket dinner and in the afternoon a prayer service.

Please remember our church in your prayers.

REPORTER.

Kernersville-South Winston Charge, Sept. 26—The reporters at the churches of this charge seem to have gone on a strike, so the reporting is shifted to the pastor. We had very interesting services at all of the five churches during the past two Sundays. On the third Sunday we had the usual attendance and interest at the Kernersville church. The Lord's Supper was administered to the usual number of members. In the afternoon at 3 p. m. Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, pastor of Grace church, Greensboro, delivered an interesting sermon, discussing the text: "The People Had a Mind to Work." Following the sermon the third objective of the Fellowship Crusade was presented, and a total of 14 subscriptions were received, the money to be paid by the last Sunday before the Annual Conference meets. The pastor went to South Winston church for the 7:30 p. m. service where the usual size congregation was present.

The services were held the past Sunday, at Ai church at 10 a. m., and at Sandy Ridge at 11 a. m. A larger congregation was present at Ai than had been present for some time. Also there was a larger congregation present at Sandy Ridge. An improvement in the singing and an increase in the number in the choir were results of the singing school which has been conducted at this church for the past four weeks. No service was held at the Kernersville church Sunday night, but members and the pastor attended the special evangelistic service at the Kernersville M. E. church at 7:30 and heard Rev. C. C. Herbert, of Walkertown, who delivered the sermon.

Announcement was made at Sandy Ridge church Sunday morning that a revival meeting will begin in that church the second Sunday in October, with Rev. Fred R. Love, of Pleasant Grove church, doing the preaching. A community singing will be held during the morning and afternoon and the first revival service will be at 7:30 p. m.

The pastor and family appreciate very much a number of gifts from members and friends since our last report to the Herald.

Mrs. J. W. Corum, of the Kernersville church, has supplied us with milk and butter for the past several weeks. Mrs. June Hester, a member of Pine Grove church, has been very generous with a variety of gifts. No visit has been made to that home without something was placed in the car. Brother Jeosph Dean, also of Pine Grove church, has made gifts from time to time. Brother Kermit Ingram, of the Kernersville church, and his mother, have been liberal with gifts. While the pastor was at Ai church Sunday morning Mrs. W. B. Warren placed a gift in the car. We are grateful for all these gifts.

Mrs. C. J. Broadway, a member of Ai church, is now a member of the great family of Herald subscribers, having given her subscription to the pastor last Sunday. We hope others will follow Mrs. Broadway's example.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

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West End, Greensboro, Dr. N. G. Bethea, Pastor.—Three weeks ago our church celebrated its 21st anniversary. During these 21 years, we have had our ups and downs in attendance, finances, and our spiritual life. We believe that we are in better shape financially than we have been in a long time. The organizations of the church and Sunday school raised $1,000 for our church debt as an anniversary gift. In the afternoon Rev. Tom Sykes, of Thomasville, brought us a splendid message on "Stewardship." The entire day was an inspiration to all of us, especially the older members, who have been with us since we organized our church.

Last Sunday morning all departments of the Sunday school assembled together for a Promotion day service. The children were very proud of the certificates they were given. At the close of this service the superintendent of the Sunday school presented Mr. S. E. Ratledge with a gold watch and chain. This was a gift from the Sunday school in appreciation of the ten years' faithful service Mr. Ratledge has served as secretary of the Sunday school. During those years he has not been absent a single Sunday, and so we honor Mr. Ratledge. We wish that God would give us more Sunday school officials and members like him.

REPORTER.

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First M. P. Church, Danville, Va., R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—We had so many pleasant surprises last Sunday that it's hard to decide which was the most pleasant. The Christian Endeavor society set aside September 25 for the observance of Parents' day, and asked all members of Christian Endeavor and all parents in the church to attend. Mr. Ira Elliott had charge of the program, and we had such a splendid service that we're thinking of taking back seats every Sunday and letting the adults give the speeches. We really did enjoy having our parents with us and listening to them talk and sing. Next Sunday, October 2, the society will observe Founders' and Members' day. We wish to urge all young people to come out to these meetings, because you need the Christian Endeavor society and the Christian Endeavor society needs you.

At the evening preaching service we had quite a number of visitors. Mr. Herbert Garmon, of Charlotte, N. C., brought us a big sermon in a big way. He says he's every inch for the Lord, so we're just glad he is large and has more to give to God. We were also glad to see our former pastor, Rev. C. P. Morris, of Orange charge, in the audience. We are always happy to have him, and all other visitors worship with us at any and all times.

Our delegate to Conference this year will be Mr. A. E. Rice. We're glad to have him represent our church, and are hoping to send with him a good report on the last year's work.

The Ladies' Auxiliary had charge of Wednesday night prayer meeting last week. The Auxiliary is always coming along and helping out, and they really live up to their name. They had a good crowd out and everyone seemed to enjoy the service very much. Mr. Garmon is leader of the prayer service for this week, so all of you who possibly can, come out to the prayer meetings, help with your presence, your prayers, your talents, and let us try to labor as our Master would have us.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

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Concord, E. O. Peeler, Pastor, Sept. 25—Since our last report our pastor has been holding some real good services on Sundays and in our mid-week prayer services. We are so glad to see more of our folks attending the mid-week services. Mr. D. D. Nash will conduct our service this Wednesday night and he will preach for us tonight as our pastor was called out of town to help in a funeral of a friend. We were very happy to have Rev. L. R. Medlin preach for us this morning. He gave us a beautiful message and at the close of the service a consecration service and prayer was held. For the past several weeks we are holding our services on the Evangelistic plan. We know that the revival must start in the church before we can reach the outside.

We were so happy to have Mrs. Ruth Newton come into our church family. Her husband, Mr. William Newton, has been a member for a long time and Mrs. Newton came to us from the M. E. church.

Mr. William Newton has been confined to bed for four weeks from injuries in an auto wreck. We hope he will soon be able to be out and come back to church. His friends are all interested and were so glad to know that X-ray shows that only one bone is cracked, but he is badly bruised.

On Friday night of this week Mr. James Blackwelder and Miss Ruth White will be married in our church. James is one of our ushers and a very fine boy, one we are proud of. Miss White is a member of Epworth Methodist church and a very fine girl.

On Friday night, October 7, we will hold a membership meeting. We hope to have all members that live near enough to be present and just have a real get-together fellowship meeting.

Our stewards are having a meeting Monday night. They are trying to get everything ready for Conference.

Our parsonage looks very pretty with a new coat of paint on the inside.

We are very happy to know that Mrs. Marvin Blackwelder has returned to her home from the hospital where she underwent a serious operation. She is getting along nicely.

We are so sorry that Mrs. Whisnant does not improve very much, she has been confined to bed for four or five weeks with a severe cold. We miss her so much; she always took part in all church work. We hope if it is the Father's will that she will soon be well again.

R. B. Lowder underwent an appendicitis operation and is getting along fine. Mr. Erskin Newton is confined to his home with stomach trouble. Mrs. R. O. Atwell has improved some since our last report. We have so much sickness and sadness in our church family.

Our pastor is on the go most all the time and we just pray the Father to give him health and strength; he is so good and so sympathetic we don't know how we could get along without him. For more than a week our pastor and family, with all the church family, were much in prayer for Mr. Roland Haupt, who had an infection from a boil on his nose. Mr. Haupt became very ill on Tuesday and was rushed to a hospital in Charlotte and everything doctors, nurses, medicine, prayers and all could do was done. The Father said come up higher. On Saturday night near midnight our pastor and family with relatives and some of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Haupt were in prayer at the parsonage. Oh, how we miss Roland because he was always at church and interested in everything the church did; he was one of our ushers and one of our stewards and taught a class of our boys. But it means so much to know that if we live right we can see Roland again. I won't ever forget the time when he was converted and joined the church. He was the brightest and happiest looking young man I think I ever saw. Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mrs. Haupt and Roland's mother. They are so sad and lonely but they sorrow not as those who have no hope. Roland and Edna have always been so thoughtful of other people and they are both loved and have many many friends. Our church did not hold near all the friends even with chairs in the isles. The flowers were many and very beautiful.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Gibsonville, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—Last Sunday morning our pastor gave a very interesting talk on "Positiveness of the Divine Life." For his evening service he chose for his subject, "The Christian Brotherhood." Three new members united with the church at the morning service. Sunday was promotion day in the Sunday school; the program being under the direction of Mrs. D. M. Davidson, superintendent of the primary department. The children gave a very impressive program showing that great progress is being made.

The new basement at the church is near completion; and the new furnace is to be installed very soon.

The Young Women's Sunday school class enjoyed a picnic supper at Rock Creek club house last Saturday evening. They were accompanied by their teacher, Mr. D. M. Davidson, and assistant teacher, Mrs. O. B. Williams.

Miss Nellie Donald Lucas is recovering very nicely following an appendectomy.

Mrs. W. E. Anderson is still confined to her bed; she has not recovered as rapidly as had been hoped for from a recent operation at the hospital in Greensboro.

Mrs. T. Lowell Wells and son, Tommy, have returned to Washington, D. C., after spending the summer with Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Williams at the parsonage.

Our young people in the church who have returned to college are: Hal Yow, High Point College; Jeanne Owen, W. C. U. N. C.; Camille Kivette, Elon College; Coble Shoffner, High Point College; Wesley Randolph entered Wake Forest College for his freshman year; and Miss Lillie Mae Rountree, Elon College.

Mrs. O. B. Williams entertained Circle No. 1 of the Women's Auxiliary last Wednesday evening with Mrs. Frank Owen, president, in the chair. Mrs. Noma Jones led the devotionals and the program was directed by Mrs. W. T. Jennings, assisted by Mrs. Richard Wynne, who had for her topic, "Furtherance in Fellowship." Mrs. A. B. Owen discussed "Spiritual Retreat in Japan."

On Tuesday evening Circle No. 2 met with Mrs. Walter Allred with Mrs. Clayton Faucette presiding. Miss Margaret Faucette conducted the devotionals. For the program, Mrs. Frank Owen gave the second chapter of the mission book, "Moving Millions."

REPORTER.

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North Davidson Charge. — Our special meeting began at Spring Hill on the third Sunday in September, and ran through Friday night. The attendance and interest were very encouraging. There were nine reclamations and conversions. Six young people are to be received next Sunday. Brother Easter, of Lebanon church, was our helper. Everybody seemed highly pleased with him and Mrs. Easter. Brother Easter and his splendid wife are young people of the highest type.

The Ladies' Aid presented 100 Cokesbury hymnals to the church during the meeting: these books improved the singing perhaps 100%. We thank the ladies for the splendid presentation to the church and to the congregation.

On yesterday at Mount Pleasant, Mr. Vergil Morris was received into membership. His forward step was a delight to his many friends.

Wm. H. NEESE.

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Haw River Circuit.—I am glad to report that Friendship church has paid all claims except pastor's salary. This will be in hand in full as soon as the folks can get hold of a little "tobacco money." The Herald subscription quota will be met. So the church will have stars all the way across the chart. The other churches are farther behind, but not so far but that they can make a clean sweep of it.

We have had the privilege of having Rev. Arthur Gillespie to make the address at two of our fall Thank-offering services. He is a missionary home on furlough from China, where he is under the direction of the Baptist Board of Missions. We are hoping to have him in the service at Friendship next Sunday.

I was very much surprised when I went by Fair Grove church last week to see painters busy on the outside of the building. It was all spick and span yesterday. A good part of the cost of the job was raised at a farmers' supper some weeks ago. The balance will be raised by private subscription.

At the communion service yesterday at Fair Grove we had the use of linen communion cloths made and presented by Mrs. E. A. Spencer. We are very grateful to her for this splendid gift, which adds so much to the appearance of the Lord's Table.

Some 18 of our young people are attending college this fall. We miss them in the services; but are glad they have the opportunity of further study.

The Friendship Christian Endeavor society had a combined social and business meeting last Saturday night. They voted to take a week of the Minnis' salary, $19.50. They are planning a Rally day program for this coming Sunday night. They also voted to join the Guilford City-County union. The societies at Mizpah and Fair Grove are doing good work.

Midway raised its apportionment for Herald Subsidy yesterday. This makes it 50-50, two of the churches not having raised theirs yet. But it will come presently. Then it'll be 100.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

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Friendship Church, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Sept. 26.—We are very glad to report our church is moving along fine with its work. Our pastor filled his appointment Sunday morning. His text was, not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord. This was a very impressive sermon.

September is the month set apart to finish raising the Fellowship Crusade fund. We are within $9 of having our goal in which we hope to raise. Last Saturday night we gave an oyster and chicken pie supper at the church hut, and made more than $30 which is to be applied on World Service. We were very glad to have visitors from other communities come out to our hut for supper.

ADELE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

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Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—The Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary will sponsor an amateur program and weiner sale at Nathaniel Greene school Saturday night, October 8. Several good entertainers have been secured, Come out and join us for an evening of good entertainment and help a good cause.

The Business Girls' circle held its regular meeting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Milloway in Greensboro Saturday evening, September 24. A program was rendered with Mrs. Floyd Amick talking on the subject, "What Our Country Owes to Missions." A bountiful picnic supper was spread and Mrs. Milloway, always the thoughtful hostess, provided oyster soup, coffee and ice tea to go with the picnic baskets. It was a pleasure to meet with Rev. and Mrs. Milloway, who served this church faithfully for several years and was loved by all who knew them.

The regular meeting of the Auxiliary was held after the Sunday school hour, September 25. Mrs. Louise Shoffner had charge and presented members of the "Sunshine Mission Band," in an interesting program. During the business session the treasurer, Miss Sallie Amick, made a report that the Minnis' fund had been paid. Paid $85 on missionary budget, local budget paid in full, and that $11.75 was on hand at present.

The local Grange will sponsor a flower show at Nathaniel Greene school on Monday night, October 3. Ten blue ribbon prizes will be awarded. Games will be played for entertainment. Miss Rebecca Mae Causey has charge of the program.

We want to thank Mr. B. J. Gregson, of Liberty, who presented the church with a glider for the stage in the Sunday school auditorium.

Officers for the primary department of the Sunday school elected for the following year are: Mrs. Grace Stafford, superintendent; Mrs. Louise Shoffner, first assistant superintendent; and Mrs. Janet Stafford, second assistant superintendent.

We appreciate the Woman's Bible class placing flowers in the vestibule of the church each Sunday. During the month of August Mrs. C. A. Coley and Mrs. R. C. Causey placed them there and for the month of September Mrs. J. T. Shoffner is responsible for them.

Mrs. J. W. Braxton and daughter, Minnie Alice, are spending a few days in Durham, visiting relatives.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

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First M. P. Church, High Point.—Twice this past week our hearts have been saddened because of deaths in our church family. On Wednesday morning James Hinkle, the only son of Mrs. J. W. Hinkle, passed away at Burrus Memorial hospital after an illness of several days. Funeral services were conducted at the home Thursday afternoon by Mr. Madison. James was a very popular boy in High Point and was planning to enter the University at Chapel Hill for continued studies this fall.

On Friday morning, "Squire" John M. Davis, died at his home and funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon from Fairfield M. P. church, of which he was a member. The services were in charge of Mr. Madison and Dr. P. E. Lindley. His daughter, Miss Myrtle Davis, is church secretary. Our deepest sympathy goes to the bereaved families of these two deceased.

Rev. Mr. Madison has been in Asheboro the past two weeks, helping Dr. S. W. Taylor in a meeting at the Central M. P. church. He has filled his appointments for the past two Sundays at our church, however, except for last night's services when Mr. C. E. Anderson, an experienced minister of New York state, who is doing some special work at High Point College, preached.

The nominating committee for the official board of the church for next year has completed its work. The election will be held next Sunday morning.

Next Sunday morning Rally day will be observed. Children will worship with their parents, and an offering for World Service will be taken. At the Sunday evening service Dr. Giovanni Sperandeo, an Italian lyric tenor, will give a program of sacred music. He will be accompanied by his wife who is also an accomplished musician. We are looking forward to this program.

MRS. ROBT. DAVIS, Reporter.

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Community Methodist Protestant Church, Thomasville.—Last Sunday we had Dr. J. E. Pritchard, the president of the Conference with us at the morning service and were highly benefitted by his splendid message.

This coming Sunday is Rally day and a special program is in preparation for the occasion which we trust will be in many ways a "red letter" day for the church. C. R. Reed, Mrs. T. L. Einstean, Mrs. J. R. Sechrest, and John R. Perry make up the Rally Day Booster committee, and as the result of their efforts we expect an increase in church and Sunday school attendance next Sunday. The Rally day program is in charge of Mrs. C. D. Crutchfield, assisted by Mrs. C. F. Finch. The play, "The Trial of Everman's Church" will be given.

On the second Sunday morning the Auxiliary will have charge and their fall Thankoffering service will be held at this time. Mrs. W. F. Warner, of Baltimore, will have charge of the devotions and Mrs. Paul F. Warner will make the address. Brother Warner will be along but will be elsewhere at this hour. Will expect him to preach in the evening service.

Recently Wiley Taylor has been in the hospital for an operation but at this writing is well on the way to recovery.

Mrs. Virgil Ward, after a second operation, is convalescing in her home and expect to be able to be out again after a few weeks.

Mr. Fait Hill, the husband of Mrs. Hill, a member of our church, has recently undergone an operation and at this writing is still in the City Memorial hospital. He expects, however, to return home this week.

October will be Loyalty Month for Community church, during which month an effort will be put forth to encourage the membership to attend church more regular. A careful record of each member's attendance will be kept.

J. CLYDE AUMAN, Pastor.

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Friendship Church, Chase City Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—We were again glad to have our pastor fill his regular appointment Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He brought to us a beautiful message from I Kings 17th chapter and again at night on the 18th chapter of Kings.

Every one was pleased to have as our guest, Miss Nancy Wilson, from Weavers' Chapel, Littleton charge.

I am sure everyone is glad to hear that Mr. O. E. Lenhart's small son has returned from the hospital and is improving nicely. We are sorry to report Mrs. Emma Wilson Ramey on the sick list but we hope she will soon recover.

We are looking forward to the next fourth Sunday. Our pastor plans several days in our community will preach for us. We hope to have electric lights installed in church by that time.

PAULINE JARRELL, Reporter.

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Alamance Charge.—A very gratifying number was present at Rock Creek last Sunday for the morning worship service, the attendance being real good, considering the membership. The Sunday school attendance showing an increase of 32 over the same time last year. At the close of the service the report of the committee to nominate the officials for next year was adopted as a whole, as follows: Trustees, J. W. McPherson, M. E. Graves, D. L. McPherson, F. D. Hornaday, and Geo. Bishop; stewards, R. B. Hornaday, J. L. Culberson, Howard Graves and Wake Spoon; class leaders, C. L. Moser, H. C. McPherson and O. N. Hornaday. Mrs. Mattie McPherson, who has served very efficiently as Sunday school superintendent for four years, refused to serve any longer. Mr. Leonard Russell, a splendid young man of the community, who married Nurseryman J. L. Spoon's daughter, was elected as her successor. Mr. F. D. Hornaday, Jr., was made assistant superintendent.

Since our last report our revival meetings have been held at Center, Bethel, and Rock Creek, with Revs. Charles Cable, C. L. Spencer, and Earl A. Cook as pulpit help in the order named. We are grateful to these brethren for their gospel messages and the work they helped to do in the community. There were 10 conversions and we have had 19 accessions so far this year. The pastor was pleased to have Rev. A. O. Lindley preach on Sunday afternoon of the meeting at Center, Rev. H. S. B. Thompson at Bethel and Professor Eugene H. Thompson at Rock Creek. These brethren were at their home churches and the people were glad to hear them.

Brothers Lonnie McPherson, William A. Seawell, and Grady Braxton, small son of Mrs. Algie Braxton, have recently returned from the hospital where they had operations. Others are sick in their homes. We hope for all of these a speedy recovery.

The following have remembered the pastor and wife with donations since the last report: Mrs. H. K. Webster, Mrs. John Glenn, Mrs. E. M. Lindley, Mr. J. W. Whitehead, Mrs. Algie Braxton, Mrs. Herbert Foust, Mrs. Edgar Foust, Mrs. J. L. Spoon, Mrs. Dewitt McPherson, Mrs. C. M. Braxton, and Mrs. Clark. They all have our sincere thanks.

We are endeavoring to close our fourth year on this charge in a successful way.

H. L. ISLEY, Pastor.

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Mitchell's Grove, Guilford Charge, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor, Sept. 26.—Sunday was a good day for us. Our pastor seemed to be at his best and his sermon was enjoyed very much. Due to the revival at Fairfield which has been in progress for some time our revival will begin on the first Sunday in October, not on the fourth Sunday in September as was reported. We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend our revival services.

Our Sunday school is still moving on and all seem to be interested in the study of the Word and may we so study and obey it that it will be a lamp unto our feet and a light to our pathway.

The Christian Endeavor society, we feel, is doing good work; new officers were elected last Sunday night with Mrs. Lola Hill president; Mr. Paul Kersey, vice-president; and Mrs. Paul Kersey, secretary.

MARTHA PARSONS, Reporter.

NOTE OF THANKS

Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Millaway wish to express their appreciation to Rev. J. W. Braxton, who is pastor of the Mount Pleasant M. P. church and his Business Women's Missionary circle, for having them hold their regular monthly meeting Saturday evening, September 24, at their home.

After the meeting, the ladies served a delicious picnic supper, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Rev. and Mrs. Millaway, also wish to thank them for the surprise pounding which they received.

REV. AND MRS. G. F. MILLAWAY.

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Mother: "Now, Johnnie, I know thousands of little boys and girls who would be glad to eat that spinach."

Johnnie: "Name three of them."—Ex.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Jarrell

Avery Jarrell was born September 16, 1885, and departed this life June 24, 1938, age 52 years, 8 months and 8 days.

Brother Jarrell was born in Rutherford county, N. C. He professed faith in Christ at the age of 23 and united with Mount Pleasant church on the Cleveland charge. He was married to Miss Myrtle Turner February 9, 1911. To this union five daughters and two sons were born.

A few years after his marriage, he moved to Mecklenburg county, Va., near Chase City, and when the Friendship Methodist Protestant church was built in 1925 near Chase City, Brother Jarrell and his wife moved their membership to this church where he remained a faithful member until death.

For about 19 years Brother Jarrell was afflicted. He suffered much but bore it patiently.

On Saturday afternoon, June 25, his funeral was conducted at Friendship church by the writer, assisted by Rev. H. W. Landrum, after which the body was laid to rest in the Friendship cemetery to await the Resurrection.

Brother Jarrell leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Jarrell, of Chase City, Va.; five daughters, Mrs. Ima Morris, of Chase City, Va.; Mrs. Edna Towery, of Hopewell, Va.; Mrs. Eloise Yancey, of Clarkville, Va.; Miss Pauline and Tessie Jarrell, of Chase City; and two sons, Fortune and Ivy Jarrell, of Chase City, Va., and many relatives and friends.

JAMES H. TROLINGER, Pastor.

Bell

Helen Marie Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Bell, was born September 18, 1931, departed this life August 23, 1938, age 6 years, 11 months and 5 days.

Helen had not been sick, she retired at night seemingly as well as usual; next morning it was learned that some time in the night her spirit had quietly departed this life to be with the Lord.

Helen was a sweet child and had a lovely disposition; she found it easy to make friends.

The funeral was conducted at Friendship Methodist Protestant church, August 24, by Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Black Branch Baptist church, after which the body was laid to rest in the nearby burying ground to await the Resurrection.

To the bereaved family our deepest sympathy goes out to them, and we pray God's blessings upon them in their sorrow.

JAMES H. TROLINGER, Pastor.

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Rev. and Mrs. Paul Warner, missionaries to Japan, now on furlough; to speak on Women's Work program, October 7. See Woman's column.

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"Do you think the candidate put enough fire into his speech?"

"Oh, yes! The trouble was, he didn't put enough of his speech into the fire."—Ex.

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Cecil-Hilton

On September 2 Mr. Burnie Hilton, of Mt. Pleasant church, and Miss Cora Cecil, of Spring Hill church, were united in matrimony by the writer, in the latter's home.

The bride and bridegroom are fine young people and carry the best wishes of their many friends. WM. H. NEESE.

Edwards-Ellis

Saturday evening, September 17, Miss Mildred Edwards became the bride of William Wade Ellis. The vows were spoken before Rev. J. P. Pegg in the parsonage of Granville circuit. The ring ceremony was used. Several friends and relatives were present for the occasion.

Mrs. Ellis is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Edwards, of Kittrell, N. C., and she is a member of the Union Chapel church.

Mr. Ellis is a son of Mr. T. T. Ellis and the late Mrs. Lizzie S. Ellis, of Henderson, route 1.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Ellis left for a trip to northern points.

Our best wishes go out for this couple in their new life. J. P. PEGG.

Moser-Montgomery

On Friday, September 16, at the Lebanon parsonage Miss Marie Moser became the bride of Mr. Staley Edward Montgomery. The vows were taken in the presence of a few close friends with the ring ceremony of the Methodist Protestant Ritual.

The bride, who is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Moser of Archdale, N. C., appeared wearing royal blue velvet with corresponding accessories. Her corsage was of talisman roses and fern. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Montgomery, of High Point, N. C. They left under a shower of rice thrown by friends who had gathered out front for a short honeymoon trip through Western North Carolina.

We wish and expect for this exceptionally fine couple a long and happy married life, and with us there is a host of friends who extend their best wishes.

Harkey-Burleson

Miss Zula Alice Harkey and Charles Spurgeon Burleson were married in Friendship Methodist Protestant church at Plyler Sunday noon, September 4, 1938. The vows were spoken before Rev. Earl A. Cook, the pastor of the church. The ring ceremony of the Methodist Protestant Discipline was used.

Mr. Charles A. Harkey gave his daughter in marriage, while Mr. Burleson was accompanied to the altar by his aunt, Mrs. Fred G. Lentz, of Salisbury.

The bride wore a becoming grey wool suit with dubonnet accessories. She wore a shoulder corsage of roses and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Burleson is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Harkey, of Albemarle. She received her education at Millingport high school, and now holds a position with the Wiscassett Knitting Mills.

Mr. Burleson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonah C. Burleson, of Albemarle. He received his education at New London high school, and now holds a position with Belk's Department store in Albemarle.

Immediately after the wedding ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Burleson left for a wedding trip to interesting points in Western North Carolina. Upon their return they will be at home on the Albemarle and Concord highway, where they have built and furnished a new home.

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RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

A. A. Young, Shiloh church, Shiloh	$1.00
Kyle Sink, Shiloh church	2.00
Rev. C. E. Ridge, Shiloh church	2.00
C. W. Sink, Shiloh	2.00
Mrs. N. A. Leonard, Shiloh	2.00
R B. Sink, Shiloh	2.00
T. L. Young, Shiloh	1.00
Tom Berrier, Shiloh	2.00
J. Alvin Sink, Shiloh	2.00
Mrs. Raymond Fritz, Shiloh	2.00
Miss Katie Edna Leatherman, Shiloh	1.00
Miss Callie Sue Mize, Shiloh	1.00
Ventry B. Koontz, Shiloh	2.00
Wade Walser, Shiloh	2.00
Mrs. Paul Swicegood, Shiloh	2.00
Ray Leatherman, Shiloh	2.00
Ira Koontz, Shiloh	2.00
James B. Leonard, Shiloh	2.00
Julius Lanier, Shiloh	2.00
H. A. Leonard, Shiloh	2.00
Mrs. Willie Kepley, Shiloh	2.00
Mrs. Carl Everhart, Shiloh	1.00
Mrs. Willard Walzer, Shiloh	.50
Mrs. Loyd Leonard, Shiloh	1.50
C. E. Ridge, Shiloh	2.00
Paul Leonard, Shiloh	2.00
Harlee Shoaf, Shiloh	2.00
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The Editor thanks most sincerely the C. E. society for this splendid piece of work. The honor of sending the largest number of subscriptions at one time goes to Shiloh C. E. society and church including all the loyal souls who did this fine thing. We know Dr. Bethea will rave over this when he sees it next Friday.

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Bill was loudly praising his cat as a good mouser, and invited his friend George to see it perform.

Pussy was sitting by the fireside, when suddenly a mouse ran right across its path, but pussy took no notice.

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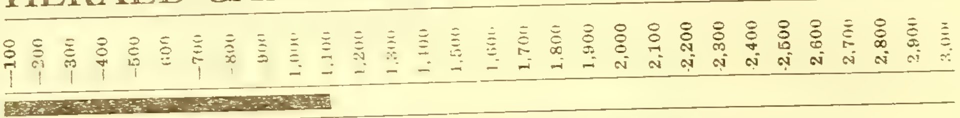

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They say it is no trouble to love folks in a pleasant grove. Fine shade and pleasant breezes make it a desirable place to be. Well, here is Love from Pleasant Grove with his quota of subscriptions. Thank you Fred, we know you feel better for having done this and going on to something else that needs doing. Guess you have something else that needs doing? Most of us have. Getting it done is the thing that makes a problem sometimes. We thank Miss Alice Kennedy for sending in this that puts your church over, the largest amount of money received on subscriptions also. Your subsidy is paid, too. That gives you a nice black line all the way through, Pleasant Grove. Thank you!

The whole list looks better for last week than for some time. Just 11 out on subscriptions. Where are all those that were out at this time last year. Hurry up folks, we are waiting for you.

And subsidy, that was not overlooked this time by Mt. Pleasant charge, Graham, pays out, I believe. Friendship church on Haw River, and Tabernacle charge walks over this time and takes her stand by those who have met their apportionment on this. That makes 27 charges out on subsidy. Come on, who will be next. Let us put this part of our work out of the way by finishing at once.

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NOTE OF THANKS

The Ladies' Aid society of the St. Paul M. P. church of which Rev. A. D. Shelton is pastor, held their September meeting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Millaway.

Following the meeting, Mrs. Millaway was given a pleasant surprise, when members of the society presented her with a beautiful dress, on September 12, which was her 69th birthday.

Rev. Mr. Millaway was also remembered by the ladies, who presented him with a large basket of fruit.

In conclusion a bountiful picnic supper was enjoyed by all, with members of the society acting as hostesses.

Rev. and Mrs. Millaway wish to take the opportunity of thanking each and every one for their kind thoughtfulness.

Rev. and Mrs. Millaway also wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hopkins, of Route 5, for a nice chicken they received for Mrs. Millaway's birthday.

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Rev. and Mrs. Paul Warner, missionaries to Japan, now on furlough: to speak on Women's Work program, October 7. See Woman's column.

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Charles Wesley Influenced Christian Worship

Christian worship would indeed be vastly poorer were the hymns of this great writer deleted from the Hymnal. There flowed from the pen of this man, whose piety and purity of life were sufficient to silence the critic of Christianity in his presence, some six thousand hymns. And it was claimed that during the great revivals, there were more converts to Christianity through the singing of hymns than through the preaching of sermons.

While the hymn may appear insignificant when compared to the temple, the temple crumbles and falls while the hymn rides the crests of the waves of time. The hymn may be as volant as breath, but as enduring as the race.

The father and grandfather of Charles Wesley were ministers. His mothers was the product of Puritan culture; a woman remarkable for piety and common sense. Charles Wesley was the father of two famous sons, Charles, Jr., and Samuel, and the grandfather of one of the most famous composers of Church music.

Consider for just a moment how such a hymn as,

"A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify;
A never dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky,"

as moved men. Doubting saints have found strength by it. We shall never forget when at our last General Conference we were all kneeling in prayer as we sought light on the question of Methodist Union, how we were moved as Dr. Stone lifted that grand old hymn in song. A new sense of responsibility to unborn generations seized our souls and called us to forget the "Steps already trod and onward press our way."

And here is another hymn which has long since been a favorite to Christians of every denomination,

"O for a thousand tongues to sing,
My great redeemer's praise,
The glorious of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

"He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me."

There is nothing divissive in these words. Every one who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ can sing it in unison. It has a universal appeal because it sounds the note of need for every soul.

It is claimed that this hymn was inspired by this statement of Peter Bohler, "Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Jesus with all of them."

Possibly no hymn writer gave utterance so completely to every mood of the spirit as did Wesley. His hymns were hymns of experience, there was the glow of the Holy Spirit in them. There arose from the soul of the singer new hope, the consciousness of pardon and the courage to press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Wesley, Watts, and Heber as a great spiritual trio, shaping the history of English religious art and English life more powerful and enduring than any other writers of their century.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Chase City Over the Top

A card from Rev. J. H. Trolinger who serves our Church near Chase City, Va., in addition to his work as pastor of Littleton Circuit says that they were mailing a check to Treasurer Allen for Chase City's part of the Annual Conference budget in full. This includes A. C. Expenses, Debt Fund, Church Extension, Superannuates and the assessment for High Point College. Good for Chase City. Let others do likewise. Brother Trolinger says the charge will pay World Service and he thinks they will get their Herald quota also.

High Point College Has Record Enrollment

I am sure that it will be of great interest to our people everywhere to know that High Point College has the largest enrollment ever. The daily press last week placed the number of 434. Any way, it seems that the buildings are filled to capacity. President and Mrs. Humphreys tendered a reception to the new students recently. In the receiving line were Dr. and Mrs. Humphreys and the members of the faculty and the members of the Board of Trustees who live in High Point and their wives. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

A Sunday Morning at Roberta, Rev. Q. L. Joyner, Pastor

Last Sunday morning and afternoon were spent at Roberta, regular Church services being held at the 11 o'clock appointment and the fourth quarterly conference being held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. This Church is just outside the mill village of Roberta some six miles southwest of Concord. The Church building is of wooden construction with a number of Sunday School rooms. The auditorium is of medium size and is very neat. The Sunday School was in session when I arrived and it was very encouraging to see the school when it reassembled. The attendance was 241 as against 122 a year ago. It was stated that the attendance had been almost double the previous year a good deal of the time this year. The auditorium was well-filled at the morning Church hour. During the sermon an occasional "Amen" seemed to urge the minister on and to help him to preach. The quarterly conference in the afternoon was well attended both by the official and the non-official members. Considerable interest was manifested in the work. Brother Joyner reported that he had received sixty-four new members during the year and that the congregations had been good. The salary was reported paid in full to October 1. The Annual Conference interests had all been paid except Herald Subsidy and the assessment for High Point College. It was reported that subsidy would be sent in right away. This is Brother Joyner's first year on the charge and he and his good wife have greatly endeared themselves to a great many people in the Church. Mrs. Joyner came in for a good deal of praise from the women of the Church for her faithfulness to the work in general and especially to the Women's Work.

Dedicatory Services at China Grove

The evening services last Sunday were at our China Grove Church, Rev. Atlas Ridge, pastor, and were in the form of dedicatory services. A goodly number of people had assembled to witness this happy occasion. Brother Ridge presided over the first part of the services and announced that the regular offering would be taken, there being no need for an extra offering due to the fact that the Church debt had all been paid. It certainly is refreshing to come up to a dedicatory service with no fears as to whether the finances are in hand or not. This Church also is of wooden construction and it also is neat. A fresh coat of paint on the interior had brightened it up considerably. This Church is located in the southern end of China Grove and it is the only Methodist Church in that part of the town. It does not seem now that the Methodist Union will have any adverse effect on this congregation. The organization here was perfected (I believe) in 1933. It has been somewhat of a struggle for this small membership to pay their part toward pastoral support and to pay for their Church but by sacrificing and keeping everlastingly at it, they have reached the goal. In the services Sunday night it was my high privilege both to preach the sermon and to dedicate the Church. The people seemed to appreciate the services very much and there was a general good feeling in the congregation. There was something about the services to make one feel that one was glad to be there.

This is Brother Ridge's first year with this congregation and he divides time with the Spencer Church also. He is engaged in business in Lexington and gives only his Sundays to this work. The charge is not financially able to support a man, so it is necessary for the pastor to have some other work. It seems fortunate for the work that Brother Ridge could give his time to it. Several of the Spencer people were present Sunday night. While the fourth quarterly conference has not yet been held, yet there were vigorous expressions from the people of both congregations in favor of Brother Ridge for next Conference year. I am always glad to find a people who want their pastor back.

Appointment of Committees

I am now at work on the task of appointing committees for the various interests at Conference. When Brother Bates sent me the list of delegates last week there were twelve pastors who had failed to send names, however, I cannot wait longer. One chairman has been given the names of his committee so he can go to work at once. Others will be notified in due time.

Appointments

Sunday, October 9—11 a. m., Midway Church, Rev. J. R. Hutton, pastor.

Sunday, October 9—7:30 p. m., Union Ridge, Forsyth Charge.

Saturday, October 15—7:30 p. m., quarterly conference of the Spring Church Charge at Spring Church.

Sunday, October 16—11 a. m., Lebanon Church, Spring Church Charge.

Sunday, October 16—3:30 p. m., Eden Church, Halifax Charge; Bethesda in quarterly conference at 7:30 p. m.

J. E. Pritchard.

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And lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the age.—*Jesus.*

God-Speed

"The Lord love thee
    And keep thee
Upon the land sea;
    And cause His face
In every place
    To shine divine on thee.

"The Lord bless thee
    And rest thee
Where'r thy journeys be;
    And never cease
To give His peace
    By day and night to thee.

"The Lord guide thee
    And bring thee
To where the home shores be:
    And every hour
In joyous power
    His blessings lay on thee."

This little poem has been given thousands of sick people who have sought health in Asheville; as they returned to their homes to die, or to be fully restored to health, Rev. J. S. Williams, the "Good Samaritan" of that city placed this beautiful poem in their hands. How fitting.

Life is, after all, just one long day: morning, noon, afternoon, night. Most lives are like an April day; sunshine and showers; laughter and tears, joys, sorrows, prosperity and adversity. —*Christian Reisner.*

Faith as defined by Robert Louis Stevenson:
"To go on forever and fail, and go on again,
To be mauled to the earth and arise,
To believe, with the half of a broken hope for a pillow by night,
That somehow the right is the right."

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Character Counts

Apostolic zeal glows in St. Paul; the mighty struggle with the Judaizers finds embodiment in St. Peter; Onesimous foretold the deliverance of the oppressed; Polycarp symbolizes the spirit of the Christian Martyr in every age; Martin Luther, as a reformer in the Church; John Wesley as stripping religion of its theological paraphernalia down to the heart-warming experience. Yes, what a man is always comes to the surface in the days of trial and sufferings—it is then that character counts, where it exhibits its greatest power.

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The Sight of Paul's Bonds Makes Men Bold

There is a most interesting statement in St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians when he speaks of how the sight of his bonds made men bold to speak the word without fear. How unusual this seems. So often when men see how others are punished or suffer for doing a thing they refrain from it. But these knowing that Paul's bonds came to him because he preached Christ Jesus as Lord, they became bold to declare what was in their heart—how they felt about it. Is it not true that if the challenge came to more of us these days to suffer greatly for Christ's sake and we did it, many others who are now weak in faith and fearful in their conduct would become bold to declare their faith in Jesus?

"As Good Stewards"

The Apostle Peter's idea of stewardship was quite different from the idea of giving a few dollars to some benevolent cause and count it off the income once a year, as the manner of some is. In fact stewarship is more than giving money even though it be a gift to a worthy cause; the gift must be prompted by the proper motive and given wisely. So much for giving. But stewardship implies more than giving away money. It includes the proper acquirement and disposal of all material substances.

In a little pamphlet "Graphic Horizons of Stewards," by by Dr. H. C. Weber, there are set forth five false philosophies of stewardship. The Pig-Pen philosophy which has the motive of indulgence; having to do with the gratification of appetite through drink, narcotics, lust, etc. The Bingo philosophy which has for its motive a cheap, easy existence, and is often expressed in stealing, racketeering, fraud, gambling, etc. Another called Main street philosophy, its motive is greed, seeks money, power, culture, social position, etc., for self. The next is called Pagan philosophy, its motive is self-will and is expressed through selfish living, arrogance, exploitation, etc. Then there is still a more dangerous philosophy, Materialistic philosophy of stewardship. It does not believe in God, nor immortality, etc. These all are false and often ensnare people with good intentions into unworthy practices and wrong conceptions of life.

The true philosophy of stewardship begins with the acknowledgment of God as the Creator and Giver of every good and perfect gift and that we are partners with Him in the management of this wealth.

And so the good steward begins with the proper conception of the importance of and the value of *things.* One can hardly be a good steward of the manifold mercies of God so long as he has a wrong conception of these mercies. If he thinks they are his to do with them as he pleases he will not please the Lord with any of his disposals. If he has not accepted them as from the Lord and is not devoting them to causes which he knows are pleasing to the Lord, he does not meet the requirements of a good steward. And if he has not committed his life with his possessions to a crusade for the Kingdom, to bring it in with his life, his words, his means, then he has failed to realize the meaning of being a good steward.

Do we not stand greatly in need of the correct understanding of stewardship? While it is often stated that the major part of the wealth of the world is in the hands of Church members, and that the most influential people in the world are allied with the Christian Church, yet does not the cause of Christianity often suffer because there is no man or woman willing to take up its challenge and to give themselves without stint to the promotion of its enterprises?

Yes the Church has numbers, it has wealth, it has influential people, it has educated people; but it sadly lacks in good stewards. There are by no means enough of us who are ready, yea glad, to give and be spent for the cause of righteousness even though our names shall never be known, and we never hear a word of praise for our devotion. Were just a few of the members of each Church willing this day to seek faithfully, prayerfully to become good stewards of the manifold mercies of God, the cause of Christ would exhibit a new and larger life in the community of that Church.

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Calvary Church Entertains the Annual Conference

This is the second time this Church has invited the Conference to meet with them. We were royally entertained before and all of us are looking forward with pleasure to being the guest of this splendid group of Church workers next month.

It is quite a task for a Church to house, feed and furnish rooms for committees to meet, heat, lights, janitor service for two hundred men and women. And as we know by experience much about this undertaking, we appreciate the more the willingness of this Church to invite us to meet with them.

Calvary is among our younger churches; many of its members were members of Grace Church until this Church was organized, and since that time several Methodist Protestant people held their membership out of Greensboro joined the Church and many, we suspect, who were members of other denominations cast their lot with them and helped to make a very fine body of Christian workers.

Pastor Stubbins has also had experience in handling Conferences, so we know we are not falling into the hands of novices and therefore will be taken the very best care of during the few days of our stay there.

Calvary has one advantage in location, being near the center of the Annual Conference, so that quite a few, possibly twenty-five per cent of the members of the Conference, will return to their homes at night, thus relieving to some extent the care of finding homes for them.

To some of us these annual sessions mean hard work, meeting with committees, attending throughout the sessions of the Conference to the extent that the gathering ceases to be a social occasion for us. We sometimes envy those pastors and delegates who have little or no committee work to do and who find much time for renewal of old acquaintances and for making new ones. It is usually this group which holds its session on the Church grounds and stations the preachers each day—matters but little to them if their appointments do not "stick," they get a great deal of "kick" out of it just the same.

At this Conference delegates to the Uniting Conference will be elected. North Carolina is entitled to fourteen, seven lay and seven ministerial members. Again, it is believed it may also be the last, except one, session we shall hold. More than likely the last session will be held in 1939 when the Conference will officially merge with the other Methodists of the state in forming new conferences for North Carolina. May we not be much in prayer for the very best Conference of all the years.

SUMMARY OF 1938 SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHOOLS

Beginning in Missouri the first week in June and continuing to the end of the series, with Michigan late in August, thirty-two summer training projects were conducted under the auspices of the Board of Christian Education in cooperation with twenty-six Conference councils. To these came about 3,000 students and workers to whom were issued some 4,000 First and Second Series units of the New Standard Leadership Training Curriculum. About 1,200 signed Life Service Declaration cards in the decision services, and the popular attendance reached almost the 10,000 mark. Four hundred and nine First Certificates of Progress and five Second Certificates of Progress were issued. Two hundred and twenty-six faculty members and a large number of staff workers gave of their time, aside from their already busy program, in order to make this tremendous enterprise a success. In addition to the volunteer workers, the following field workers contributed much to this series: Miss Lillie Foster, Mrs. Amos Banks, Mr. Glenn Fickel, and Rev. J. Clyde Auman.

This is a growing enterprise. During the past summer, new schools were established in the Florida, Tennessee, and Virginia Conferences. This work has now reached every Conference in the denomination with the exception of a few mission conferences.

This program of training, which sends back to the churches a great army of willing workers, has been financed upon registration fees, making it unnecessary to draw these funds from our World Service account.

To the officials, members of the faculty, pastors, and others who have helped to make this summer a success, we are indeed grateful.

F. L. Gibbs.

September 27, 1938.

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THE MORE MILITARISM, THE MORE FASCISM

Fascism is martial law. . . . It has taken some time to recognize Fascism for what it is. Men have not seen a mobilization lasting many years, preceding any declaration of war, preceding even a clear decision as to when the war was to be declared or against whom. . . . All collectivism, whether it be Communist or Fascist, is military in method, in purpose, in spirit, and can be nothing else. . . . There is only one purpose to which a whole society can be directed by a deliberate plan. That purpose is war, and there is no other.—*Walter Lippmann.*

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The Twins Go Over

Siler City and Liberty churches reach their full quotas this week. This is the work of two very efficient Herald agents, Miss Sallie Smith for Siler City and Mrs. Gregson, for Liberty. Brother Aubert Smith is the efficient pastor. We thank all who are cooperating with us to keep the Herald out of the red this year.

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CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Are Philosophers Becoming Less Popular?

My class in Philosophy was asked this question: What conditions exist today that tend to make the philosopher less popular than in former days? Here are some of the answers given.

First, Philosophy is too abstract for the majority of people. Most folks are looking for something concrete, practical, and less speculative. This is an age of doing rather than thinking. While there are still many meditative minds, the rank and file find deep, sustained reflection rather uninteresting, even boresome. And the philosopher, you know, as the very name implies, is a "lover of wisdom."

Second, the philosopher has too much competition. It takes time to think, and most people would rather turn to the movies, the radio, the open highways, and newspapers. No longer, I think, is conversation an accepted form of entertainment. We must have excitement and show. In such a social situation the serious and abstract interpreter of life hardly has a place. He has too much competition. Speed is king, and we have little time for moral, reflective thought.

Third, philosophical thinking is not being developed. Even in colleges you can scarcely obtain an audience for a debate or for an oratorical contest, yet thousands flock to the stadium to see the brawny lads carry the pigskin. Is it possible that thinking is becoming a lost art in academic halls? President Hutchins of the University of Chicago, seems to think so. Who ever heard of a band of students reaching the campus two weeks ahead of schedule in order to examine the library or get a running start on reading philosophy books? The idea is absurd, but scores must rush in early and limber up for the football tilts. No, we are not popularizing the thought life of our institutions. Philosophers can be developed like you develop anything else, swimmers, musicians, speakers, dancers, or worshippers—you have to put the stress on it and give it recognition. Put the premium on thinking as you now put it on football and you will again turn out young Platos, Spencers, and Aristotles.

Fourth, thinking is upsetting, and people dislike to get into it. Life runs easier when you ask fewer questions. Many old sweet notions will evaporate under the searching light of philosophical disputation. When the Thinker announced that the world was round he "dug up more snakes than he could kill." But still he was right and we now thank him for his courage and insight.

Fifth, the psychologists warn against too much deep, introvertic meditation anyway. They suggest that too much problem hunting tends to disintegrate the mind, especially if one makes himself the object of his meditation. Thus, some students argued that scholarship itself may turn us away from the philosophical mood into regions of more concrete, objective considerations.

Sixth, science now gives us many answers formerly offered by the philosopher. There is less need of speculation when the scientist can settle the matter with a few words. At one time men would think and wonder what was happening to the moon when it went into eclipse. Now it is settled, and you can find that out a full year in advance by consulting any almanac. Or men once did speculate about the wisdom and justice of an epidemic of sickness. Now they know that germs cause sickness and try to avoid contacts with afflicted persons. So we now turn to science for many facts once left almost entirely to the philosopher.

Seventh, our universal emphasis upon material goods has overshadowed our reflective friends—the philosophers. What care we for Socrates when higher wages is the goal? What popularity can Thales expect unless his teachings will shorten the day's work or put more money in the bank? No, our age is too materialistic for such contemplative leaders, and the public seems to say, Why study Browning; he won't get you anything! We measure men by the golden yardstick, and the philosopher has never been closely identified with the "yellow metal."

SPIRITUAL WORSHIP

International Sunday School Lesson for October 9, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Exodus 20:4-6; 32:1-8; John 4:19-24.

Golden Text—"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24.

We can appreciate this second commandment only when we think of it as spoken in a day when idols and images were the prevalent objects of worship. These were the gods that most people worshipped and supposedly they were possessed of supernatural powers controlling the destinies of men. When Moses, the leader of Jehovah worship, went upon the mountain and did not return as soon as the people thought he should they turned to a type of worship with which they had formerly been familiar, the worship of a golden calf. In my mind this second commandment is another way of emphasizing the fact that Jehovah must be first in the devotions of the Israelite people. Time and again when Jews married gentiles in those early days and idols and images were brought into the household these idols soon became the chief objects of devotion. So the writer here is saying that this shall not be.

Also in this second commandment we have the suggested fact that no imperfect form can represent God. He is too great, too pure, too perfect for that. Look at the golden calf, is God like that? Look at a stature, is He like that? Can anything that men make suggest the full purity and goodness of God? We think not, therefore even though we thought of an image as a symbol rather than the real still it would serve to cheapen our appreciation of God as He is. Offer your sacrifices to a tree long enough and one will soon come to think that God is like that. Christ is the only One Who has truly revealed God to men and yet it was not His physical form but rather the spirit of His life. Christ did not ask people to worship Him but rather God the Father Whose perfection was revealed in Him. The relationship that exists between God and man is to be a spiritual relationship independent of all images or physical forms. Christ taught us how to approach God in confidence, to deal with Him in honor and to trust ourselves into His keeping. Independent of time or place He taught us how to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

A great many people find their religion slipping at this very point. This is probably because it is so very difficult for the average individual to think in terms of the abstract, or to sense the presence of that which they cannot see, hear or touch. We do not use images today but we do associate God with certain places. It is interesting to note just how many people say they cannot feel at home in any Church except the one in which they were reared and so refuse to unite with any other. Their religion is tied up with and limited by a definite place and building. They seem to think that God cannot be worshipped anywhere else. Others limit God by some narrow definition which they have neatly outlined, and so cannot think beyond that little definition and will not accept any truth not included therein. We are forever trying to limit God with our own limitations, forever trying to keep Him within the realm of our own imperfections. We are unwilling to meet the demands of faith that we press on into the mystery of the unknown unafraid until we see more clearly and understand more perfectly and so can worship in spirit and in truth. It is a tragic thing to be unwilling to meet the demands of fellowship with God and so become satisfied with a dumb calf.

The statement, "I . . . am a jealous God," is interesting. Even this illustrates the tendency of men to think of God in terms of human weakness. Religion at its best does not conceive of God as being possessed of this sinful trait of jealousy. Nevertheless we do recognize that this ancient writer was getting at a great truth, the truth that God will not take second place in a life, that He will not allow other things to come first, if He would then He would not be God. Put God first in your devotions is the great message of this lesson; let no idol, Church or theology come between you and Him. Wealth, honor, position, family, yes even your own life also is to be pushed in the background as we take our crosses to follow Christ and so seek to serve and worship God in spirit and in truth.

DISTRICT RALLY

The Fifteenth District Rally will meet at Concord Church October 9, beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and 7 o'clock in the evening. The following churches are included: Roberta, Kannapolis, Concord, Mills Grove, Love's Grove, Friendship, Pine Bluff, Albemarle and Porter.

Hoping all the churches can be represented.

C. G. Isley, *Chairman.*

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There are several pastoral charges so nearly out with their Herald quotas that a few renewals or new subscriptions would put them over. Now is a good time, Brother Pastor and Herald Agent to do this before the rush of the few days before Conference mobilizes all the forces upon paying pastor's salary and Conference claims.

VOTE-HUNTING DELEGATES

The *Advocate* was hoping against hope. Two weeks ago, on this page, we said, "No laymen in the *Advocate's* territory, so far as we have heard, are openly soliciting votes, and we fervently hope the disease won't break out."

It was a pious hope, but the disease has broken out. A friend writes, "I have on the desk before me three letters from candidates for election to the Uniting Conference."

What a pity; and what a shame!

Two weeks ago we said, "A few self-seeking members of the Uniting Conference could so warp its decisions that the new Church would be malformed at its brith."

Nobody can argue the other side of that proposition. There isn't any other side.

And the only way to prevent these would-be delegates from thus damaging the new Church is to keep them out of the Uniting Conference.

They are known, because they have written letters. Therefore any voter who so desires may easily avoid writing their names when marking his ballot.

Some pushful candidates may be otherwise good Methodists and faithful Christians. But they have fallen behind in their Scripture reading.

The uniting of the three churches, writes another brother, who does not speak without thinking, may produce more problems than it solves.

It surely will if self-seeking and sectional pushfulness and new rivalries added to the familiar old ones are in any way encouraged.

A good start toward their discouragement can be made on the floor of every Conference when the election of delegates is the next order of business.—*Central Advocate.*

A FOREIGN-BORN CITIZEN SPEAKS

The Constitution of the United States is the political Bible of American Democracy—that, and nothing less: certainly not an indefinite something fashioned after the Delphian Oracle, and ready always to return either a favorable or an ambiguous answer (as some persons think) to any quixotic question that may be submitted to it for solution. Nor is it similar to or characteristic of the grotesque symbolsims of the aboriginal Totem Poles. Nor yet has it anything in its splendid solidarity suggestive of the man-about-town, who makes an elaborate display of his cane in public to impress people with his false dignity and refinement as substitutes for the mental equipment he does not possess. The Constitution is, in fine, an ironclad, fool-proof document expressive of the patriotic enactments of our Fathers, who made, dedicated and bequeathed it to and for all succeeding generations of Americans, as a sacred trust by which to conserve inviolate the Unity of the Nation.

These things I had in mind when I surrendered my allegiance to the country of my nativity and pledged my loyalty to the United States. It meant to me a new birth, as on baptism—a patriotic natal day, in and by virtue of my solemn declaration to adhere to and defend the Constitution. That was many years ago, and I have remained true to my oath and pledge ever since that time.

And, now, with the hand of Time completing its last circle on the dial of the years for me, my one remaining ambition is that I may be laid to rest in the country of my choice, secure in the hope and belief, strengthened by prayer, that the Stars and Stripes will forever wave above my grave, as a token and pledge that Constitutional freedom will be an endless benediction to the people of America, first among whom are those who lived and bled and died to uphold the honor and prestige of their country.

Am I mistaken in that expression of faith, and is my feeling of security groundless? It is beginning to look that way. In nearly every state of the Union at the present time there are well-organized Fascist, Nazi and Communist parties of both men and women, who are boldly and unblushingly violating their oath of allegiance to the United States, and that without let or hindrance by the Government. As meek as Moses they were when they took the oath admitting them to the privileges of citizenship; as traitorous as Judas not long afterwards, parading boldly in their un-American, anti-Constitutional Stalin, Hitler, Mussolini uniforms and other pro-foreign regalia, and blending in their boastful utterances the non-assimilative dictator principles of the country of their origin with the true principles of the country of their supposed adoption; deceiving a few; insulting the many. The Communists are even allowed to have a party ticket of their own in our national elections, and that at the expense of loyal taxpayers. How utterly absurd and inconsistent all these things are! And how can they be reconciled to the emphatic, unequivocal statement contained in the Constitution?

> Section 4, of Article 4, of the Constitution requires—that the United States shall guarantee to every state of this Union a Republican form of government, and shall protect them against invasion.

Can any sane person, conversant with the activities of Stalin, Hitler, Mussolini and their lieutenants, think for an instant that there is anything in their methods of government suggestive of or related to a republican self-ruling organization?

"No man can serve two masters," is the decree of Him whose word cannot be revoked or modified with impunity by any act of man. That means that no person can be loyal to opposite principles at one and the same time. Either he will be loyal to one, or disloyal to all. Hence the questionable and unenviable position of the would-be hyphenates in the United States. For example, those iron-ring Italian women in Chicago; the disloyal, anti-Christian priest participants, who blest the rings; and men in their Fascist uniforms; all exhibiting their adherence to the principle of the wholesale slaughter of those who are opposed to Mussolini *regime*. Witness also the approval of this same un-American display by the Church dignitaries in Rome, who celebrated the said slaughter in honor of the King's distinction of being now the Emperor of Abyssinia, which distinction, I am pleased to be able to state, the United States does not acknowledge; though tardy the country of my choice is in another respect. Had the United States, or other major power where the people rule, dispatched only four war ships to block the entrance to the Suez Canal, at the first intimation of the invasion of Abyssinia by Mussolini, and notified that violator of human rights that this country had assumed the protectorate over Abyssinia, there would have been no slaughter of the Ethiopians, no attempt on the part of Mussolini and Hitler to gobble up Spain, and no like attempt by the Japanese, under the aegis of Mussolini and Hitler, in China. All would have recognized that the great democracies were disposed to utilize all of their resources for the protection of the weaker nations; and, as a result, there would be Peace on Earth today. Neither would there be any Fascist, Nazi or Communist aspirations to dominate this Constitutional government of, for, and by the people of America.—*John E. Shea in Supreme Council Bulletin.*

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HOW CAN LAYMEN GET BETTER PREACHERS?

Who is to blame that in our time there are so few great preachers? The laymen themselves are not entirely free of responsibility. They have applied "go-getter" ideals to the ministry. They have sought for preachers who could "thrill" them and stir their emotions, men of the hail-fellow-well-met type who were "good mixers." They have set up the standards of the efficiency experts for leaders who, of all men, should be allowed time enough and freedom enough to develop their powers in the art of gospel proclamation.

What is the layman who wants better preaching to do? His first thought is to "seek a change," to try to get the present incumbent of his pulpit "well placed," and to find another and a better preacher. The average layman almost invariably overlooks the possibility of helping to improve his own minister by conference with him, by the frequent expression of appreciation for his good points, by practical suggestions and real co-operative helpfulness. And yet in the conduct of his own every-day business affairs the layman is familiar with the process of "making over" men who have latent possibilities. In some organizations, training schools for employees are maintained. A system of bonuses for good work is often used as a stimulus. Wise employers tactfully point out to their workers serious shortcomings in their method and approach, and indicate ways of increasing their usefulness. We recently heard the head of a business institution declare that for years he had plowed his profits back into the business in salaries and improvements to make it stronger for the future. Physicians often, as a first step toward a cure, build up a patient or give him a blood transfusion.

There are lessons here for laymen. Faced with the problem of better preaching, let them sound this slogan: "Back to the study." For no man can preach, really preach, who fails to get a firm grip both spiritually and intellectually upon the profound truths of the Bible. The late Bishop Charles H. Fowler, in discussing with young ministers the high importance of learning to preach, said, in substance: "Spend all of Monday morning in your study, all of Tuesday morning, all of Wednesday morning, all of Thursday morning, all of Friday morning, all of Saturday morning, working every day on the sermon for Sunday morning." And then he added, "On Sunday evening, holler."

"Back to the study." Let the call be sounded everywhere throughout Methodism. Preachers must return to theology in the broadest and deepest sense of the word. For unless they master their science they are sure to fail. What would laymen think of an architect who declared that no blue prints were needed for the construction of a building, and advocated that the carpenter and bricklayer "just go ahead" and build the building; of a doctor who held as useless the study of medical science and depended on his own intuitions in the treatment of disease; of a lawyer who dismissed with contempt the study of cases and "just used his own judgment"?—*Zion's Herald.*

"SO SORRY"

The world at large, with the exception of the Fascist States, continues to be appalled at Japan's aggressive activities in China.

The unjustifiable bombing and consequent sinking of an American naval vessel, with loss of life, has centered thought in America upon the all-important war drama being enacted in the Far East. It is true that Nippon has officially apologized, but these apologies are becoming rather tiresome. Suave, diplomatic gestures, together with all the facial registrations of sorrow that an erstwhile expressionless Japanese Government representative can muster up, are hardly sufficient to undo a very serious offense against the United States Government.

The making of reparations, including the payment of an indemnity, cannot bring back the human lives that were needlessly sacrificed when the "Panay" was sunk by Japanese bombs, without apparent rhyme or reason. The making of promises is not in itself sufficient to ameliorate the great wrong visited upon the American flag has been wantonly fired upon; American citizens have lost their lives, and the sovereignty of this country has been callously insulted.

Japanese mental processes are peculiar, if not enlightening. For example, an army of conquest moves into Chinese territory. Coming into contact with Chinese troops, hostilities ensue and fire is exchanged. The Japanese, thereby, are terribly insulted. They have been fired upon, and it becomes their duty to pursue and punish the insolent Celestials. Penetrating deeper and deeper into the interior, which is exactly the thing desired, the aggressors take cities and towns, aye, even entire provinces, at the point of the bayonet, well covered by field artillery. Always they are the injured party seeking redress.

Should an enterprising war correspondent ask the commanding officer of the Japanese troops just what his force is doing on Chinese soil, the bland reply might conceivably be that it was purely coincidental; or that they were there to engage in a few harmless war maneuvers and had been fired upon without any provocation by some stupid Chinese, who had the temerity to object to the presence of Nippon's heavily armed sons. This is a good example of Japanese logic.

We are aware that a militaristic bloc rules Japan and dictates her foreign policy. The civilian population of that country is said to deprecate the mailed-fist operations of Nippon in the Far East and is inclined to be more humane and considerate of sister nations than the jingoistic saber-rattlers who appear to be running things generally in the Land of the Rising Sun. Many believe that, in view of recent events, this nation will be forced to adopt a firm attitude and let it be known, in no uncertain terms, that the United States will not tolerate further Fascist aggressions against its nationals.

The President's famous Chicago speech strongly implied the advocacy of "quarantining" Japan. This action, if put into effect, might seriously cripple Japan's foreign trade but (while of a salutary nature), would not necessarily defeat her outlaw policy of flagrantly violating the rights of neutrals.

Japan's future activities, which will be closely watched from many quarters, may definitely decide if sterner measures should be adopted against her by the Government of the United States.—*L. W. in Supreme Council Bulletin.*

TWELVE KINDS OF SNOW RECOGNIZED BY SCIENCE

To most of us to whom snow only means a job of shoveling, it may help a bit (at the next siege of back-breaking exercise) to learn that scientists classify snow into at least twelve different varieties. Right off, there is falling snow and fallen snow. That's easy. And some of us have recently learned about powder snow through the present trend to skiing.

But did you ever hear of sand snow, or wild snow, or sun crust or rain crust snow?

Let's start with falling snow. It is precipitation frozen into some type of crystalline form. When it hits the ground it becomes fallen snow. At first fallen snow is powder snow, soft, fluffy and feathery and not unchanged from its in-the-air condition. Skiers look for it.

But powder snow, if it comes to earth at very low temperatures, may form sand snow on which neither a ski nor sled will glide. Greenland explorers have reported sand snow. Wild snow, is another form of powder snow which falls in a complete calm at low temperature and is immensely unstable.

Following first contact snow enters the stage of settling snow. It becomes settled snow which can take the close-lying powdery form which makes the best of all skiing.

The next stage in snow's evolution is to pass from the new to the old snow classification and the state of new firn snow is reached, where the snow is becoming granular and compacted. Variations of firn snow include the sun crust and rain crust forms where melting occurs, and then freezing, with a crust resulting.

Finally advanced firn snow arrives which turns either into firn ice or glacier ice.—*Science News Letter.*

We must not be cowardly, must not be hampered by fears that are not well founded. We stand in our own light when we refuse to go forward, when we say that a thing cannot be done and then admit that we never tried to do it.—*Nthan Howard Gist.*

Far too many battles in life are lost through lack of self-confidence. Success awaits and beckons to him who makes the rewarding discovery of self.—*Nathan Howard Gist.*

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OUR STORY PAGE

THE DIARY OF A DICTIONARY

I'm supposed to be pocket-size. When I'm in Ted's coat pocket I'm a tight fit, but in Betty's sweater pocket I bump about and sometimes fall out when's she afraid of being late to school and starts to run. You see, I am always the same size, but the pockets are not.

I got this idea of writing about my daily life because Ted and Betty always use me when they are writing the lives of the great, like George Washington and Benjamin Franklin and Louisa Alcott and Joan of Arc.

I'm not noted and famous myself, but I'm useful in this life-writing business. I'm well up on the spelling of words like *character* and *career* and *achievements.* I never had any of those things myself, but I know what they are. I can tell you in a few words exactly what they are, I can tell in words that anybody can understand.

I like to explain the meanings of words, but sometimes I wish people would learn the alphabet. Of course every one knows that *A* comes first and *Z* last, but if people would only learn the next-door-letter neighbors of *U* and *T* and *H* and the others, my pages wouldn't be worn so thin by fingers that fumble. Twenty-six letters aren't so very many to learn—but you'd be surprised to find how many people don't know where to find them in their exact places in the alphabet. Just try being a dictionary and see how it feels to have somebody turn their pages twice as often as they need to be turned.

But if I can't speak up and tell people where to look for my words, I *can* settle a quarrel. I've often done it! Some one says, "*That's* the way I spell it!" And some one else says, "No, it's *this* way." Then a third somebody, usually a mother or daddy or a teacher, says, "Hadn't you better get the dictionary?" How happy and useful I feel when I hear those words!

But sometimes it takes me a long time to settle a dispute because people don't know where to find me. A big unabridged dictionary has a fine stand of its own and a place in the library, but I'm often on the floor or behind the glider, or—once I was—I hate to tell it—but I was once actually in the waste-basket. How I got there I don't know—but the trash man pulled me out and gave me back to Betty.

I have a man's name on my top cover—Webster is the name, but not Daniel; his brother Noah was the dictionary man of that family. I have heard of other people who have written dictionaries. Long ago in England a man named Samuel Johnson made a great big dictionary. Whoever makes dictionaries has to do a lot of studying and writing. That's why I'm so proud of my family; they're workers.

"I'd like to tell you about the book-store where I lived when I was new and the first boy who bought me and gave me to Ted and Betty. I haven't done any great d-e-e-d-s, but I have my place in life especially when school is in session. I am glad I'm I, but I can't tell you any more about my life because I hear somebody calling, "*Where* is that dictionary?"
—*Frances Kirkland.*

"SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE"

The Church has always suffered under world power and State denomination and never more so than now. If she has accepted favors from the State it has been at the price of her soul. Today in many countries the alternative is extinction as a true Christian Church or submission to the State. In every so-called Christian country the Church's values, principles, and ideals are openly set aside for practical purposes and worldly methods used. Then the world turns and points at Christian countries using the methods of the world, the flesh, and the devil in their dealings with each other and adds that the Church has failed. She has not failed. She is suffering under Pontius Pilate and being crucified. The less she suffers the more will evil triumph; the more she suffers the less will evil triumph. We know that unemployment, poverty, slums, child labor, the profits made by traffic in the weaknesses, vices, and sins of men, and wars are not acts of God but acts of men spurred on by world ideals and power. Efforts are being made to ally the Church with such things. At her best she has refused. The prophecy continues, "The third day He rose again from the dead." There are many signs today of a resurrection of society through the power of an undefeated Church. The conscience of society is being aroused and enlightened. Countries are growing more responsive to the needs of their people and nations are getting much more sensitive on the subject of war. Pontius Pilate still makes the Church suffer, but sufferings make for power and the world will surely rise from the death into which it is plunged and live more and more as that kingdom for whose coming we pray in the Lord's Prayer.—*From the Los Angeles Churchman.*

CHRIST'S LOVE OF CHILDREN

Christ's own love of children, and the divine words He spoke about them, if they cannot be said to have created the love of parents for their children, have at all events immensely deepened and refined it. The love of heathen fathers and mothers for their offspring is a rude and animal propensity, in comparison with the love for children which reigns in our Christian homes. He lifted childhood up, as he raised so many other weak and despised things, and set it in the midst. If the patter of little feet on the stairs and the sound of little voices in the house are music to us, and if the pressure of little fingers and the touches of little lips can make us thrill with gratitude and prayer, we owe this sunshine of life to Jesus Christ. By saying, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," he converted the home into a Church, and parents into His ministers, and it may be doubted whether He has not by this means won to Himself as many disciples in the course of the Christian ages as even by the institution of the Church itself. Perhaps the lessons of mothers speaking of Jesus, and the examples of Christian fathers, have done as much for the success of Christianity as the sermons of eloquent preachers or the worship of assembled congregations. Not once or twice, at all events, has the religion of Christ, when driven out of the Church, found an asylum in the home; and there have been few of the great teachers of Christendom who have not derived their deepest convictions from the impressions made by their earliest domestic environment.—*James Stalker, D.D.*

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARIES

The posters on India are off the press! At the National Women's Convention in Tiffin, Ohio, it was voted that the Board of Missions should prepare a poster of pictures of our missionaries and mission work in India to be used for poster, scrapbook work, etc., in connection with the study books on India this year. These posters are off the press and ready to be used in connection with the study books on India.

The price of this material is three cents per poster or 25c per dozen posters. Please order your supply from Miss Bettie S. Brittingham, 516 N. Chharles St., Baltimore, Maryland.

I feel sure these pictures from our own work in India will add much to the study on India, especially in the children's groups.

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THE MINNIS FUND

Because of the love, respect, and deep admiration I have for Mrs. H. C. Nicholson and the Minnises also, I am calling your attention again this week to the Minnis Fund. Mrs. Nicholson has done her part and is still working hard to see that the Minnis salary is paid. She has had some results, of which she is very proud, but not what she would like, and certainly not what it should be. So let's unite forces in our local churches and put this thing over. See that your church sends something within the next few days to the Minnis Fund. There is very little any one person can do, but united we can do much. "For in unity there is strength."

Some one has well said, "Whether one goes to the foreign field as a missionary depends upon his call, his preparation, and his acceptance by the mission board; but whether a believer in Christ is a missionary or not is never open to choice." For to be a Christian in reality is to be a missionary. We cannot all go to foreign fields, but we can help by giving. I am reminded of a little verse I have just read in the Record about our budget,

"How wonderful a budget is,
It lives and so I love it!"

Another writer has said, if we could realize that Christ is in the perpetual incarnation of human needs everywhere and that, if we give the cup of salvation to the parched lips of India or China, we minister unto Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Mr. and Mrs. Minnis are whole-heartedly in their work in India. I know from personal observation and conversation. Mr. Minnis spent a week in our home a year or so ago. Mrs. Minnis and the children visited us also. I feel they can truly say with the poet,

"Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,
This is my work, my blessing, not my doom,
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right
way."

We have promised to pay this salary. So for the next few minutes, will you think seriously upon this question? What is a promise? Then pray, and we believe you will give. For—

"To know is to love,
To love is to give,
And to give is to live."

MRS. B. L. HEAVNER.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

We are now entering into the second half of our missionary year. I hope you already have your programs outlined for the fall and winter work for some real constructive missionary work. If you do not have your plans made and would like to have something different in your circles or auxiliary meetings, why not use a chapter each month in your circles from the book, "Moving Millions," or from "The American City and the Church"? Both books are full of fine materials to use in building a program. Then at the end of the book have an all-day meeting. Serve a lunch and each person tell something that impressed you most from the lessons used. This will be a fine way to study missions. I would like to suggest to those of you who get the Missionary Record that you draw a name of some one who does not get the Record and call her your Record Pollyanna, and let her have your Missionary Record to read. The Record also has an abunadnce of material for use in church programs. See your Record agent and tell her you will help her to get several new subscriptions. It's only 75c per year. The book, "Moving Millions," is 50c. This is on India. "The American City and Its Church" is 60c. Also another good Home book, "My Community, My Church, and Me," for 35c. These books and the Missionary Record can be secured from the M. P. Book Concern, 516 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. Hope to have a good report from each Secretary of Missionary Education at the close of this year.

If I can serve you in any way, let me know.

MRS. J. E. PRITCHARD,
Secretary Missionary Education,
N. C. Branch.

IN APPRECIATION

These worsd are not written in the form of an obituary, for I do not have sufficient facts to make an obituary complete. But I am writing a word of appreciation of Brown Neville, one of the best men I ever served as pastor. For seven years I visited in his home, even after he left the Eden community and moved to Weldon, where he retired from farming as a business and settled down to live out his remaining days enjoying the association of his children and grandchildren, relatives and friends.

When Brother Neville left Eden church to live in Weldon, there was not a single member there but regretted to see him go. He looked after the financial welfare of his church, he was always a close friend to his pastor, he prayed, he shouted when he felt like it, in fact, he was one of the most spiritually minded men I ever met.

Eden church at the suggestion of the pastor presented him with a gold medal with this inscription engraved upon it: "H. B. Neville, in appreciation of forty years as a faithful steward of Eden Methodist Protestant Church." I never shall forget his tears of joy as he tried in broken speech to tell the folks how he loved them and how he appreciated this gift.

He often told me that when he went to heaven he wanted me to say the last words over his body. In his last days when he became so feeble, he often reminded his loved ones of his request to me.

He went away not to return, Saturday morning early, September 24, 1938. The funeral services were held in Eden church, Sunday, September 25, with the writer in charge, assisted by Revs. Robertson of the M. E. Church, South, and Fountain of the Baptist church, both of these being pastors in Weldon. A great throng of people, and the great profusion of flowers, showed something of the high esteem in which he was held.

We offer to his bereaved wife the consolations of the Gospel, and the children who survive him, who will miss his wise counsel, the promised guidance of Him who is able to make all grace abound.

There are some 20 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, we know will miss grandpa, but the good life that he lived before all of you should be an inspiration as well as a consolaton to know that he has gone where all the faithful go.

I feel such a personal loss in Brother Neville's going that I am writing these words to let it be known that I shall miss him, for I loved him.

N. G. BETHEA.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Efland S. S., Orange	$ 1.56
Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	7.23
Mrs. R. J. Harris, Greensboro, for shoes	4.00
Mrs. C. L. Tucker, Greensboro, clothing child	5.00
Caroleen S. S.	2.30
Kistler's Union S. S., Cleveland	3.80
Flat Rock S. S., Flat Rock	4.00
Saxapahaw S. S., Saxapahaw	3.00
Union Chapel, Granville	15.29
Mt. Zion S. S., Pinnacle-Mt. Zion, Aug. and Sept.	7.00
Union Chapel S. S., Mocksville	2.25
Mrs. B. F. Langdon, Chicago, Ill., for Auxiliary, for shoes	2.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Steubenville, O., for shoes	3.00
First Church S. S., High Point	15.00
Friendship, Fallston	5.00
Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.50
Mrs. Geo. W. Lynch, Greensboro, clothing for boy	1.25
New Salem S. S., Randleman	1.50
Ladies' Aid society, Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00
Harmony S. S., Yarborough's	2.12
Spring Church Woman's Auxiliary, for shoes	5.00
China Grove S. S.	1.51
Canaan S. S., N. Davidson	3.50
Midway S. S., Greensboro road, Aug. and Sept.	6.50
Woman's Auxiliary, Mason, Mich., for shoes	3.00
Lawndale, Union S. S., Cleveland, July, Aug. and Sept.	20.00
Union Woman's Auxiliary, Halifax, for shoes	4.50
Men's Bible class, First, Thomasville, Sept. and Oct.	11.05
Central S. S., Asheboro	40.00
Pleasant Grove S. S.	15.00
N. C. Branch, Women's Work, by the Treasurer	125.71

Clothing and Other Gifts

Haw River Woman's Auxiliary, Glen Raven, 7 cakes and 3 boxes of cookies for school lunches.

Woman's Auxiliary, Reidsville, 14 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables.

Mrs. Nannie Gunn, Reidsville, a bunch of handkerchiefs and one pair socks.

Mrs. D. A. Dowdy, High Point, a package of coupons and 4 suits of underwear for little boys.

Mr. C. H. Kirkman, of Tabernacle, wheat at mill for 10 bags of flour. We are to go for this soon.

We are so thankful for all this help, both of money and produce. The dear Lord abundantly bless all the givers.

Conference Nearly Here

When you read this there will be just one month to conference. Check up for the honor roll. Let every Sunday school send us a good offering during October.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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Word and Deed

The ways of a word uncertain are,
But the drive of a deed is straight and far.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD"

Christian Endeavor Topic for October 16

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 10—Pleasing God. John 8:29.

Tuesday, October 11—Chosen to work with God. Isa. 43:1-7.

Wednesday, October 12—Working with God's Spirit. I Cor. 12:1-12.

Thursday, October 13—Starting to work with God. Robb. 6:17-23.

Friday, October 14—Jesus working with God. John 5:17-20.

Saturday, October 15—God working in us. Eph. 2:10, 19-22.

The Text—Jas. 1:5-9; Ps. 90:16-17; I Cor. 3:9.

Come, let us use the grace divine,
And all, with one accord,
In a perpetual covenant, join
Ourselves to Christ the Lord.

Give up ourselves, through Jesus' power,
His Name to glorify;
And promise, in this sacred hour,
For God to live and die.

The covenant we this moment make,
Be ever kept in mind;
We will no more our God forsake,
Or cast His words behind.
(Charles Wesley)

In a recent discussion of Genesis, I heard a new theory of God's plans for His people. The explanation given was that God tried five plans to make man happy and failed in all five. But the sixth plan—a God-directed life—has brought to man a measure of happiness. In other words, we must find happiness in being WORKERS together with God. We today have a commission to fulfill; we are a part of a divine plan—a part of a great togetherness. If we are true Christians we work together with God and together with one another.

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." We become disciples of Christ through the pathway of the consecrated life. Even we who call ourselves Christians find that we need again and again to face Christ's standards of life, and to seek forgiveness for the wrongs that push Christ farther and farther away from us. So before we attempt to lead others in working together with God, we must face Christ in our own lives; we must be sure that we are upholding Christ's standard of life.

Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches; He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit; for apart from me ye can do nothing. . . If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you." If the feeling of joy and of God's presence, that is so real when we surrender our lives to Him, is to continue, we must keep it alive and help it grow. Through fellowship with other Christians in the public service of the church, and through young people's groups, we do this. Above all, we feel the presence of Christ in our daily periods of personal devotion when Bible reading, meditation, prayer, and listening bring us near our Savior. Prayer is as important as action. As Rev. R. N. White writes, "Action without power is as much folly as power without action. The true Christian is a worker but he works together with God."

What should be youth's action in working with God? Our program is to develop personal religious living, to help solve the war problem, the liquor problem, to study our economic problems, to provide a constructive use of leisure time, to break down racial barriers, and to help prepare for better Christian homes. Let us dare to face life with Jesus Christ. It is said that when Henry Pu Yi, Emperor of Manchukuo, travels through the cities of that land he is not permitted to see the suffering, the misery, and the distress of the people, for a dazzling yellow curtain is hung between him and the poverty-stricken sections through which he must pass. Do we dare see life as it is? to see the world as it lies in the shadow of death? Do we dare to face sin and crime and poverty in America? Do we dare to visualize the multiplied millions in non-Christian lands? Are you able to meet this challenge, to stand this test?

"Are ye able," said the Master,
To be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,
To the death we follow Thee."

"Are ye able," still the Master
Whispers down eternity,
And heroic spirits answer
Now, as then, in Galilee.

"Lord, we are able."
Our spirits are Thine,
Remold them, make us,
Like Thee, divine.

Thy guiding radiance
Above us shall be
To love and loyalty.

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"What is your definition of a patriot?"
"I think it's a man who smiles while drawing a check for his taxes."—Ex.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Rev. R. S. Troxler

On July 25, 1938, our Heavenly Father called another one of His children home, Rev. R. S. Troxler.

He meant much to our church, especially in its beginning. It was his untiring efforts that helped us to have our church at Glen Raven. He was held in high esteem and always did what he thought best for the Kingdom and church. In his death we lost a good pastor and friend.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we cherish his memory and strive to attain the standards and goals he set before us.

Be it further resolved, that the Christian Endeavor society extend to the loved ones our deepest sympathy; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Methodist Protestant Herald, and a copy on the minutes of our society.

THE C. E. SOCIETY.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Chapel Hill, Davidson Charge, C. L. Grant, Pastor.—Our revival services began Thursday night, September 15, and came to a close Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, September 25.

Rev. W. L. Harkey, of Lincolnton, assisted the pastor in the preaching. He came to us on Sunday night, remaining through Friday evening's services. Rev. Mr. Harkey gave us some real soul-stirring messages, which made us realize more fully the great responsibility that rests upon us as professed followers of the lowly Nazarene. We were also glad to have Rev. E. A. Bingham, Rev. J. R. Short, and Rev. G. L. Curry with us.

The service was in charge of the pastor Saturday night, and Sunday Mr. Grant brought us some inspiring messages. There were six or seven professions and we feel that the church has been greatly revived.

On the fourth Sunday we had five members to join with us. We welcome them and sincerely hope they may be a blessing to us, and us to them.

The Woman's Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night before the third Sunday in October.

MRS. A. C. HARRIS, Reporter.

Yarborough Charge.—It has been some time since I have made a report of our work, but that doesn't mean that we are not awake; on the contrary we have been going forward rapidly.

We had two of the best revivals that I think I have ever attended, both at Harmony and at Yarborough's Chapel. We had about 60 professions and 25 accessions, with another new member coming in at Yarborough's at next appointment. I feel that we have accomplished a great deal for His cause and kingdom this year.

Rev. C. G. Isley, of First M. P. church, Albemarle, was our pulpit help at Yarborough's, and my father, Rev. R. L. Vickery, of First M. P. chucrh of Danville, at Harmony.

We have raised over $225 at Yarborough's on pastor's salary, and $159 at Harmony. About 50 per cent of conference claims have been met, and I am confident that we will come out 100 per cent at both churches. We have already raised $125 at Harmony for repainting the church, and work has already begun. This will be completed for Sunday morning service, October 2, and all of you who have been to Harmony will know how nice it will look. The outside is white and the inside cream colored. We hope to have a picture in the Herald before conference of the complete church. Look for it.

We have come out more than 100% on Herald quota and half paid on subsidy, and the other half is already pledged.

I truly believe that our attendance has doubled on this charge this year, and the people are very much interested and doing all they can, materialy and spiritually.

Just before the opening of college the pastor had a very pleasant surprise for which he is deeply appreciative. On my birthday, August 21, I was invited to a very nice birthday dinner, and after we had finished eating—and what a dinner!—I was presented with a box of six new Riegel shirts, towels, wash cloths for college, and an envelope containing $7.50 in money, along with some other things. All I can say is, May God bless our good people, and that I am more grateful than I can say for all their considerations. I feel like our spiritual interest is steadily increasing, and may I say that I have enjoyed this year the best of any in my life, except for my mother's death. Everything that I ask our good people to do, they don't hesitate but go right ahead.

As this may be my last report this year, may I say that although we are somewhat removed from the conference, that doesn't mean we are not as much interested as the rest. Our people here are very loyal and do their best for their God, their church, and their conference. Truly these are people anyone would be glad to serve and proud of.

Our delegate is Mr. Ralph Hughes, a former student at High Point College and a fine Christian young man.

Our Felowship Crusade is being paid on every appointment, and I feel sure will come out on top 100%. We have had a great year here, and I thank God for what has been done, for we know it all comes from Him, the Author and Finisher of our faith. May God bless and keep you all. Amen.

THURMAN H. VICKERY.

Creswell Charge.—Since there has been no report from down here in a long while, I shall endeavor to write one. Although we have not given the paper any publicity recently does not indicate that we have been idle. Sunday, October 2, concludes the eleventh month of my stay here. The time has passed rapidly and I have had many happy experiences during my residence here.

All the special meetings have been held with apparent results. At three churches, namely, Rehobeth, Creswell, and Woodley's Chapel, I did the preaching, and for the remaining two, Mt. Elma and Mt. Hermon, the pulpit helps were Rev. J. H. Abernethy and Rev. Fred Love, respectively. Their efforts to revive the interest in the church and community life were successful; many folks spoke highly of their messages, and voiced opinions that they would enjoy having them return again. Since the revivals I have observed a continuous improvement in church attendanuce in general.

Creswell church has paid its share of the Annual Conference Expense, Church Extension, Annual Conference Debt, and High Point College Allotments. Recently, Mt. Hermon church paid the Annual Conference Expense, and they are putting forth noble efforts to pay the other claims before the conference year ends. Mt. Elma expects to pay some of the benevolences in the near future.

Twenty dollars has been pledged to the Fellowship Crusade; of this amount $6.50 has already been paid; other funds and pledges are being collected from time to time.

There have been some improvements in two of the churches worthy of mention. Mt. Elma has purchased a new set of lamps for the church, and earlier in the year chairs for the choir were bought. In addition to these attainments, they have finished paying for the piano. Mt. Hermomn has repainted the building externally, made some general improvements on the inside, and repainted the chairs in the choir. These contributions greatly enhance the beauty of the church and in the meantime add to the value of the property. Another outstanding contribution in this church is the purchasing of two pulpit chairs at the cost of $45. Both of these worthy projects have been realized largely through the efforts of the Ladies' Aid of Mt. Hermon.

Creswell church plans to observe Rally Day at the next regular preaching appointment, which is the third Sunday in October. To date, the details of the program have not been announced.

It has been learned that Reverends W. F. Ashburn, A. D. Shelton, F. R. Love, O. L. Easter, and Mrs. Easter are to visit Creswell soon. I extend to them a cordial invitation to do so and wish for them a very pleasant stay while they are in the Tidewater section.

FOREST S. WAGONER.

Enfield-Whitakers Charge.—The third Sunday morning in September I filled my regular appointment at Whitakers with the largest congregation we have had this year, but as I wasn't feeling well we called off the night service. As my physician thought it best for me to go back to the hospital at Burlington for a check-up, I went to my friend and doctor at Graham, W. C. Goley, who has been doctoring me for 15 years. He sent me to the hospital for a blood test, and they said Dr. Goley could give me the treatment I needed, and he did, and I am back on the job and feeling fine. I came home Friday, filled my appointment at Whitakers Chapel Sunday morning, and at Whitakers at night. I had a birthday while I was gone. I received some nice presents and many cards, and a present of a $5.00 check from the Enfield Ladies' Auxiliary. I thank everyone who remembered me.

D. R. WILLIAMS.

Fountain Place, Burlington, R. E. L. Moser, Pastor, October 4.—Fountain Place church expects to have Rally Day services next Sunday, with a visiting speaker at the 11 o'clock hour. All members are urged to be present, and visitors are welcomed.

Fountain Place has been rather silent lately, but this does not mean that work has stopped. Our pastor brings us a splendid sermon each Sunday morning. The Sunday school is running along much the same as at the last report. Attendance has improved in the Woman's Auxiliary, and of course interest increases when attendance does. A Junior C. E. society has been organized under the leadership of Mrs. A. V. Amick, and the children seem to be very much interested in this work. Recently the Senior Christian Endeavor society held a devotional service at the county jail.

The second Sunday in September our revival started. Rev. Mr. Leo Pittard preached a wonderful sermon Sunday night. Rev. Mr. C. G. Isley, of Albemarle, came Monday and brought soul-stirring messages each night of the following week except Saturday, and the meeeting came to a close Sunday morning when Mr. Isley brought his last good sermon. The attendance during the meeting was good and everyone should have been made better. We were fortunate in having special music at most of the services. Six joined the church the last Sunday morning. Miss Butcher came to our church by letter, and the others, who joined by profession of faith, were Mr. Hubert Terrell and daughter, Patricia, Billy Euliss, John Frank Nicholson, and Alton Greeson.

Early in September the Woman's Auxiliary gave a birthday social to promote fellowship among the church members, and a good crowd enjoyed an evening of games and fun together. The Sunday school picnic was also held in September.

Our pastor's salary is paid in full for the year, but in the remaining weeks before conference there is work to be done. The Woman's Auxiliary is planning to hold a thank-offering some time this month or early in November.

MRS. A. V. AMICK, Reporter.

Fairview Church, Glen Raven Charge, Rev. Charles Coble, Pastor.—The work here is going along very well, now that the summer slump is over it seems that our church is taking on new life again, and the outlook is very promising for a good year's work in spite of the difficulties that we have had this year.

Our revival meeting will begin next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Our pastor will do the preaching each evening throughout the week. A series of prayer services is being held in the church each evening this week in order that we may better fit ourselves for a revival meeting. We ask an interest in your prayers for a great ingathering of lost souls.

We are very proud of our C. E. society and the good work they are doing. They have purchased some new song books for our church, which was very much needed, and we are very thankful for this. We were sorry for the death of our church sexton, Mr. J. D. Matkins, who died of a sudden heart attack at his home right recently. Mr. Matkins was a strong believer in the Lord and will be greatly missed in our church and community. Our deepest sympathy is for his family.

MRS. CLARENCE RUDD, Reporter.

Love Joy Church, Seagrove - Love Joy Charge, E. G. Cowan, Pastor.—Sunday, October 2, brought to a close our annual camp meeting which began Sunday, September 25. We are glad to report one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church. Rev. C. L. Spencer, of Randleman, and our beloved pastor brought the messages throughout the week. Rev. Mr. Spencer preached in the morning and evening, and Rev. Mr. Cowan in the afternoon. They did some wonderful preaching and God's spirit was present in each service.

God blessed in a marvelous way, both in the saving of souls and the reviving of Christians. There were between 70 and 80 conversions and reclamations. The secret of the great success was prayer. We certainly feel encouraged to press onward and upward. Our faith has been strengthened, and prospects for the future success of the church look bright. One thing that encouraged us so much was to see the new converts go out and work to bring other souls into the Kingdom,

We had a very impressive service the last Sunday afternoon. Thirty-three new members were received into the church. After receiving the rites of baptism and taking the vows of the church, all Christians were asked to join a circle around the new members, after which several songs were rendered. The spirit of God was manifested in a great way during this service. This brought to our minds the fact that the Christian circles are continually being broken here on earth, but if we are faithful and true to God, one day we are going to be reunited around the great white throne.

We court your prayers for our church and especially for the new converts, that they may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

MRS. CLARA RUSSELL, Reporter.

Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Oct. 3.—I know that there must be several who have been looking for a report from us. Especially those who have renewed their church paper subscriptions or have newly subscribed. That gives a chance to say that through the help of the C. E. society our quota for Shiloh church has been raised. We hope that all the subscribers shall enjoy very much the news that comes from all our churches through the Herald.

The month of October is to be observed as a special tithe month. All members are asked to tithe (however, it is a Christian's duty anyway). The pastor will see the first Sunday in November how many members have tithed.

The third Sunday in October will be Rally Day at Shiloh. The song services will be rendered by the primary department. There are two goals for that day: 300 in attendance at Sunday school, and every member making an offering. We believe that we can have the attendance, because we began a new enrollment for the fourth quarter last Sunday, which numbered 234 with 245 in attendance. And, too, all who attend Sunday school are asked to remain for the preaching service. It happens that some leave before the preaching service, some of which we hope will be avoided in the future.

The fourth quarterly conference for Shiloh charge will be held at Shiloh church on Saturday afternoon before the fourth Sunday in October at 2 o'clock. All members are asked to be present. Most of the final reports of the year's work will be given and we hope that by that time all items that have not been completed will be completed before then. At the last appointment of this conference year, the pastor has announced that the doors of the church will be opened for receiving of members, should there be any who desire to unite with our church.

A nominating committee composed of Mr. Ira Koonts, Mr. J. L. Evans, and Mr. R. B. Sink was appointed Sunday to prepare a list of church officers which will probably be elected at the next appointment, which will be the third Sunday.

Pledges were taken Sunday to help raise our part of the Fellowship Crusade; however, we are far from having raised our amount. There was $52.50 pledged and part collected, Sunday. We wish that we could raise our full amount, but do not promise that it will be done.

The Woman's Auxiliary is preparing a very helpful thank-offering program to be given this month, the time to be announced later.

Probably the last item of the report, but the most important, is the reporting of the sermon that our pastor delivered Sunday on the subject, "The Way of Life," using as a text Matt. 7:13. This was truly a vital message and one that searched the lives of our people. He plainly mentioned the only two classes of people—the saved and the unsaved—and the two ways, the narrow and the broad. All church members should realize more fully their duty and responsibility to ever be near the Savior of men, in order that nothing shall lead any from the strait and narrow way. Let's pray that we shall ever be kept true to the trust and busy at the task given us as followers of the great Shepherd in helping lead others in a closer relationship with Him.

Continue to pray for us in our work, and with this we are hoping for each church a sucessful ending of the year's work for the Master.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

First Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—We are just about to complete a year's work. This year in the Charlotte church has been a very good one. Considering the handicaps we have worked under, much has been accomplished during the past months. Souls have been born into the Kingdom of God and the church as a whole has progressed through great conflict. We are very proud of our pastor and feel that he has been a great influence on the progress which we have made.

For the past several Sunday nights we have had some wonderful services. One night seven souls were converted and another night two were born into the Kingdom of God. This is positive proof that the spirit of God is with us and that progress has been made.

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The Christian Endeavor societies have also had a good year. The Senior C. E. society is still having the Bible chalk talks by Rev. Mr. Strickland. These talks have proved to be very beneficial, and the members of this society have had to think and search the scriptures to find out and understand these talks clearly. The monthly business meeting was held Monday night at the home of Helen McCall. Eighteen members were present and after the business meeting a social was held. Under the direction of the new officers we feel that this year holds more good things in store for us. The losing side of the contest, which we held in the society, entertained the winning side at a weiner roast on the river last Friday night. Everyone had a good time, and even the members of the losing side enjoyed themselves.

The Junior C. E. society is also doing some good work under the direction of Miss Marguerite Helms. They held a special service Sunday night and our field representative, Mr. Luther Medlin, attended and spoke at this service.

The young men's class started something at the church when they met one Sunday night and repainted their class room and made it more desirable. Now every department in the Sunday school is beginning to look around and start improving the appearance of their class rooms. It is hoped that this will continue until all the class rooms and departments have been renovated.

The new officers of the Sunday school will be installed next Sunday morning. Officers of the church will be installed at a later date. We are looking forward to a bigger and better year than ever before.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

Denton-Canaan.—Officers have been elected at both churches for church school and the regular church officers. The church school officers were installed at Denton on yesterday. This was done so that officers could take charge of the school on the first of October, the beginning of the school year. The beauttful service, "Installation Service for Church School Workers," published by the publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It can be had from either the publishing house at Richmond or Nashville for 25 cents per dozen. Most schools can get by with one dozen. This service is highly recommended by the writer. It will add much to any church school installaton service. The officers of Canaan school will be installed next Sunday. The regular church officers at both churches will be installed later in the season.

After the officers were installed at Denton Superintendent Johnson announced a workers' council for the afternoon. This council was well attended and they will be observed regularly each month.

Raly Day services were observed at Denton on last Sunday and will be observed at Canaan on next Sunday.

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The Denton Women's Auxiliary are to give the men of the church a supper on next Thursday night. We are looking forward to this occasion.

Mrs. Pegram Sexton, who has been sick for some time, does not seem to improve, but rather grows weaker.

Robert Johnson, of High Point College, and Miss Inza Hill, head of the commercial department of Rankin high school, near Greensboro, spent the week-end with their parents in Denton. We were glad to have them in the services on Sunday. These are among our very fine young people.

President Pritchard was with us on the fourth Sunday night and preached an excellent sermon. We were glad to have Dr. Pritchard and Mrs. Pritchard also. Come again when you can, Dr. and Mrs. Pritchard.

GEO. L. CURRY, Pastor.

Concord, Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—Work is moving along very nice, but as conference is almost here there is much work for us to do. We are hoping and working to get on the honor roll again.

Mr. Bingham brought us another splendid message Sunday morning. We have had a real fine year so far with Pastor Bingham and family, and are hoping to have many more.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. R. T. Woody this coming Friday evening, and the following Saturday from 5 to 7. We will sell chicken stew and pies at the church and a free entertainment will be given beginning at 8 o'clock. We invite any one who wishes to come and enjoy themselves. The proceeds will go to help pay on the church debt.

The junior class had charge of the opening exercises of the Sunday school Sunday morning. This was very helpful, especially to the children.

We are glad to welcome Miss Virginia Massey back with us for the school term another year.

Mr. Marvin Lindley is conducting a community singing each Monday evening at the high school. We are glad that several of our members are cooperating with him.

Salem, Saxapahaw Charge, E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—We are glad to report our church and Sunday school are moving nicely.

Our church hut was dedicated the fourth Sunday afternoon in September. The service was attended by a large crowd. The dedication sermon was preached by our pastor. The history was read by Leo Quakenbush. He has been very faithful working for the hut.

The Hebron choir sang for us. They did some good singing. Hope they can come and sing for us again. We hope our hut will be of help to the people. We are very proud of it.

The Sunday school attendance has been good during the summer months. There are still people that do not attend. We hope we can do something to influence them to attend because we need them.

Our claims are coming in very nicely. We would like to come up this year paid in full. We can if everyone will do his part.

Our last quarterly conference will be held Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October. Hope all of the official members can attend.

The district rally will be held at Bethel the fifth Sunday in October.

Our pastor has preached some fine sermons during the past year. He has tried in every way to give us his best. We hope he can come back with us another year.

REPORTER.

WILL YOU READ THIS?

In gathering up the cans which many of you have, please gather other produce with them, such as grain of any kind, potatoes, pumpkins, chickens, etc. Good clean clothing for children between 5 and 18 will also help. No high-heeled shoes, please.

Send these things to us if you can; if not, then please gather them at some convenient place on your charge and let us know when and where to send, just before or just after conference.

Just One More Month

There is just one more month till conference. During that month we must not only pay bills, but we must put in a car load of coal, costing around $300. Please make your offerings the very best possible. We wish we could balance our budget for conference, as we did last year.

In the Tobacco Belts

Some pastors in the tobacco belts have promised better offerings when tobacco was selling. Just one offering at each church before conference to make good that promise. A few churches have made no offering to the Home this year. May we hear from every church before conference?

Winter Clothing for Boys

Just a few of our boys have been taken for fall clothing. About 40 remain. An average of $8 per boy will buy for our boys about what they need for the winter. We are asking 40 men's classes, or 40 individuals, or 40 units of some kind, to help us with this. Will you please present the matter to your class next Sunday? Get the class to take one or more boys. Presidents of classes and teachers of classes, please put your heads together and do this for us.

The First to Respond

This call was publishesd last week, and before we had our dinner Sunday, Mr. W. H. Shoemaker, treasurer of the class in First church, Thomasville, taught by Mrs. A. H. Ragan, was here with $16 to outfit two boys. He said, "Our teacher presented this today."

To Clothe Boys

The Men's Bible class, First church, Thomasville—$16.00. Who will be the next? Will report this special in Herald. We hope to get a hearty response to this next Monday. Thank you and God bless you.

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MARY REED, NOTED MISSIONARY, TO BE HONORED IN WORLD

Eighty-Fourth Birthday Will Be Marked by Varied Ceremonies; American Mission to Lepens Arranging Programs.

On December 4th, in distant corners of the earth, imaginary birthday bells will ring out in greeting to a white-haired lady whose bravery has brought her acclaim wherever the plight of the diseased and the disabled is realized. For, from missionary stations in Africa, Osia, the Orient—from civilized cities in America's East and West, England's island—from hundreds of friends in little towns and villages—via radio and airmail and the unspoken prayer — Mary Reed's well-wishers will send congratulations on her 84th anniversary.

The story of Mary Reed is comparatively simple, yet in the span of half a century it has become known to thousands of Methodists all over the world.

Nearly 55 years ago, she was a strong and energetic young woman, sailing to her chosen work as missionary of the Methodist church. She went to India, where leprosy was one of the gravest of social menaces. Six years after her arrival there, her work well established, she took a furlough. It was on that furlough that the dramatic episode happened which was to make her a heroine wherever courage was admired.

Mary Reed was not long back in the states, visiting her family, when she found that she had contracted leprosy. It was a terrible shock, but she concealed the dread news from her parents. She simply announced that she would return to India. So back she went, determined to continue her work as before, regardless of what happened to her.

Her reward came as swiftly and mysteriously as the disease—for the loprosy left her. She continued her work on Chandag Heights through long and fruitful years, and the good health and gratitude of thousands of natives testify to her success. Nor has age slowed her ambition, for she works on to this day.

Before the commemoration of Mary Reed Day begins in this country on December 4, Mary Reed will have in her time-worn hands dozens of messages written by fellow missionaries in leper colonies and hospitals supported by the American Mission to Lepers. First event in the States will probably be the 10 a.m. program over WEAF and the National Broadcasting System of Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, who will speak of her in his morning talk.

Mary Reed services will be held at 10:30 a.m. at McConnelsville, Beverly, Malta, and Crookedtree, Ohio. The names of other towns will be supplied as arrangements are made for services.

At 2:30 p.m. in the Methodist church at Lowell, Ohio, "Mary Reed Day" services will be conducted. Members of the Reed family such as brothers, nieces and nephews of Mary Reed will be present.

Rev. Herbert A. Guiler has been asked to preside at the service. Addresses will be made by—

1. Arepresentative of the American Mission to Lepers.
2. Prominent woman missionary leader.
3. Mrs. H. A. Guiler, a niece of Mary Reed, will give her life story.

A committee has been appointed to consider the matter of placing a marker in Lowell, Ohio, on the site of Mary Reed's birthplace and home.

In addition, it is expected that many churches will use in varying forms the "Episodes in the Life of Mary Reed," a dramatization by Miss Lulu D. Ervin, midwest secretary of the American Mission to Lepers, which was first presented at the Winona Lake Bible Conference of 500 men and women last August in Winona Lake, Indiana.

The round-the-world "Happy Birthday," it is hoped, will be augmented by special activities in London, where the British Mission to Lepers has its headquarters and where the story of Mary Reed is well known.

Yet one of the sincerest tributes to Miss Reed, of which she will probably never know, is contained in a letter written by Ganga Ram, havildar and clerk, one of her Indian boys who grew up to join the army and is now with a battalion at Kowloon, India. He wrote: "I am unable to put in words how thankful I am to Miss Reed, a motherly friend. She has educated me, and taught me to trust and know the God. The great God, Father of us all. My daily life, daily doings and livings speak of her good teaching and glorify the name of our Savior.

"Miss Reed, though old in age, through God's grace and blessings carries out duties intrusted to her, splendidly. She is so interested in the work on those isolated hills that she has finally decided to work and live there until she is called to Heavenly Home for rest and enjoy in the Dear Lord Jesus Christ."

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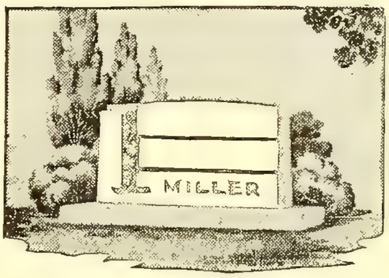

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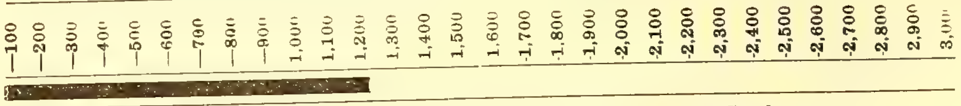

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RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS! My, but such a receiving line! Have we had such a list as that in these latter days? Somehow, if such a thing has happened, my memory is very poor, I do not remember it. My understanding from what the Editor said, this work was done by the Christian Endeavorers; that is an ENDEAVOR worth while. Don't you think so? "For Christ and the Church." That is what it means. This list sent in by Brother Leatherman from Shiloh church, Shiloh charge! Such a Ridge as you folks up there have! You can climb up on the faith and works of a man like that. We thank you, folks, and may your tribe increase! Thirty-three subscribers, or the equivalent, at one time. It is hard to stop writing about it. Hope I will have another like that next week. But listen; there are several charges that could do less than that and put themselves over on their quota. Let us make a supreme effort to do this thing, for unless we do something more than we have, many of us will not get ours.

A good pull for subsidy from Midway church, Haw River charge, also from Flat Rock, church not designated, Pine Grove, Siler City charge. Thank you, good folks. Wish that we could come up to conference with a clean slate for the Herald. It has been a great friend to all of us pastors. I have counted on it all these years to aid me in my work. Many of you have done the same thing. It has been a friend to every movement for the advancement of the Kingdom through the Methodist Protestant church. Seems to me as we go into this union, or this new church, A NEW METHODIST CHURCH, we will want to say we brought our church paper with us. Let us not go up saying, "It seemed of no use, therefore I never put forth any effort to keep it going." Let's take everything worth while in with us, and THE HERALD IS THAT!

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Accepting Responsibility

I once heard a pastor divide his Church members into three classes: the shirkers, the jerkers and the workers. The shirkers were those who never did any task they could shun; the jerkers were those spasmodic, temperamental folk, who rarely ever completed what they accepted to do; the workers were those faithful people who could be depended upon to do their part and also to finish what others failed to do. While it may appear to be a very arbitrary division to some, they must admit that this pastor knew the human nature which composes the average Church membership.

None of us can even approximate what would happen if the fifty-nine per cent of the population of our country who have accepted membership in some Church would join the workers' class instead of the jerkers or the shirkers.

The slow progress of the Christian Church in bringing about the objectives daily set before it is not to be attributed to the lack of talent in the membership, nor to the lack of means, nor to the lack of time; but rather to the failure of the members to accept responsibility for the objectives. For any Church however humble its standing in the community may be, were its members to accept truly, sincerely the Church vow they took when joining the Church, would become a most efficient factor in bringing about the moral reforms desired in that community. On the other hand, no Church however educated its members may be, however high they may have climbed the social ladder, regardless of what positions of state and nation its leaders may hold, unless these folk accept the responsibility Church membership imposes upon them, nothing much will come of such a relationship.

How well did our Lord emphasize this fact in both the parables of the talents and of the pounds, "To every man according to his several ability" was the rule of distribution of opportunity. Behold the shirker class in both those groups. They had the talent, had the pound, had both the ability and the time for their improvement, but failed because they did not use them. They accepted the talent but not the responsibility to employ it. So is this shirker class in the Christian Church, they accepted membership in the Church but have yet to accept the responsibility for living true to the vows they took. Accepting membership in the Church but refusing to perform the tasks Church membership requires of them. SHIRKERS.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Conference Committees

I am herewith sending list of committees which I am to appoint and which committees are to report to the Annual Conference. In appointing these committees I have not been able to use all the ministers or laymen without making the committees so large they would be unwieldly. The fact that people are left off should not be interpreted as reflecting on their ability to serve were they called on to do so. Except in naming the Obituary committee and the Pulpit Supply committee, no person has been named on more than one committee. Well, here they are:

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There will be many other committees to report but these are elected by the Conference, so I need not name them here.

A Sunday Morning at Midway

Last Sunday morning was spent with the Midway Church, Rev. J. R. Hutton, pastor. This Church is located on the Greensboro-High Point road and is a little nearer Greensboro than High Point. I was there Sunday morning in time to witness the Sunday School in action. In the absence of the superintendent Brother John Suits filled that important position. While the attendance would not be considered large for some places yet it was sufficient to give one the impression that it is a power for good in the community. Brother Bascom Frazier taught the Men's class and did it well. The morning Church congregation was very attentive and it was a pleasure to be with them. This is Brother Hutton's first year during his present pastorate, although he has served this Church several years before. Electric lights have recently been put in the Church and the grounds have been considerably improved. I trust this Church may continue to grow. The community is growing considerably and it seems that it ought to be a good place for a Church.

A Sunday Evening at Union Ridge

Last Sunday evening was spent with the Union Ridge congregation on the Forsyth circuit, Rev. R. A. Hunter, pastor. This Church is near Winston-Salem, in the incorporated limits, I believe, and is on what is known as the "Old Thomasville highway." The building consists of a good sized auditorium with Sunday School rooms to the side, both down stairs and up. The upstairs is so arranged as to be available as a balcony. There was a splendid congregation present for the service and it was a pleasure to be there. This is the home Church of Brother P. W. Mock who is past eighty now but who still gets a good deal of joy out of his religion. This is Brother Hunter's seventh year, I believe, on this work and he is still popular with the people. He is one of our most acceptable pastors.

The Superannuate Fund

This week I have space to say only a few words about the importance of raising the Superannuate assessment in full. This assessment amounts to three per cent of the pastor's salary. It ought to be a joy for for every charge to raise this

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Hear Others Say

The cross is the key that will lock the door on a sinful past.—*Dr. R. G. Lee.*

The greatest peril confronting this country is what is happening to our womanhood; women now surpass men as drunkards.—*Bishop Ralph Cushman.*

Deism in England in the seventeenth century stressed an absent God and the self-sufficient man; Wesley stressed a present God, warming and cleansing the soul of man, and thereby saved England from the horrors of the French Revolution. — *N. C. Christian Advocate.*

Christianity in its simplest and most ultimate form is the Apostles' Creed.—*Godwin.*

Opposition is more helpful to truth than apathy.—*Trumbull.*

"Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayers will be for others."

Good intentions are at least the seed of good actions.—*Sir William Temple.*

Few have the right to punish, all to pardon.—*Landor.*

The noblest of all charities is in enabling the poor to earn a livelihood.—*The Talmud.*

When I look upon the tombs of the great, every emotion of envy dies in me . . . When I see kings lying by the side of those who deposed them, when I consider rival wits placed side by side, or the holy men that divided the world by their contests and disputes, I reflect with sorrow and astonishment on the little competitions, factions, and debates of mankind.—*Joseph Addison.*

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The Superannuate Preacher

Last week one of our fine laymen sent me a check for Herald subscriptions and included with it four dollars to give to the Superannuate preacher. That is a good cause to give your money to when you have an impulse to give and are not sure to what you ought to give. It is likewise a good cause to think and pray for when you are in the mood of prayer. I speak of the Superannuate preacher as a cause to support because it is set up in our Annual Conference budget and the churches are expected to complete the payment of their allotment to it during October.

Somehow the Superannuate preacher does not receive a great deal of a consideration from our people. The allotment laid upon each Church is quite small and is rarely paid in full by many of the pastoral charges. And if the Superannuate should get all of his part of the full apportionment, he would not have much upon which to live for a whole year.

Dear Reader, give the old minister more consideration. Think how he has been subject to the authority of the Annual Conference for all these years, and most of them have moved whenever the Conference said move. While active they may never have received quite enough to support the family adequately. And when time came to superannuate may have had nothing to retire upon. In fact, I have known some preachers to superannuate when they did not have enough money to get back home on and no place to move to when they returned.

It has often happened that these men have served people well able to give them ample support, but never did it, and some of them let these pastors leave them with salaries unpaid. These men of God managed somehow to eke out an existence, to keep their family together, and to die without bitterness in their souls for such treatment. We have heard some people object to contribute to this cause—in fact we have heard some prosperous Church members object to contribute to any cause. But I would rather live in a tent and serve my Church faithfully, if I did not have three full meals a day, than to take my chance with such souless sons of Dives at the judgment bar of God.

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The Thanksgiving Offering

We share the concern of Superintendent Dixon for the children in the Home. Already he has been publishing his plans for larger gifts at this Thanksgiving season. For years now all the Orphanages in the state have been doing this with varying results. At first the people were urged to make a gift equal to one day's earnings. But this has seemed to lose its former appeal. But whether you make such a gift or not, we are urging that all the readers of the Herald set apart some amount for the Home this year. Do it regardless of whether or not you contribute in the monthly offering in your Church or Sunday School. This is to be a gift over and above the regular gifts, because the regular gifts are not sufficient to keep the Home out of the "red." Dr. Dixon is maturing splendid plans for the offering this year. But no plans, however splendid can accomplish results unless they are worked. This is a reminder to you who read the Herald that you will have this opportunity to help the homeless little ones there, and we hope you will do it.

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The Latent Possibilities of a Church

We suppose there is not a Church in all Christiandom which is using all its members in definite and effective service. There are some very fine organized bodies of Christian workers. Groups of people who do wonderful things. But when you take the pains to examine the membership list you will find in these splendidly organized and most effective churches, those who have no lot nor part in any of the organizations, and who have yet to show any interest they may have in religious service.

These inactive Church members are what we call latent possibilities in a Church. They are not people who are devoid of talent, they could do some things well, if enlisted. And here is the problem of our organized religious bodies. You will find among this group those who know how to make money, good farmers or mechanics, or merchants. Women active in the social affairs of the community, etc. So it is not because these folk are dumb that they are not lined up in some of the organizations of the Church.

Here then are the latent possibilities in your Church Brother Pastor; the unworked gold mines close to you. Having been a pastor, the writer knows how difficult it is for one pastor to enlist all his members. It is just about impossible, but that does not mean that the pastor cannot interest many who are now inactive in any forms of religious service. One way of discovering the talents of your Church members is by giving them some definite task. Or to assign to a class something really big enough to challenge them. I remember Shiloh Church, Shiloh Charge uses that method. A Sunday School assumes to raise certain items in the budget. This year the Christian Endeavor Society secured the quota of HERALD subscriptions for that Church, sending in thirty-five annual subscriptions, or $70, we believe. Now that was not an easy thing to do, yet we suspect they got great pleasure in doing it. We have known other Church groups to plant "patches" of cotton for the budget. If we mistake not Greer's Church on Shiloh, did this a few years ago, and got money enough to pay off the Conference claims. Anderson Charge, when I visited it last spring, was planning to do this. Dr. T. M. Johnson is their pastor; we have not heard what the results have been. But regardless of how much money they get, those who do it are greatly benefited. We learn to do by doing, and learn to like to do things when we can do them well. Because some people do so little for the Church is the major reason why they care so little for it. The pastor makes a big mistake who does not expect much of his people and then try to interest them in doing the things expected. We have heard pastors tell their people they were not able to pay certain claims; they could not do certain things required of them, when in fact they could have done it and been happier, if some one had led them forth. The pastor who is an expert brakeman ought to get on a long freight train rather than into a pulpit. All of our churches need leaders with great "staying qualities" rather than those who are so afraid of failure that they fail to try to do anything. We know that we have in the North Carolina Conference people of talent and of sufficient means to do as well as other denominations about us — we have the latent, unused abilities, but for reason, not here stated, our progress has been slower than these others.

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Some Interesting Statistics

Dr. H. C. Weber has just released through the *Christian Herald* statistics of Church membership in the United States which should interest all Church people. While there are 225 Protestant denominations, he lists only fifty of them; these have a total membership of 35,879,311, according to the reports of the churches for 1937-38. But when the members under thirteen years are subtracted there are 31,530,219.

The Roman Catholic reported for same period a total membership of 21,322,688, or 15,492,016, not listing children under thirteen years.

The total membership just reported gives the Church membership of this country to be 59.9 per cent of the population. And the fifty denominations reported separately total 97.5 per cent of all the Church members reported in the organized bodies.

Our own Church reported a net gain for the period indicated 2,300, with a total membership of 198,780, with 2,111 congregations and 1,116 ministers.

The Methodist Episcopal Church reported for same period, 4,364,342, having made a gain of 15,000 members, with 24,295 congregations, 15,293 ministers.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, reported for same period, 2,822,516, with a net gain of 35,299, having 16,320 Church organizations, and 7,742 ministers.

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Editorial Comments

Just look at Shiloh Charge this week; one hundred per cent strong on HERALD subscriptions; thank you Pastor Ridge and members of the charge.

Pastor T. H. Vickery, of Yarborough Charge, writes that he has now collected $200.00 on the Fellowship Crusade. We think that is the allotment for that charge. Here is another pastor who accepted an apportionment from the Annual Conference as an order. Thanks Thurman. A boy preacher who can do that on Yarborough Charge has a bright future.

We would like very much to give a summary of the Fellowship Crusade in the HERALD within the next two weeks. We sent letters to a large group of our pastors for such data as we would need; we will appreciate this information next week, if possible.

The last report of student enrollment at High Point College released through the *Hi-Po* is 434.

High Point College band made its first public appearance last Friday. Thirty-two people in their new purple and white uniforms made a very fine appearance on the city streets and in the stadium. The band is composed of men and women and plays quite well. It is entirely a students' band with a student instructor. Dr. P. E. Lindley is the faculty adviser.

Just continue to send in your subscriptions. Every list makes the Editor's smile broaden a little more. Read what Booster Bethea writes about you when you send them in. If your pastor or HERALD Agent forgets to ask for renewals just send yours along to Box 1817, High Point; not Greensboro, as the manner of some is. It is amusing to get reports from our reporters sent to Greensboro. Dearly beloved, it has been ten months since we discontinued our Greensboro office.

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NO ONE LIKES TO DO EVIL

Half the evil in the world comes from people not knowing what they do like, not deliberately setting themselves to find out what they really enjoy. All people enjoy giving away money, for instance: they don't know that—they rather think they like keeping it; and they do keep it under this false impression, often to their great discomfort. Everybody likes to do good; but not one in a hundred finds this out. Multitudes think they like to do evil; yet no man ever really enjoyed doing evil since God made the world.—*Ruskin.*

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

That Fifteenth Chapter of Exodus

To me the fifteenth chapter of Exodus is the beauty-spot of the book. It is poetry, a song commemorating the eventful crossing of the Red Sea. Chapter fourteen gives the historic, prose account of the crossing, then this chapter gives the same account in poetry.

In a day when written books were scarce or altogether unknown the people found that a story preserved in a song could be kept and appreciated from generation to generation. And anything so marvelous as the deliverance at the Red Sea was, of course, an ideal theme for a sacred song. The Israelites could sing it with a deep and thankful remembrance of the Lord's protecting hand.

Thus the fifteenth of Exodus is a hymn of praise based on the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea. Start reading the selection and you can easily tell when you strike the poem. A few words serve as an introduction, then the song begins:

"I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously,
The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation:
He is my God, and I will praise him,
My father's God, and I will exalt him."

Then the hymn goes on to describe in dramatic language the details of the crossing. "Pharoah's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea, his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea."

It is interesting to note how the people gave all of the honor and credit to Jehovah. Such a marvelous episode could have been wrought only by Divine help. Hence the song said, "Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: Thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy." And so through it all the Hebrews saw the providential hand moving to save and direct the Chosen People. It was an unusual event, and they gave God the glory.

Another point I notice is the implied character of the Deliverer. Jehovah is now seen as holy as well as powerful. Observe: "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" Again: "Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: Thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation."

These lines show the character of the Deliverer. He is holy, "fearful in praises," doing wonders. This suggests that Jehovah is supreme, worthy to be praised, able to do miraculous tasks. But he is also merciful, thoughtful of his people. He will even guide them unto his holy habitation. This implies, I think, that he longs to have his people dwell where he dwells, and enjoy direct fellowship with himself.

Then the song intimates the influence of the Lord on other nations. "The dukes of Edom shall be amazed." All people shall hear of his fame and wisdom and finally give him praise.

As a climax to the hymn we read the hopeful tribute: "The Lord shall reign for ever and ever."

More than this song of Moses is contained in the chapter, but the hymn itself is the beauty-spot, and I believe you will enjoy reading it as such.

REVERENCE FOR GOD

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, October 16, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Exodus 20:7; Matthew 5:33-37; 12:33-37.

Golden Text—"Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." Math. 6:9.

I would not open this lesson with a pessimistic note concerning the value of our proud modern civilization but I do feel that it is a sad day when people spend more time teaching children the correct usage of a verb than they do in teaching them the proper respect for the name of God. It is a tragic day when mothers become more alarmed when their children use pronouns incorrectly than they do when they use profanity. I trust that such is not and will never be true.

Someone once said that he knew three languages, French, English and profanity. In part that might be said by a large percentage of American people. We hear it on the baseball field, we hear it on the street corner, and we hear it in circles where so-called respectable men and women move. To hear one boast of having "cursed someone out" is a common thing. Profanity seems to be a method by which an individual inflates his ego. One seems to think he is making his language strong, but if he only knew the truth, if he could only see himself as others see him standing on the street corner, by the wreck of his car, or in the shop vainly commanding God to execute his criminal commands!

It is a saying of evident truth that by one's judgments one shall be judged. To sneer at great music is to pass judgment upon oneself rather than upon the music. So it is that profanity reveals far more about the individual using it than it does about the situation, about the other fellow or about God.

For one thing profanity reveals an individual's ignorance of language. I am told that a ship lost in a fog sets its course to travel in a perfect circle while the fog horn is turned on full blast, a lot of noise but getting nowhere. Cursing makes the most noise and says the least of anything I know of. There are few people who can express themselves plainly, intelligently and directly but most anyone can curse. When a man gets mad and expresses himself in so-called "strong language" we may conclude with Byron, "And as he knew not what to say, he swore." Such indicates confusion; it is not strength but weakness; it's most logical result is to make the other fellow smile in sympathetic victory or else to produce a mad exchange of meaningless words.

Profanity reveals one's ignorance of God. It is an effort to bring Him down to the level of our hatreds, prejudices and emotional explosions. God in His purity simply has no place among the vain, the vulgar and the mean, and so we are told that it is sin to try to associate Him therewith. To do that is to give the lie to His transcending goodness. If there is a God He is the most profound truth in the universe. To appreciate Him is to stand in awe of Him; it is to associate Him with the highest, noblest and best such as find expression in the greatest prayers. How shrivelled a boastful little man does look when he stands up and deals to lightly, so irreverently with the most profound truth and power of life. He hasn't judged God he has only judged himself.

Profanity reveals the level of life upon which an individual lives. ". . . of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." Words are the revelation of life. They are the odor rising from the ideas, the thoughts and the appreciations within. "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." Listen to a man's vulgarity and you can tell where he lives; listen to his profanity and you catch a glimpse of his impoverished soul. A story that depends upon vulgarity and profanity for its humor is not a joke, it is a revelation of the filthy life within him who tells it.

We began to see then that the matter of changing language is a matter of changing life. Profanity simply has no place in the life that is lived on the level of dignity, usefulness and reverence. Most anything can find its way to the life that is lived in the gutter. The man who lives in the gutter or cellar of life is the man who curses and it seems to me that he does it for two possible reasons: first, in order to tell the world that he is in the gutter; second, in order to pretend that he doesn't care if he is there. I would close with the words of Dean Shailer Mathews spoken to a group of students acting irreverently in a worship service, "Gentlemen, with God, at least be polite."

The President's Letter

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amount in full. For it goes to those who have labored in the past to make possible what we enjoy today and to help care for the widows of those who have passed on. Let no one fail here. I will have more to say about this next week.

Appointments

Saturday, October 15—7:30 p. m., Quarterly Conference Spring Church Charge, Spring Church.

Sunday October 16—11 a. m., Lebanon on the Spring Church Charge.

Sunday, October 16—3:30 p. m., Eden Church on Halifax Charge; Bethesda in Quarterly Conference at 7:30 p. m.

Thursday, October 20—7:30 p. m., Albemarle in Fellowship Supper.

Saturday, October 22—7 p. m., Quarterly Conference at Shelby.

Sunday, October 23—11 a. m., Knob Creek on Fallston Charge.

Sunday, October 23—3 p. m., Mt. Moriah on Cleveland Charge in dedicatory services.

Sunday, October 23—7:30 p. m., Lincolnton.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

LAND IN WHICH DREAMS COME TRUE

Every man at some time is lured by a vision of a happy land. Abraham sought such a Promised Land, but he secured only sufficient to build his vault. Jacob glimpsed a ladder that led to spiritual realities, but he lost it through his insatiable love of gain. His descendants persisted in seeking it in territory and interpreting the promise in terms of acres which could be divided up. They found, when they got it, that the land flowed more with their own blood than with milk and honey—and it does so still. Neither Jews nor Gentiles, Christians nor Pagans, can ever hope to find their highest good either in material possessions or in earthly kingdoms. The deep hunger of their hearts is for spiritual reality, and to interpret that yearning love into carnal things is to live in a world of disappointment, despair and illusion.

Jesus knew the secret and sought to tell it, but his age would not believe him; nor do most men yet. His kingdom is the realm where every highest human aspiration can be realized. His land is the land where our dreams come true. In his realm, men and women are the children of the King of Heaven, and their robes never fade or wear out. This kingdom is within the company of people who love another as he loved them. It is not still to come, it is "at hand," at the elbow. It is in the world, because it is within men; but it is not all the world. It is a timeless life lived in the midst of time. It is life eternal. It is to know God. The possession of houses and lands or territories has nothing to do with it. Indeed, the meek inherit the earth while fools pull down their barns and build greater. This realm is a spiritual experience which no armies of occupation can upset. There is no need to fear those who can kill the body, but there is need to be on the alert lest the soul be lost. If the heart is pure a man can look into God's face and realize his right to be called a child of God.

The disciple themselves did not realize this until they had been through their Pentecost and had been filled with the Holy Spirit. Neither can anyone else. With that vision, that supernatural life, a man is of the earth, earthy. Like Bunyan's character, he just takes his muckrake and misses the angel with the crown. Without that sense of the eternal a man will barter away his right to see God for a mess of pottage. He will sell his "Land where his dreams come true" for the sake of winning a sweepstake.

There is no reason why children should shed their Dreamland when they grow up. It can be retained and irradiated, with all the fairies of Wonderland eclipsed by the presence of Jesus himself. Neither need they be disillusioned when they grow old. They need never be "too old to dream." We know that old men are apt to imagine that the golden age is behind them, but not old men who have lived in the Spirit. That is the significance of Peter's quotation from Joel in his Pentecost sermon: "Old men shall dream dreams" as well as the young. People do not get old in Jesus' Land where dreams come true. They are perpetually young. If they sit in the park shelters and talk together about the many mansions in the "better land" they are under no illusions, for they have been living "in the heavenly places" for years.—*Walter A. Headey, in Methodist Recorder.*

CHURCHES CALLED TO OBSERVE TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

The need for a revival of temperance education has led the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to issue a call for the observance of "Temperance Sunday" on October 30 throughout the country. The day was included in the Calendar for the Christian Year as prepared by the Federal Council's Committee on Worship last year, the suggested date being the last Sunday in October, which is already recognized in some quarters, both in this country and abroad, as "World Temperance Sunday." The designation of this Sunday was followed up by the Federal Council's Executive Committee at its meeting last month by a special call for a widespread observance of the day. The suggestion was made that in churches that are accustomed to recognize October 30 as Reformation Sunday the following Sunday, November 6, might well be observed as Temperance Sunday—or any other Sunday which in certain denominations might be found to be more satisfactory.

As a means for providing ministers and leaders in religious education with helpful materials for the observance of the day, the Federal Council of Churches has prepared a packet of ten pamphlets, selected from the best materials published by various denominational and interdenominational agencies, on the liquor problem and the relation of the Church to it. The pamphlets have been chosen from the particular standpoint of their educational value in the local Church. The packet of ten publications is available at 70 cents, including postage, from the Federal Council's headquarters, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York. Among the materials included in the packet are:

"The Liquor Traffic: Its Cost," (Congregational Council of Social Action.)

"Children and the Alcohol Problem," (American Baptist Publication Society.)

"Young People and the Liquor Problem," (Methodist Episcopal Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.)

"The Sensational Rise in Liquor Consumption," (Methodist Episcopal Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.)

"Christian Education and the Alcohol Problem," (International Council of Religious Education.)

"Liquor and Modern Life," (Presbyterian Board of Christian Education.)

COURAGE

I remember reading in the "Life of Wesley" that when he was crossing the Atlantic on his way to America a violent storm arose. Everybody on board was greatly frightened except a group of Moravian missionaries who seemed to be quite unconcerned. Their leader, on being questioned by Wesley, admitted they could see no reason for fear. They were in God's hands under his care and whatever happened was for the best.

If we, as Christians, actually believed what we claim to believe, I suppose that should be our attitude in times of danger. At any rate it is having its counterpart in China today.

Not long ago when the Japanese were visiting us in Foochow with the first bombing (since then we have had twelve more days of it, sometimes twice a day) Siang Siang, the cook for an English lady missionary was in a grocery store making some purchases for his employer.

When the siren sounded announcing the approach of bombing planes, the store was closed at once, with all its customers inside. According to official orders, during an air raid, all activities cease, all pedestrians and vehicles on the street stop where they are and all stores are closed. It was the first raid and in the grocery store everybody was greatly frightened except Siang Siang who kept on talking as if nothing was happening.

"Aren't you afraid?" the others asked him.

"No, why should I be?" he replied.

"Well, we might be killed," they answered.

"You see," said Siang Siang, "I am a Christian, so I know God will take care of me, and do what is best for me. If I should be killed I'd go straight to heaven, which is far better."

The group were so impressed by his complete lack of fear that they asked him to pray for them.

It was at 11:50 a. m. on Sunday, April 3, that our worst bombing occurred. We were in Church and the pastor was within five minutes of the end of his sermon when the planes came. Some of them circled over the Church, very low, so that we could not hear what the minister was saying, for he kept right on preaching.

Soon the planes moved away towards the air field and began to drop tremendous bombs that shook the Church as we were singing the last hymn. The service continued to the end without interruption, and then the congregation took their seats. There was no disorder.

The bombing continued for over half an hour. A few non-Christian women in the congregation of 500 worshippers seemed frightened, so some of the Christian women went over and sat down beside them and quieted their fears. Otherwise there was no movement of any kind among the congregation, though it was not altogether soothing to have the Church tremble again and again from the repercussions from the great bombs.

Altogether it was over an hour before the "all clear" signal was given and the congregation scattered to their homes. It all seemed to me a wonderful exhibition of control by faith. As those planes circled low over the Church we simply did not know what might happen, perhaps even by accident.

I thank God that our people here feel that way, for there is great need of it these days and there is no other power that can hold us steady at such a time.—*Bishop John Gowdy in Foochow News.*

NOTICE

Piedmont Pastors' Association will hold its regular meeting at Grace Church next Monday, October 17, at 10:30 a. m. A good program is being planned.

R. C. Stubbins.

AMERICA EVALUATES HER HERITAGE

The years have pretty well demonstrated that it is much easier to get democracy into the world than it is to keep it there. At the time eight million dead seemed a pretty big price to pay to "make the world safe for democracy." The cynics are now saying that on the contrary it only made the world safe for dictators. With all this sword-rattling and fist-shaking it is doubtful whether Adolf Hitler and Mussolini believe that. God has never been on the side of the bulldozers. From Washington it appears that as experiments go, our form of government in which the people of the sovereign states of South Carolina, Georgia and Maryland unseat the President from his high horse when his dictatorship assumes no more menacing form than control of party candidates, is pretty conclusive evidence that the democracy is working pretty effectively.

With Americans still free to say what they please, write what they please, worship as they please and vote as they please, despite the alarmists, the world yet has before its eyes a pretty good demonstration of the success of a government where power is still vested in the people. Here in the nation's capital there are differences of opinion as to allocating the blame for Europe's unhappy state, and of the wisdom of the course along which statesmen of France and England have led their governments in recent weeks. In one field, however, opinion is unanimous. The spectacle of Hitler has heightened their fear of, and deepened their disgust for dictatorship. They want none of that. He more than any other influence in the world is establishing Americans in an appreciation of the benefits they enjoy under their democratic form of government, and in their determination to keep their rights inviolate.

Washington's house of mystery is the old-fashioned State Department building. Behind its gray columned facades perhaps more anxiety is housed than within the walls of any other building in the nation's capital. It is America's watch-tower and listening post through all those tragic and dramatic days of world upheaval. The presence of Secretary of State Hull at his desk there finds one of the ablest men in public life at the major post of responsibility in this emergency. A year ago he enunciated his sixteen-point peace program, chief of which was to keep America out of entangling foreign alliances. His emphasis upon establishing a closer union between the governments of the Western Hemisphere is well known. The lack of complacency with which he views nations that ignore their contracts for keeping the peace of the world, as in their failure to keep the Kellogg-Briand Pact is also well known. He is calm, patient, wise and experienced statesman who through all the trying experiences of his career has demonstrated poise and sound judgment.

On Awakening Men's Memories

One of the deficiencies of the human race is that its memory is so short. Only twenty years ago it was the Hindenberg Line from which came reports of slaughter so appalling as would cause anyone to be judged bereft of all reason who would have prophesied that in its life time a generation would return to any such gruesome spectacle. Yet today Germany is boasting of her "Siegfried Line," and France stakes her fate on the Maginot Line. And so the world forgets that the new lines of 1938 would become exactly what they were in 1918, only worse—lines of hatred, wastefulness, madness, suffering, futility.

President Roosevelt, with Secretary Hull at his elbow, has never used the prestige of his office to better purpose than in his appeal of September 26 to the contending powers to continue negotiations rather than fly to arms. It was an appeal to memory—the memory of "the economic system shattered, the social structure completely wrecked," and the wild contagion whereby "no nation can escape some measure of the consequences of such a world catastrophe." And by every memory of the Versailles of 1918 he pled that "peace may be made before, rather than after, war." By the grim reminder of eight million youth sacrificed, he emphasized the truth which Europe seems so slow to learn, that "force produces no solution for the future good of humanity."

Perhaps not since Edward the Eighth broadcast his abdication speech have more residents of the nation's capital listened in, than when a dozen hours after President Roosevelt dispatched his messages, Adolf Hitler addressed a Berlin audience on the impending crisis. Judging from the sections of the speech which evoked the longest and most thunderous applause, listeners here suspected that the memories of the German people are also rather short. For the utterances of the same inflammatory brand, accompanied by not a little bombast and boasting, appeared to appeal more to the cheering throng than did the more conciliatory passages.

"Today we have an armed force the like of which the world has never seen," and "I can tell you now I have spent billions right here for armaments," brought forth the wild chorus, "Fuehrer! Command, we follow." Washingtonians listened in amazement to the same type of speech which twenty years and more ago decimated so many family circles, filled so many graves and plunged the world into such a maelstrom of horror. It is little wonder that on the afternoon of September 26, the world over, those who love peace and pursue it, stood aghast at such a demonstration of the brevity of the memories of that Berlin throng.—*Jacob Simpson Payton in North Carolina Christian Advocate.*

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"TWENTY YEARS OF PEACE"

Forty-five countries—about two-thirds of the world's land surface—have been the scene of wars, revolts and revolutions in the past twenty years.

In these past two decades, which statesmen often call "twenty years of peace," there have been almost daily battles on five of the world's most populous continents.

"Have-not" nations crossed swords with "haves," subject peoples rebelled, opposing ideologies came to blows.

Eleven major wars have been fought since the Armistice.

Three undeclared wars are going on now—in Spain, China and Palestine.

More than a score of insurrections, revolutions and revolts have occurred in the past twenty years, to add to the total.

Armies in Europe hardly waited long enough to catch their breath after November 11, 1918, before they began to fight again at home or in Russia.—*David Lawrence in United States News.*

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Mrs. B. F. Ragan, Haw River, supporting child	$15.00
Pleasant Hill S. S., Spring Chucrh	1.05
Whitakers S. S.	6.00
Moriah S. S.	4.50
Baraca class, Gibsonville, supporting child	5.00
Reidsville S. S.	9.70
Fairview S. S., Haw River-Fairview	4.60
Denton S. S.	5.00
Friendship S. S., Friendship - Love's Grove	5.85
Community S. S., Thomasville	5.77
Community S. S., Thomasville, support of child	5.00
First church S. S., Lexington	3.40
State Street S. S., Lexington	3.32
Rehoboth S. S., Granville	11.25
Glen Raven S. S., Glen Raven - Haw River	6.27
Mt. Pleasant S. S., Mt. Pleasant	6.00
Bethel S. S., Mocksville	1.00
Kannapolis S. S.	9.47
First church S. S., Winston-Salem	7.00
Grace S. S., Greensboro	15.00
Worthville S. S., Randleman	11.25
Level Cross S. S., Randleman	2.14
Bethel S. S., Randolph	3.65
Whitakers Chapel	5.00
Siler City S. S., Siler City	2.50
New Hope S. S., Vance	2.00
Matthews Chapel S. S., Greensville	1.65
Mt. Lebanon S. S., Randleman	7.00
First church S. S., Charlotte	8.82
Concord S. S., Saxapahaw	1.93
Bethany S. S., Randolph	9.62
Mitchell's Grove S. S., Guilford	6.07
Fairfield S. S., Guilford	3.00
Lebanon S. S., Spring Church	3.00
Harmony S. S., West Forsyth	2.10
Mt. Hermon S. S., Mt. Hermon	3.44
Liberty S. S., Liberty	10.00
Mill Grove S. S., Midland, two months	6.25
Hope S. S., Siler City, three months	2.73
Macedonia S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	1.00
Mebane S. S., Orange	11.00

Clothing and Other Gifts

We have no report on amounts for clothing for boys this time, but have a bit of encouragement from some sources. Hope to report something next week.

Our request is for men's classes or individuals to send us $8.00 each, for clothing and shoes for 40 boys. Three have been taken. Whatever you will do about this, please do next Sunday, October 16. Thank you.

Charlotte Church Auxiliary, Richland, 4 cakes, 6 bags of cookies, and 9 boxes of cookies for school lunches.

Bethany Church Auxiliary, Randolph, 84 half-gallon and 13 quart cans of fruit and vegetables.

Mrs. H. C. Foster, Sr., Burlington, 1 quilt, 3 sweaters, one lumber jacket and other clothing for boys.

We thank all of you for your good help.

The good people of Bethany on Randolph brought their gift of canned goods and money to us, and there came with them three of their faithful women ranging in ages from 73 to 86. They seemed to enjoy looking over the Home. We appreciate their visit.

Just a few more offerings before conference. Please round them up the best you can, and let all churches that have not sent any offering this year send one at once.

Thank you and God bless you.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Supt.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

SHARING OUR PROBLEMS WITH GOD

Christian Endeavor Topic for October 23

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings:

Monday, October 17—Paul's lifelong problem. II Cor. 12:7-10.

Tuesday, October 18—Peter's problem. Acts 4:19, 20.

Wednesday, October 19—A soul in distress. Ps. 22:1-15.

Thursday, October 20—Telling God his need. Ps. 31:1-15.

Friday, October 21—Jesus' prayer in need. Matt. 11:16-30.

Saturday, October 22—Problems of living. Isa. 46:3, 4.

The Text: Dan. 6:10; Mark 14:32-39.

Everyone has problems. This I have never heard anyone deny. From infancy until we leave this world of the earthly flesh we are constantly confronted with problems. Some of these problems are big and some are small, but to us at the time the problem that faces us at that particular moment is the biggest problem in the world. The infant soon finds a solution for all of its problems. Regardless of the problem, it has only to let it be known that something isn't just right and loving hands are waiting to change the situation.

As we grow older our problems are not so easily solved. There are so many more of them and they are in such varied fields. Then, too, the responsibility for solving them is placed upon us instead of loving hands solving them. This is not a bad thing, for a difficult task is a blessing rather than a curse. It is only by overcoming obstacles that we are able to develop—to grow. Disuse of our powers is the most deadening thing in the world. Once we have overcome a difficult problem it is ever so much easier to overcome the next, that we are soon able to make progress even in spite of the many problems that confront us.

Perhaps we may have a problem similar to Paul's. Not that it may be the same thing but it may be a lifelong problem—one that we will never be able to solve. Paul tells us that he had had problems all of his life but when he had his "heart-warming" experience, all of them left him. "And lest I should be uplifted by spiritual pride as the result of these revelations, a painful bodily weakness—the very work of Satan—was inflicted upon me. I prayed earnestly for the removal of this affliction; but the Lord answered me saying, 'My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.' And therefore I rejoice in my sufferings, because it is in enduring them that I realize most clearly that Christ is helping me. I am glad when trials and persecutions for Christ's sake are my lot, for in my moments of greatest weakness I am strengthened with power from on high."

The Psalmist, when all of the world had apparently turned against him—when he no longer had friends upon earth and everything was going wrong—when he himself could no longer prevail, turned to God and placed all of his trust in Him. He had come to realize that he in his own strength could not overcome his problems, so he turned to the only real source of strength—God.

Daniel, when he was being forced to act different from what his early training and his beliefs told him to do—when his enemies were about to bring trouble to him—went into his house and prayed to the God of his fathers. The God who answered his requests and saved him from death.

Jesus had problems just as you and I have problems. He had food to provide, shelter to secure, and all the other necessities of life to occupy his thought. But when he had these problems He went to His Father, who always answers the call of His worthy children. We find that Jesus went to the Father daily in prayer—prayers of supplication and prayers of thanksgiving. Always when confronted with a problem He remembered the Giver of all good gifts. Then when He faced the most difficult problem of His life we find Him all night in prayer, and He came away from the Garden of Prayer with that most difficult problem solved.

We have problems today—every day—but if we will only remember to put our trust in God as the child does in those anxious hands waiting to do its bidding, then we will never have to worry about our problems. Do not get the idea that God will solve all of your problems just for the asking, for God does not do things in that way. He will, however, always help us if we will but share our problems with Him.

There's a fellow in your office
Who complains and carps and whines,
Till you'd almost do a favor
To his heirs and his assigns.
But I'll tip you to a secret
(And this chap's of course involved)—
He's no foeman to be fought with:
He's a problem to be solved.

There's a duffer in your district
Whose sheer cussedness is such,
He has neither pride nor manners—
No, nor gumption, overmuch.
'Twould be great to up and tell him
Where to go. But be resolved—
He's no foeman to be fought with,
Just a problem to be solved.

This old earth's (I'm sometimes thinking)
One menagerie of freaks—
Folks invested with abnormal
Lungs or brains or galls or beaks.
But we're not just shrieking monkeys
In a dim, vast cage revolved;
We're not foemen to be fought with,
Merely problems to be solved.

—St. Clair Adams.

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Visitor: "How old are you, sonny?"

Boy: "That's hard to say, sir. According to my latest school tests, I have a psychological age of eleven and a moral age of ten. Anatomically, I'm seven; mentally, I'm nine. But I suppose you refer to my chronological age. That's eight — but nobody pays any attention to that these days!"—Ex.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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REPORT OF TREASURER, N. C. BRANCH OF WOMEN'S WORK

For the Second Quarter Ending September 30, 1938

RECEIPTS

Bank balance June 30, 1938	$114.39	
Received from Mrs. Speas, Sec. of Lit., July 13	27.00	
Received from Mrs. Speas, Sec. of Lit., September 30	10.00	
Funds received for:		
College	57.30	
World Service	721.54	
North Carolina Budget	681.57	
Minnis Fund	509.78	
Thank Offering	104.88	
Total Receipts		$2,226.46

DISBURSEMENTS

McCulloch & Swain, 500 Missionary Work of M. P. Ch.	4.00	
Literature for first quarter, April 1 to July 1	72.91	
McCulloch & Swain, Reprints on Minnis Salary	1.50	
600 Postal Cards for use of Treasurer	6.00	
Mrs. Bowman, Cor. Sec., expenses for second quarter	2.94	
Mrs. Eugene Lamb, Sec. of Young People, expenses for 1st and 2nd quarters	2.29	
M. P. HERALD, balance due on Women's column for year	50.00	
High Point College	73.75	
Mrs. P. S. Kennett, Student Loan Fund	102.24	
Rev. Homer Casto, Bethel Home	136.28	
Dr. A. G. Dixon, Children's Home	340.81	
H. C. Staley, Treas. World Service:		
Undesignated	716.54	
Scholarship to India	5.00	
Minnis Fund	538.00	
Thank Offering	105.88	
Total Disbursements		$2,158.14
Bank Balance		68.32

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. COY L. KEARNS, Treasurer,
N. C. Branch of Women's Work.

MINNIS FUND

Previously reported	$538.00	
Union, Halifax	1.00	
Fallston Circuit	.25	
Friendship	2.00	
Center, Alamance	5.75	
Mt. Carmel	5.00	
Denton	5.00	
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nicholson	2.00	
Spring Church	10.00	
St. Paul Mission Band, Greensboro	1.00	
Mt. Moriah, Cleveland	2.51	
Rehobeth, Granville	5.50	
Porter	1.00	
Total collected to date		$579.01

October 6, 1938.

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treas.,
N. C. Branch Women's Work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations. How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they go unless they are sent?"

It seems a lot of church members do not believe in foreign missions, but think all they give should be at home. Life is like a school. We might not at the first of our Christian life see the great opportunity of doing some things, but as we grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we are sure to enlarge our border and may hear the call, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." And if we are obedient to that still small voice, we will surely give and try to help Christianize all nations. We hear the church say they do not want war; well, that's one way to stop war. Get the gospel of Jesus Christ to the heathen nations, and that's the only way. We must do something about this or we are very selfish indeed when we feel all we give should be used at home. I feel we as a Christian nation, as we call ourselves, should not have to be begged and plead with to help on the great work which Mr. and Mrs. Minnis are doing. We sent them to India, and as all others that have gone to the foreign fields, they have made a great sacrifice, if we should call it that, to leave home and loved ones and go and work in the dangers that we at home do not have in our little work which we are trying to do. It should be to us all a great privilege to give of our means in this great work. It is much easier to give than to go and have to endure the hardships in life as the missionary workers have. They need our money and they need our prayers so much. Do they ever pray for me at home? My prayer is that we all will do more for the foreign field work and try to imagine ourselves away from home and loved ones, and keep the Golden Rule, deny ourselves so we may have something to give to others.

MARTHA PARSONS.

NOTICE

The fourth quarterly conference of Orange charge will be held at Union Grove church, Sunday, October 16, at 3 p. m. All church officers are urged to be present and to submit an annual report. Rally Day will be observed by Efland church Sunday, with a program by the children in the church school at 10 a. m. and the presentation of the play, "The Trial of Everyman's Church," by the young people at 7:30 p. m. Union Grove will observe Rally Day Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with a program by the children. Chestnut Ridge will observe Rally Day on the fourth Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the presentation of the play. Thank-Offering services are being planned by the ladies in all the churches.

C. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. J. J. Crawford, Saxapahaw charge	$2.00
Mary Jobe, Mebane	1.00
L. M. Foust, West End church	1.00
Club subscriptions, W. T. Kiser, Kannapolis	2.88
W. R. Kittrell, Granville charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Pegg.	
John R. Brown, Asheboro	2.00
Colon Way, Asheboro	2.00
G. P. Pritchard, Asheboro	2.00
Sent by Pastor Taylor.	
Mrs. A. V. Amick, Fountain Place	2.00
Sent by Mrs. G. L. Amick.	
Mrs. T. F. Bulla, Asheboro	2.00
Mrs. George B. Hasty, Asheboro	2.00
J. D. Ross, Asheboro	2.00
Lacy S. Lewis, Asheboro	2.00
Mrs. George Kivett, Asheboro	2.00
Garland P. Pritchard, Asheboro	2.00
Sent by Mrs. J. S. Lewis.	
Carl Snider, Shiloh charge	2.00
N. D. Moore, Shiloh charge	2.00
Mrs. J. B. Bailey, Shiloh charge	2.00
O. I. Cope, Shiloh charge	1.00
J. S. Fitzgerald, Shiloh charge	2.00
Mrs. H. W. Crowell, Shiloh charge	1.00
Clarence Presley, Shiloh charge	1.00
William Byerly, Shiloh charge	1.00
H. T. Coble, Shiloh charge	1.00
Mrs. Ella Vann, Shiloh charge	1.00
Ethel Fitzgerald, Shiloh charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Ridge.	
J. F. Shelton, Gibsonville	1.00
Sent by Pastor Williams.	
Mrs. D. D. Broome, Guilford charge	1.00
G. H. Weant, Guilford charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. S. E. Farlow	
Mrs. Roy Stewart, Haw River charge	2.00
Mrs. Roy Wagoner, Haw River charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Bates.	
J. E. Bobo, Yarborough charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Vickery.	
Rev. R. C. Stubbins, Calvary church	2.00
E. F. Caudle, Calvary church	1.00
Sent by Pastor Stubbins.	
Mrs. L. F. Cassell, Welch Memorial	2.00
Sent by Pastor Williams.	
Mrs. Lula Kirkman, Asheboro church	2.00
Sent by Pastor Taylor.	
Mrs. H. T. Troxler, Rankin Memorial	1.00
Rev. Edwin Suits, Rankin Memorial	1.00
Sent by Pastor Suits.	
Fred Berrier, Shiloh charge	2.00
Sent by Ray Leatherman.	
Mrs. L. D. McCollum, Gibsonville	2.00
Sent by Pastor Williams.	
W. E. Berry, Orange charge	1.00
Mrs. J. H. Kinley, Orange charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. A. K. McAdams.	
O. F. Jones, Orange charge	2.00
Sent by Mrs. Jones.	
Mrs. W. R. Jobe, Mebane church	2.00
Sent by Mrs. D. A. Pender.	
Club subscriptions, Miss Martha Parsons, Guilford charge	2.00
Miss Lula Thacker, Lebanon church	2.00
Mrs. D. W. Bryant, Lebanon church	.50
Sent by Pastor Easter.	

Subsidy

Pleasant Hills church, Spring Church charge	2.00
Roberta church	8.00
Rev. J. C. Auman, N. C. Conf. Council of Religious Education	10.00
Community church, Thomasville	5.00
Moriah church	5.00

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Roberta, Q. L. Joyner, Pastor.—Another year is almost gone; what have we accomplished for the Master? This question faces us all as the close draws nearer. We feel that we have had a very successful year; not that all our goals have been reached, but most are in reaching distance. We have had a great revival, 64 united with our church and more came later. God blessed in a marvelous way both in the saving of souls and the reviving of Christians. The secret of the great success was prayer. We certainly feel encouraged to press onward and upward. One thing also that encouraged us was the new converts going out to bring other souls into the Kingdom of God. Let us pray that we shall ever keep true to Him, to trust and be at the great task given us as followers of the great Shepherd, and in helping lend others a closer relationship with Him. We are counting on your prayers for our church, especially for the new converts, that they may grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

The parsonage family appreciates very much the large number of gifts since our last report to the Herald, from the members and friends of our community—Mrs. Carl Williams, Mrs. Sarah Blackwelder, Mrs. Z. D. Cochran, Mrs. Cornell Smith, Mrs. James Sutton, Mrs. Solon Cochran, Mrs. Florence Cagle Ramsey, and Mrs. Carl Blackwelder.

ASSISTANT REPORTER.

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Liberty Hill, Anderson Charge, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Pastor, Oct. 10.—Our work here is moving along fine. We have much to do, but we are hoping all will work together so we can send our pastor to conference with a splendid report.

Rev. T. M. Johnson filled his regular appointments Sunday morning and evening, bringing two very inspiring messages.

On Saturday before the fourth Sunday, October 22, at 2 o'clock, the fourth and last quarterly conference will be held at Fairview church. We are hoping that each church will have an "over the top" report at this meeting.

Plans are under way for our Rally Day program which will be held soon.

On Sunday, October 2, the Sunday school met to elect new officers for the coming year. We are very glad to say that the Sunday school was highly honored in having Mr. J. P. Waddell elected as superintendent. We are very proud of Mr. Waddell in our church. He is a man of God and has been a great blessing to our church. He was the teacher of the young men's senior class for the past year, and was a great worker with them. He is a great worker for the Lord and he stated Sunday that he wanted to do his part and wanted the Sunday school to cooperate with him and make the next year the best we ever had.

Mr. J. P. Waddell as superintendent, Mr. John D. McClimon as secretary, Mr. N. N. Smith chorister, Miss Lucile Davis as pianist, and Mrs. A. A. Foster to assist her. Mrs. Mort Westmoreland was elected as the teacher for the ladies' Bible class; Mr. A. A. Foster, men's Bible class; Mr. Mack Compton, young men's senior class; Mrs. C. W. McClimon, young ladies' senior class; Mrs. N. N. Smith, girls' intermediate class; Miss Hortense Foster, boys' intermediate class; Miss Lula Pearson, the beginners' class; Miss Kate Poole, the primary class.

Mr. T. M. Johnson spent Sunday night with Mr. B. A. McClimon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McClimon are proud to announce the birth of a little son on October 7. Mrs. McClimon will be remembered as Miss Essie McElrath.

The Christian Endeavor reorganized Sunday night, October 2. Mr. Hobart Smith was elected president of the Senior Christian Endeavor and Mrs. Eddie Waddell was elected president of the juniors.

We were greatly surprised and highly honored to have our pastor's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Johnson, Jr., to worship with us Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid reorganized Sunday, October 2. Mrs. A. A. Foster was re-elected as president, and Mrs. R. T. Bennette as the assistant.

As we finished up the old year in our Sunday school and started a new one Sunday, the secretary gave a splendid report of how much had been taken in, paid out, and the balance left in the treasury.

The Lord's Supper was observed Sunday morning after the preaching hour.

The officers of the church will be nominated next fourth Sunday.

Let us pray that this coming year will be a greater one than ever for our church.

The attendance in Sunday school was 137 on Sunday, October 9. May there still be an increase and have a great attendance for Liberty Hill. Pray for us.

MRS. JOHN D. McCLIMON, Reporter.

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First Church, Thomasville, Rev. J. T. Bowman, Pastor, Oct. 10.—The attendance at most of our services is picking up considerably, and our people seem to be very much interested in the work of the church.

We are very happy to have our pastor back in the pulpit after having been absent for a couple of weeks because of his broken arm. Mr. Bowman has his arm in a cast, but, in spite of his handicap, he is carrying on this work in a splendid manner.

Last Sunday, October 2, the doors of the church were opened for the reception of members. Six were received into membership. The Sacrament was observed at this time also.

At the morning service yesterday (Sunday) Rev. Mr. Bowman brought us a very inspiring message based on the text taken from James 4:10, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up."

The report of the nominating committee was submitted and accepted, after which the official board was elected for next year. They will be installed next Sunday morning.

We were very glad to have Mr. Boyd Foust, assistant president of the C. E. Union, with us Sunday evening. He talked in a very interesting way on the topic of the evening, "Church Work, God's Work."

It seems that Sunday was really a "red letter day" with us at our church. The Woman's Auxiliary held its fall thank-offering service at the evening worship hour. We feel that we were very fortunate in having as our guest speakers Mrs. L. F. Warner and Mrs. Paul Warner, mother and wife of Rev. Paul Warner, missionary from Japan. Mrs. L. F. Warner led in a very interesting and inspiring devotional in which she spoke of our many reasons for gratitude. Mrs. Paul Warner made a very interesting talk in which she told of some of the diffiiculties they expxerienced in spreading the gospel of Christ among the Japanese. All present seemed to thoroughly enjoy both messages, and we pray that God may continue to bless their effiorts in furthering the Gospel.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Myers was made brighter recently by the arrival of another little son.

Our women are to make cakes to send to the Children's Home at High Point one day this week.

There are so many things that perhaps should be reported that it is hard to decide which is most important, so I guess it best to say adieu, hoping the reporters for next year will do better than this one has done this year.

MRS. W. A. LEONARD, Ass't Reporter.

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Bethesda, North Davidson.—Our work is moving on about as usual, fair attendance at Sunday school and church services, but still room for improvement. Our pastor is with us twice a month with helpful messages. All officers for the coming year have been elected—most of them are the same as last year.

The girls' classes of the Sunday school took it upon themselves to raise our amount on the Minnis Fund, which was $5.00 They sponsored an oyster and chicken stew supper and raised the amount and more. We always feel proud of our young people when they take part and help out in our church work.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Latham died last week. The family has our sympathy.

The fourth Sunday in this month will be Joash Day at our church. We truly hope that all who have not already paid their church dues will do so at this time so our pastor can go to conference with a good report.

MRS. J. O. EVERHART, Reporter.

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Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, Oct. 10.—Fourth Sunday evening the class leader, Mr. C. F. Hawkins, and the assistant, Mr. Edward Hawkins, held prayer service. First Sunday morning Mr. Hawkins held it again, with an inspiring message. He said in his message a truth we ought to be more careful about: that is, the material we send to heaven is what we build our mansion; are we going to wear a starless crown with no gems won?

Brother Trolinger came to us the first Sunday evening, filling his appointment for the fourth Sunday evening; again the second Sunday morning. He will preach for us the first Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. At this service officers of the church will be elected.

We were glad indeed to have Brother Trolinger's brother and his son and wife and other visitors to worship with us Sunday.

The fourth quarterly conference will be held at Littleton church October 22, Saturday before the fourth Sunday at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Clarence Hawkins is in the Roanoke Rapids hospital but getting along nicely after an operation for appendicitis.

The reporter overlooked reporting the marriage of one of our members, Miss Alvorado Faison to Mr. Walter Groom, which took place some time back.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

Zoar, Mecklenburg Charge.—I want to say that our church work has been going on very well this year. Much interest has been taken. Three years ago when Rev. Mr. Short arrived on this work our membership had gone down very low; it seemed that all had lost interest. But during these three years of hard work we have received 15 new members and much interest has been created.

I think I can speak for my church and say we never had a pastor our people liked better: if we seek to see not so much the preacher but the God he labors for, we would get more blessing out of going to church. If Rev. Mr. Short should not be returned to us for another year we hope that conference will send us a man that will push us forward and that Brother Short will receive a great reward for the good work he is doing.

LILLIE ADKINS.

Center, Alamance Circuit, Rev. H. L. Isley, Pastor.—Our pastor gave us a splendid sermon today from the subject, "The Marks of a Christian," using Galatians 6:17 for a text.

Our Children's Day service was held the third Sunday morning in September which was very interesting and impressive.

The Woman's Auxiliary is very active under the leadership of Mrs. Alfred Lindley. All meetings have been held and our budget is paid to date. We sent $5.75 to the Minnis Fund last Sunday and we take an offering for the Children's Home every second Sunday morning.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Glenn, two of our distant members, worship with us last Sunday, and also to have Mr. T. J. McVey, a visitor from Graham. Visitors are always welcome.

We have just one more appointment before conference, and we are hoping to pay all claims.

MRS. C. C. RICHARDSON, Reporter.

Baltimore Church, West Forsyth Charge.—The usual schedule of services was observed last Sunday, beginning with Sunday school at 10 o'clock under the direction of Mr. O. G. Griffin, superintendent. We have not been having as good attendance either at Sunday school or church as we would like to have, but it is not the fault of either our pastor or Sunday school superintendent, for they believe in doing their part.

At the 11 o'clock service our pastor, Rev. G. B. Ferree, delivered an inspiring and comforting message on "The Power to Witness for Christ." The scripture lesson was taken from Acts 1:1-11, and the text was part of the 8th verse. He asked the question, "What kind of witness have we been for our Master?" First we have to possess the presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told His disciples that they should wait until they received power from on high. These disciples were to carry on Jesus' work after His ascension by witnessing for Him, telling of what they knew of His character, deeds, and teachings.

The best sermon is the witness of one in whom the gospel has wrought its wondrous change. "Be it unto you according to your faith" is the answer to all Christians who earnestly desire spiritual power in witnessing.

Acts 1:8 is "the last promise and the last command which the friends of Jesus heard from the lips of their blessed Master." Christ wants to dwell in each of us. Shall we not open wide our hearts for His indwelling, and witness of Him?

The fourth quarterly conference will be held at Union Hill church the fourth Sunday afternoon in this month. All members are requested and urged to be present.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its last monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. D. M. Smitherman.

JOSEPHINE PHILLIPS, Reporter.

Rockingham, H. W. Bell, Pastor.—Our revival meeting, which began Sunday night, October 2, and ended last Sunday night, was a great success. Rev. Earl A. Cook, of Albemarle, N. C., was pulpit help, and Mr. P. H. McCoy of East Rockingham Baptist church led the choir. There was a good attendance each night and the neighboring churches cooperated splendidly.

We think that we have one of the best junior choirs. Mr. McCoy puts his heart into the singing, and we hope to have him with us again in the future.

We pray God's blessings upon Mr. Cook and his church. He brought us some wonderful messages.

Our fourth quarterly conference will be held at Bethesda church the fifth Sunday evening of this month.

Our pastor, Rev. H. W. Bell, and our church requests your prayers. We want to move forward and accomplish more this coming year than ever before.

REPORTERS.

Randleman, C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—It has been quite a while since a report was made from us busy workers. Guess some may think probably we are not doing anything to report, but let's hope no one will get that impression.

The Auxiliary met at the church last Tuesday evening. There were nearly all the members present. Mrs. C. L. Spencer presided over the meeting. She was also the devotional leader. Mrs. O. R. Trogdon and Mrs. L. R. Hughes were program leaders. Mrs. J. L. Hall was question box leader. Mrs. John Daniels dismissed with prayer.

On Sunday night Mr. L. R. Hughes conducted an old-fashioned class meeting which was well attended and very spiritual. Our pastor made a very interesting talk, and each one present also had a part.

Our Sunday school attendance has been very well throughout the summer, considering the summer vacations. It isn't long until we send our delegate to conference, but we have a good bit of work to do to have a 100% report, which we are hoping to accomplish.

The Christian Endeavor is steadily increasing in membership and interest under the leadership of Mrs. C. R. Wood.

Our pastor has filled his regular appointments during the weeks we have failed to report. Our pastor is on the go most all the time and we just pray the Father to give him health and strength. He has helped in so many revivals in the past two months.

The interest in our prayer meetings on Wednesday evening is encouraging. Mr. Edd Jarrett is our leader for next Wednesday, so all of you who possibly can, come out to prayer meeting, help with your presence, your prayers, your talents, and let's try to labor as our Master would have us.

ROZELLE SMITH, Reporter.

Hope Church, Siler City Charge.—Our first Sunday appointment was well attended and deeply impressed by a splendid message delivered by our pastor, Mr. Smith.

As the conference year draws to a close we are striving and succeeding to become 100% perfect as near as possible. During the year there has been a very splendid interest shown in all activities. We hope that this interest may spread even wider and greater than in the past. Our present goal is to get our subscription quota up.

The Sunday school ended a very successful year with the month of September. Clayton Blair was unanimously re-elected as superintendent for another year. The Sunday school attendance is very good and we hope that it will remain so during the winter months.

Mrs. D. H. Vestal, who has been kept away from church by illness, was able to be out Sunday.

LUCY MARGARET JONES.

Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor.—Since the conference year is so rapidly drawing to a close I will write a few lines about the work here. We have been very busy during the revival season and there has been a spiritual awakening on this charge.

Our first revival meeting was held at Greer's Chapel, beginning the fifth Sunday in July, with Rev. H. W. Bell as the help. He came to us on Sunday and remained to the close. Brother Bell preached the gospel with great earnestness and power, and the people heard him gladly. Here we had 13 conversions and four additions to the church.

Our meeting began at Friendship on the first Sunday in August, and Dr. N. G. Bethea was the evangelist who did all the preaching and did it well. The people were greatly strengthened and edified by his plain gospel messages, and they were delighted to have him in their homes. There were 10 conversions and 10 additions to the church, and it was a revival that is still holding good in the church.

Our meeting began at Shiloh on the third Sunday in August, with Dr. J. D. Williams doing the preaching. I had always been told that Dr. Williams was a good preacher, and he certainly did live up to his reputation. He did a fine piece of work here, and his heart-searching and soul-stirring sermons will never be forgotten by the large congregations who heard him. The visible results were nine conversions and nine additions to the church. It was a blessing and a privilege for this pastor and people to work and fellowship with these brethren.

and our prayers and best wishes will follow them in their ministry.

I think we are in shape now for a very successful closing of the year's work. It has been hard work and plenty of it, but we have all been happy in the doing of it. I am sending enough Herald subscriptions in this week to entitle us to all the credits the Herald has to offer. I feel safe in saying that every church on the charge will be on every honor roll, and we are also going to do our best on the financial objective of the Fellowship Crusade. We are expecting splendid reports from all churches in our fourth quarterly conference to be held at Shiloh church on Saturday, October 22, at 2 p.m. This is an important meeting and a large attendance is expected.

Brother Jake Pickett, one of the oldest members in Shiloh church, is ill at his home at this writing, and Brother N. L. Evans has been indisposed for the past two weeks with flu. Brother Hugh Lanning and perhaps others have been kept away from church on account of sickness. We are anxious to see them all at their place in church again soon.

PASTOR.

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St. Paul's, Greensboro.—On Sunday night, October 2, we closed a week of special services. Rev. Edward Suits of High Point was here to assist the pastor, Rev. A. D. Shelton. The success of a revival must not always be judged from the number of converts, as we feel that our meeting did much good for all, despite the few converts. The whole church is better for having engaged in a campaign for soul-saving, as we all rededicate ourselves for fuller and more sincere service.

Our pastor's wife is at home again and is making progress toward good health once more.

The Ladies' Aid society held its September meeting with Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Millaway and found them well and happy. The October meeting will be held at the church Saturday night, the 8th.

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Salem, Saxapahaw Charge.—We are glad to report our church and Sunday school are moving along nicely. Our Sunday school attendance has held up good during the summer months. Still there are lots of people in the community that do not attend. We hope we can do something that will get them interested and cause them to attend, because we need them.

Our church hut was dedicated last Sunday afternoon. We were very glad to have it dedicated. The service was attended by a large crowd. The sermon was preached by our pastor, Rev. Mr. Bingham. A history of the hut was read by Leo Quakenbush. He gets much credit for the hut being built along with others of our faithful membership. The Hebron choir sang for us. This good singing was enjoyed by all. We hope they can come again.

We were glad to welcome the visitors at this time and all other services. Salem gives you an invitation of welcome.

We hope our hut will be of help to the church and help us to do better work.

Our claims are coming up very good. We hope we can come up this year with everything paid in full. We can if every one will do his part.

Our last quarterly conference will be held Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October. We hope all of our official members can attend.

Our pastor has preached us some very fine sermons during the year. In every way he has given of his best. The people have expressed their appreciation for him by their good attendance during the year.

The District Rally will be held on the fifth Sunday in October at Bethel. We hope as many as can will attend.

MRS. J. P. CRUTCHFIELD, Reporter.

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Mitchell's Grove, Guilford Charge, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor, Oct. 10.—Our revival continued one week with our pastor doing all the preaching, with the exception of one night when Rev. A. H. Hill, from Why Not charge, preached a splendid sermon, that is his regular custom so we are not surprised at this message being good. Come again Brother Hill. The attendance was good and we hope much good will result, five joined the church last Sunday at the morning service; they were Henry Kersey, Claud Mooney, Mrs. Claud Mooney, Miss Ora Maie Cashatt and Mrs. E. R. Neese. We welcome them to our church home and hope others may join us.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Paul Kersey is confined to her bed but hope she will soon be back in her place; she is one of our faithful members, so she is greatly missed.

We appreciate visitors from all the churches on the work through our revival services and also glad to have Mrs. Trogdon, our pastor's wife, attend services. Come again Mrs. Trogdon.

MARTHA PARSONS.

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Richland Charge, M. C. Henderson, Pastor, Oct. 4.—It has been some time since we have sent a report, but that doesn't mean that we have not been doing things. We closed our last meeting September 27 with good results. We had 79 professions and 46 accessions. We are hoping to receive others before conference.

Rev. Wayne Curtis of Burlington was with us at Brower's and led the singing. We enjoyed having him and hope he will come our way again. We had Brother C. G. Isley of Albemarle for our pulpit help at Giles. Brother Isley did some wonderful preaching; the spirit of God was there and many souls were saved. We were glad to have him with us and in our home.

Results of meetings: New Union, 26 professions, 16 accessions; Cedar Falls, 16 professions, 12 acessions; Brower's, 10 professions; Charlotte, 2 accessions; Giles, 28 professions, 16 accessions.

REV. M. C. HENDERSON.

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State St., O. C. Loy, Pastor.—It has been quite a while since we have written, although we are getting along fine. Our attendance is encouraging and everybody is working.

We were very happy over the outcome of our booth at the Davidson county fair grounds. We sold different kinds of sandwiches, pies and plate dinners, cold drinks and coffee; a lot of the material was donated and prepared in the homes and carried to the booth, everybody worked with the best of cooperation the entire week. We realized that we were busy and selling a lot but the big surprise came when Mr. Loy made his final check-up and reported $132.00 cleared. We thank everyone who helped to make this possible, especially Mr. Loy who proposed project and his untiring efforts to make it a success.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Fred C. McPherson and Miss Doris Dixon were married last week. Mrs. Dixon had served several years as matron in the M. P. Children's Home near High Point, and is a niece of Dr. Dixon. Mr. McPherson is a popular member of our Sunday school and operates the Sunlight laundry in Lexington, which is his privately owned business. State Street church extends a warm welcome to Mrs. McPherson.

Mrs. Fred Cox, leader of the Sunshine circle, Mrs. Joe Everhart and Mrs. W. T. Neal, leaders of the Mission band, gave a social in the dining room of the church last Friday night and invited the mothers as special guests. The effect of the meeting was to acquaint the mother with the spirit of reverence that is being taught their children.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet in the home of Mrs. Walter Jenkins Tuesday night, and on Friday night Mrs. Wilbur Sink will be hostess to the Philathea class. We expect good attendance for both meetings.

We ask the prayers of all Christians in our work for the glory of God.

MRS. W. T. NEAL, Reporter.

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Shoals, Pinnacle and Mt. Zion Charge.—The special meeting on the second Sunday in September began with Mr. Morris preaching Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. His son came on Monday, remaining through Friday evening's services. He preached some soul-stirring sermons, which made us realize more fully the great responsibility that rest upon us as professed followers of Jesus. The results were good. Seventeen professions and reclamations; several additions to the church. Many folks spoke highly of the messages and voiced opinions that they would enjoy having him to return again.

The pastor filled his appointment Sunday at 11 o'clock with a deep message. His text, "It is Finished."

The Woman's Auxiliary gave a Thank Offering program at 7:30 o'clock which was very good. All seemed to enjoy the service. Collection amounted to $10.23, which we were so thankful for.

REPORTER.

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Shiloh C. E. Society.—I would like to summarize briefly the work of Shiloh Christian Endeavor society for the year and to express a few words of tribute to this fine group of young people who are doing such a great work through this organization.

I think this has been one of the best years in the history of our Christian Endeavor society. We have had the best of co-operation in every movement.

This society has an enrollment of 65 and have maintained a good average attendance all the year. These boys and girls are ready to push forward in any worthy move. It was this fine group that put our Herald quota across.

Every church needs a good wide-awake Christian Endeavor. In this organization they receive much training for leadership and consecrated service in their church.

The world is offering many things to the youth today. But these things do not last. The help that boys and girls receive in the Christian Endeavor will stand the test of all ages in life and death. Our motto has been,

Lord lay some soul upon my heart
And love that soul through me,
And may I humbly do my part
To win that soul for thee.

These young people have helped to carry the financial end of our church also. We set as our goal at the beginning of the year, to raise $15. We are well on our way to the goal. The society paid $75 on an electric refrigerator for the parsonage; $10 on the Troxler Fund, besides other small items.

Just a few weeks remain in the year to work. Have we done our best? We must sometimes give an account of our stewardship. May we have done our best.

As leader of these boys and girls I have spent many happy hours working with them. If I have helped any one in the smallest way, may God have the praise. The prayer of my heart is when we have come to the end of the way, we can look back and say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

This year has also brought sadness to us. Last May one of our very faithful members left us to be with Christ—Frank Waitman. He was always present and willing to work. We don't understtand all the ways of our Father now but we shall understand farther on. Just before dawn comes the darkest hours. A chair vacant, a voice still. Our loss. His gain. It was God's will.

One of our members is afflicted now, Hugh Lowman. Hope he may soon be well again.

The first Sunday night we will elect officers for the coming year, and lay the foundation for our work. May we be much in prayer and may His spirit lead.

RAY LEATHERMAN, President.

Spring Church, Spring Church Charge, B. M. Williams, Pastor.—It has been quite a while since there has been a report from our church. We haven't been at a standstill, but steadily going forward in the Master's work.

On the fourth Sunday in July one of the best Children's Day services in the history of the church was held. A nice offering was realized which went toward our World Service budget. Thanks goes to Miss Virginia Massey, a graduae of High Point College, for training the children so well. In the afternoon Rev. C. K. Cunningham of Emporia gave an interesting talk on missions. Mr. Cunningham served as a missionary in Cuba for seven years.

Our revival began on the fourth Sunday in August, with Dr. Edward Jordan of Philadelphia, Pa., doing the preaching. Dr. Jordan was a member of our church when he was a boy, and we are always glad to have him come back and preach to us. The attendance was good and the sermons were practical. We did not gain any new members, but feel that the membership was greatly revived.

Yesterday at the regular preaching hour our fall thank-offering service was held. Mrs. Vassar, our thank-offering secretary, had charge of the devotions. Mrs. G. J. Mitchell, secretary of Christian Education, invited Mr. H. L. Webb, superintendent of schools for Granville county, to make a talk on Christian Education. I am sure everyone enjoyed Mr. Webb's talk. A very liberal offering was received.

Our fourth quarterly conference will be held in our church on Saturday night, October 15, at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Pritchard will be with us. We hope each church will be well represented and give Dr. Pritchard a large audience.

On the fifth Sunday in this month the district rally will be held with us. We are looking forward to it and want to invite as many as can to come and be with us. Mr. Harward and Miss Hardee, our district chairmen, will publish the program in the near future. Watch for it.

Our attendance at Sunday school has been cut down some as right many of our young people have gone back to college. Lunsford Crew has returned to the University of North Carolina to take up the study of law; Archie Williams is a junior at High Point College; Mabel Massey returned to W. C. U. N. C. at Greensboro to take up her second year's work; Miriam Crew entered Peace Junior College in Raleigh as a freshman, and Vista Robinson returned to Westhampton College, Richmond, where she will be a junior. Miss Virginia Massey is teaching near Burlington and Mr. James Massey holds a position at Bristol, Tenn. We miss these young people in our church. We wish them the best of luck in their undertakings.

We want to invite the people of the first district again to be with us on the fifth Sunday.

MRS. R. M. ROBINSON.

Pleasant Hill Church, Rev. G. B. Ferree, Pastor.—We are looking forward to the annual home-coming of the members, former pastors, and friends of our church, which will be held Sunday, October 16. There will, of course, be Sunday school at 10 o'clock and the home-coming address at 11 o'clock will be presented by Mr. Carl M. Felts of King, N. C. Mr. Felts is now connected with the Stokes county schools and was formerly the principal of the school of our community. There will also be an afternoon program consisting of music and a short play entitled "The Trial of Everyman's Church."

The revival meeting will begin Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock with the Rev. J. L. Trollinger in charge of the services, and will continue throughout the week. We wish to extend a most cordial invitation to all former pastors and friends to be with us.

MILNA LONG, Reporter.

Central Church, Asheboro. — Our ten-day special meeting closed, as scheduled, Sunday night, September 26. Bros. Madison and Ridge endeared themeslves to our people by their pleasing personalities, their warm Christian spirit, and their efficient service. We did not accomplishs by the meeting all that we had hoped for; that is often true. But we were helped by it. Those who attended were quickened spiritually and made stronger in their religious purposes. During the last week we held three services a day, the afternoon services being devoted particularly to our children and young people. It was highly gratifying to have Bros. Madison and Ridge with us in our closing service Sunday night. We were pleased to have Mrs. Madison in some of the services during the meeting, and also Mrs. Ridge, Mrs. Shoaf of the Shiloh church, and Miss Lelia Byerly and Mrs. Ida Byerly Holt of Friendship church. Both of these churches are served by Brother Ridge. Some years ago Mrs. Holt was a member of the faculty of the Asheboro schools. Since our meeting closed, the following have been received into the membership of the church: Peggy Marie Almond, Maxine McCullers, George Ann Kivett, Vera Etta Lamb, E. N. Morgan, Mrs. E. N. Morgan, William Henry Underwood, Henry Rupert Trollinger, Betty Brown Trollinger, and William Henry Huntley. A glad welcome is extended to these additions to our roll.

Our work is moving orderly and encouragingly toward the closing. All church and Sunday school officers and teachers have been elected and will be installed in due time. Our finances are in good condition, despite the fact that but little has been said about money from the pulpit during the year. We are now pressing our fall Herald campaign and we hope to have our subscription allotment in the editor's hands in a short time. All of our organizations are in good condition and will make a gratifying showing in the final report. Our C. E. society announced Sunday night a 50-attendance goal within the next three months. Our Boy Scouts are happy over their new scout cabin, which is now nearing completion. Our Rally Day, observed October 2, culminated in a most pleasing and worshipful pageant, "The Trial of Everyman's Church." Ten persons were in the cast. They did this program to the delight and edification of a large congregation. The pageant is highly worthy and rewarding.

Our church family was saddened recently by the passing of Sister C. F. Smith. The end came Sunday night, October 2, after a long period of declining health. A good woman has gone from us. But heaven is richer. The family and relatives have the deep sympathy of our congregation.

Four weeks and then comes conference. Asheboro will have her usual honor roll report.

S. W. TAYLOR.

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Miss Sarah Lillian Foust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foust, was born near Bethel M. P. church, May 26, 1905, and her spirit went back to God September 20, 1938, being 33 years old. On December 24, 1932, she was united in marriage with Mr. Paul Holt McPherson, living happily together until death separated them.

In young girlhood she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and joined Bethel Methodist Protestant church, living a beautiful Christian life, willing to use her trained mind to the glory of God. Her disposition was sunny, she possessed an unusually charming personality, and was always optimistic. During her long illness of eight months she was always cheerful. One wonders why she was taken from the community, the church, and the home. But God makes no mistakes, and "all things work together for good to those who love the Lord." Mrs. McPherson had a great desire to recover, that she might influence others to live the Christian life.

Surviving besides her husband and parents are five sisters and five brothers, as follows: Mrs. C. W. Howell, Mrs. W. C. Garrett, Mrs. Russell McPherson, Mrs. L. L. Graves, Mrs Kermit Cook, Talmadge, Robert, Wilson, Buddy, and Fred Foust.

Funeral services were held at Bethel on September 21, the large auditorium being unable to accommodate the large crowd present. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

May the Lord comfort and bless the bereaved.

H. L. ISLEY.

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T. Lee Whitaker

T. Lee Whitaker, 75 years of age, passed away at his country home, "Myrtle Lawn," near Enfield, N. C., early Saturday morning, September 24, 1938. He was the son of the late Ferdinand H. Whitaker and his wife, Louisa DeBerry Whitaker. He is survived by one sister, Miss Jewel E. Whitaker, of the home place; numerous nieces and nephews, and a large family connection.

He was a member of Whitakers' Chapel Methodist Protestant church. The Whitaker family have been faithful and loyal Methodist Protestants of outstanding note for a period of years.

Mr. Whitaker was an extensive land owner and a prominent business man. His interests were wide and varied, few men in Halifax county being more closely connected with its business and financial affairs. Quiet and unassuming in his manner, he lent financial help to many people, both white and colored. Probably the extent of his benefactions will never be known.

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Funeral services were held at Whitakers Chapel at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, September 25, 1938, conducted by Rev. E. O. Peeler, a former pastor. Music was furnished by a quartet. The pallbearers were nephews of the deceased: Edgar Whitaker, of Charlotte, N. C.; Frank Whitaker, of Atlanta, Ga.; Stanley, Lawrence, John Cary, and Hubert Whitaker, of Enfield, N. C.

After the casket was lowered and covered with many floral offerings the service was closed with the following words:

"Warm summer sun, shine kindly here;
Warm southern wind, blow softly here;
Green sod above, lie light, lie light
Good night, dear friend, good night, good
night."

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Rowland Haywood Haupt

Rowland Haywood Haupt was born, a native of Kaufman, Texas, on March 7, 1897, a son of Mrs. Ella Taylor Haupt and the late Edward Haupt. He departed this life on Sunday afternoon at about 5 o'clock, September 18, 1938.

He had been a resident of Concord for about 35 years, and was an employee of the Gibson Mill at the time of his death. Prior to that he had been an insurance salesman here.

On August 21, 1920, he was united in marriage to Miss Edna Atwell. He was a member of Stokes Lodge of Masons, and a faithful and loyal member of the First Methodist Protestant church of this city. He was a dutiful son, and a faithful and devoted husband.

When there was service at his church his presence could always be counted on. He taught a class of boys in the Sunday school for a number of years, had served on a number of official boards of the church, and at the time of his death he was a teacher, a member of the board of stewards, and an usher in the church. He did more than attend church, he supported it with his material means.

The surviving relatives are his wife, Mrs. Edna Atwell Haupt; his mother, Mrs. Ella Merrington, who lives at his home; one brother, Edward Haupt, of Newton, N. C.; and one half-brother, Clarence Merrington, of Concord.

Funeral services were conducted at the church of which he was a member, on Tuesday afternoon, September 20, by Rev. E. O. Peeler, assisted by Rev. C. E. Baucom, pastor of McGill Street Baptist church, and Rev. W. B. McSwain, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church.

His body was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery beneath a blanket of flowers.

E. O. PEELER.

OUR PLAN FOR THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING

In the N. C. Conference, November, 1938

1. Our Aim: Everybody contributing something.

2. We are sending out Dime Cards for use among the children in the Sunday schools and in the community. Sunday school teachers will handle these in the best possible way to get them filled with dimes and returned to the committee.

3. We are also sending out envelopes for the individual members of the church and Sunday school. The committee will see that every adult member of the Sunday school and church has an envelope.

4. Right near Thanksgiving the committee will follow up and see that every one returns his envelope with an offering in it.

5. "A Day's Income" for the Children's Home at Thanksgiving is to be stressed among the adults, by the pastor, by the Sunday school superintendent, and by the committee with the emphasis on, "Everyone Contributing."

6. When the committee of three or more is set up in each local church, let each committeeman act as a captain and appoint other workers as the need may require to help in his territory. Remembering always that we are out for an EVERY MEMBER CANVASS.

7. Remember also that each church has friends in the community who will gladly contribute to Orphanage work, if approached and asked to do so.

8. Plan a district meeting for Wednesday night, November 23, to be held at some central church in the district. Have each church bring its offering and present it at that meeting. If your charge is too far removed from the center of your district then plan a circuit meeting on that same evening.

This paper was prepared for our District Chairmen, and is published for your information. We are delayed a bit in getting our envelopes and literature. Will send it out to our District Chairmen as soon as possible. Hope to have it to you in good time.

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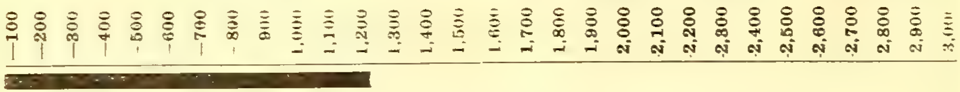

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Now we have 15 charges over. They should come in faster than that! Let's see what can be done about it this week. Lots of other things to be paid off soon. Get the Herald subsidy and quota for subscriptions out of the way before all these others crowd out some of the best things.

Mrs. Kearns, your check came in fine. My, but if everybody that has the ability to pay this off would just get down to it and get it done, so we could look at it before Conference, I believe we would all enjoy it more. You know when you rush the Editor and Business Manager at Conference, and the report comes in afterwards, it does not have quite so much interest. Everybody is too much interested in where everybody is going. Put it in NOW.

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To Be Dedicated Next Sunday
Rev. T. Glenn Madison, *Pastor*

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Western Pastors' Federation Meeting

The Western Pastors' Federation meeting was held at our Church in Albemarle on Tuesday, October 4. The attendance was not as large as usual, due, perhaps, to the fact that we have had several meetings for our men to attend this year. But those who were present were very much interested. Rev. C. E. Ridge is the president of this Federation and Rev. T. G. Madison is secretary. The program as previously announced in the HERALD was carried out and I do not have space to comment on that. This Federation has been very active and has been an agency for great good for the past few years. At the noon hour the good women of the Albemarle Church served a splendid meal absolutely free of charge. This was a very generous act on their part.

Dr. and Mrs. Dixon Honored

On Friday night of last week almost fifty people assembled at our Children's Home at High Point to honor Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Dixon on the tenth anniversary of their coming to the Home, Dr. Dixon being the Superintendent there. Those who took parts assigned them on the program were Mr. J. M. Millikan, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Rev. J. C. Madison, the pastor of the First Church, High Point; Judge Lewis E. Teague, of High Point; Dr. C. W. Bates, pastor of the Haw River Charge and Dr. R. M. Andrews, the editor of the HERALD. Mr. J. Norman Wills and Mrs. W. C. Hammer were supposed to have spoken but were unable to be present, the former on account of illness, the latter being out of the state. This was a most delightful occasion and all seemed to enjoy it very much. Dr. and Mrs. Dixon were highly praised for their good work there and received many congratulations and good wishes for the future.

Children's Home Thanksgiving Offering

I am urging every pastor and every Church to be making plans for the Thanksgiving offering at the Home. There will not be time after the adjournment of Conference to make plans, so what is done will have to be done largely before Conference. A liberal offering for the Home from every Church will go a long way toward solving the present financial problem. Let no pastor nor Church fail here.

Another Appeal for Superannuates

Last week I said I would say more this week about the Fund for the Superannuates. These two months of September and October were set aside for the Churches to raise this assessment. Some have raised it in full, others will do so, but some have not done much. Now is the time to be busy. Get it in some way for we dare not fail these who have given their lives for the Church and are not able to work.

And let pastors remember that they are to send to the Conference Treasurer one per cent of their salary after deducting the first $500, to be used for Superannuates. This money may be sent to the Treasurer before Conference or handed to him during Conference. Thus, if a man receives $1,000 in salary he would pay 1% on $500 which would be $5. The man who receives $1,500 salary would pay 1% of $1,000 or $10 to this fund.

Spring Church Quarterly Conference

Last Saturday night I was privileged to hold the fourth quarterly conference on the Spring Church Charge. This was my first opportunity to see the new beautiful brick Church building. It is a credit to the community and a monument to those who have helped to build it. In the quarterly conference the pastor, Rev. B. M. Williams, gave a good report, even though he has been greatly hindered because of his health. A goodly number had joined the Church and the congregations had been good. A considerable amount remains to be paid on salary and budgets before the Charge can consider that its obligations have been met, but I trust these will be met before the year ends. Brother Williams is held in high esteem by the people and all recognize him as being one of the best men the Charge has ever had. The fact that he is physically unable to drive his car is making it hard for him to finish up the year in a way that he would like to do.

A Sunday Morning at Lebanon

Last Sunday morning was spent with the Lebanon Church on the Spring Church Charge. This was my first service in this Church although I had seen the building before. This Church seems to be prospering. The people who attend appear to be well-informed and seem to be in good circumstances. It was a pleasure to be with them and I trust they may continue to measure up to their opportunities.

An Afternoon and Evening on Halifax Charge
Rev. W. M. Howard, Pastor

The afternoon service was at Eden Church where it was a great pleasure to preach to these people, some of whom were the most loyal supporters of the Church during this writer's first pastorate. Long may Eden live and prosper!

The quarterly conference was held at Bethesda at the evening hour and was well attended. Brother Howard, the pastor, made a good report; a goodly number of people having been received into the Churches. Finances on this work are considerably behind but much will be done in the remaining weeks. This Charge as well as the Spring Church Charge has a substantial membership. They appreciate the Church and consider it a privilege to have a part in it. The Charge regrets exceedingly to lose the fine services of Pastor Howard, however; he has already enrolled at the University at Chapel Hill for a special course and will not take work after Conference. The matter of supply was left in the hands of the delegate and the Conference.

The Brinkleyville community where the parsonage is located is to have electric power in the near future and this will help in many ways.

Appointments

Saturday, October 22—7 p. m., Quarterly Conference at Shelby.

Sunday, October 22—11 a. m., Knob Creek, Fallston Charge; 3 p. m., Mt. Moriah on Cleveland Charge in dedicatory services; 7:30 p. m., Lincolnton.

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Hear Others Say

Philosophy seeks the truth; theology discovers it; religion possesses it.—*Mirandola.*

To love God is the greatest of virtues; to be loved by God is the greatest of blessings.—*Portuguese.*

You may silence the teacher, but you cannot subdue the truth.—*Trumbull.*

O Lord, grant that I may do thy will as if it were my will; so that thou mayest do my will as if it were thy will.—*Augustine.*

"The really strongest proof of the existence of God is a man's own personal experience of relation to Him and communion with Him—a direct and personal relation independent of all reasonings. Such perception is as valid as any perception of the senses. —*Rev. H. Smith.*

"God will put up with a great many things in the human heart, but there is one thing that He will not put up with in it—a second place. He who offers God a second place, offers Him no place."—*Ruskin.*

I want to give to others hope and faith,
I want to do all that the Master saith;
I want to live aright from day to day;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.
—*Author Unidentified.*

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Plain Facts About the Fellowship Crusade

It was inaugurated by the Board of Administration of the Church; it was adopted by the Annual Conference; the objectives were set up by a committee elected by the Annual Conference. The Conference authorized the financial goals, 50 per cent for the college, 4-15 for World Service, 3-15 for Annual Conference debt. The financial objective of each pastoral charge was set at one-third the amount pastor received on the preceding year. Hundreds of letters were sent to pastors and leading laymen. no one refused to cooperate, scores pledged their support and cooperation; it has not been called off. The Director and members of the Committee have been ready to assist every pastor who requested assistance. No minister has the right to enter a Church which has a pastor without the permission of the pastor to ask for money, or to plead for the adoption of any cause. So each pastor was asked to put on the Crusade or to call for assistance. The results to be tabulated for the coming session of the Annual Conference will reveal what has been accomplished.

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Ten Years at the Home

Last Friday evening the "larger boys and girls of the Children's Home" entertained in honor of the tenth anniversary of the stay of "Daddy and Mother" Dixon at the Home. A bountiful dinner was served by these young people to quite a number of the friends of the Home. Many speeches were made and a general good time was had by all present. The Editor congratulates the Conference on the decade of successful service these two consecrated people have given the Home. A most difficult place to fill. It is very trying indeed to do the work and keep the Home going, but to do it, as it often happens, without ever a token from many to show their appreciation of such a service, is even a greater trial. Often has the writer been impressed with the heartless sort of way we Church folk accept the service of our pastors, agents, Editors, Presidents, Secretaries and others. We exact of them a service that is really perfect and give to them, such poor cooperation that even an angel could not do his best under the circumstances. When the Home was started there were those who said it would fail; and since it begun it has had to meet the criticism of people within and without the Church, but it has gone on and done a splendid work notwithstanding it all. We wish for the Superintendent, his wife and co-laborers many happy returns of the day.

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Install Your Church Officers

No pastor should fail to install the officers of the local Church; this ought to be done before the Annual Conference meets, too. The occasion affords a good opportunity for the pastor to emphasize the duties of the officers and by doing so to inform the members present what those duties are also. And many Churches need to have this information broadcasted to their members. This service may be conducted in a very simple manner. A sermon may be preached stressing faithful service, or a program may be arranged in which the officers pledge themselves to be faithful, etc., whichever form is used can be made impressive and thus effective.

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Looking Forward to the Annual Conference

There is one event in the life of every pastor in a Methodist Church which is never forgotten. He may forget his birthday, or his wife's birthday, but never will he forget that he is to attend the approaching Annual Conference. But this yearning may have a multitude of motives. We have thought that to some it was just a place to mingle with old friends and to find new ones. The sessions of the Conference did not seem to attract them. We have seen others who regarded it as a sort of ecclesiastical "Stock Exchange"; a place old pastorates were surrendered and new ones taken up. But there are always a goodly number of men who go there to transact the business of the Conference, and to do it well, so we usually get the work done in the accustomed five days.

At least three definite things will happen at the Annual Conference; reports from pastors will be submitted for the records of the Conference; plans will be adopted for the coming year, and pastors will be appointed to the Churches of the Conference. Every pastor must submit a report of his labors. This report ought so greatly to concern the pastor that he shall see to it that there be no error in it; no omission of an important detail and no misstatement of fact. We can hardly over emphasize the importance of this part the pastor must play. Then every pastor and every delegate should know what plans the Conference adopts for the new year. To do this they must remain in the business sessions, and should take part. As to the appointment of pastors for the coming year, we have become so nearly congregational that it often happens with some pastorates the Annual Conference is hardly more than a rubber stamp. But this is also a very important function of the Conference. However not so important that it should overshadow all other acts, as some seem to think.

So all pastors are looking forward to Conference, and we wish for every one a most successful year. We do hope that the reports shall be splendid this year. We are expecting to see a substantial net gain in membership reported, and we do hope that the claims shall be paid in full. To this end the Editor is looking forward to the coming Conference which meets with Calvary Church November 9.

Fixing the Pastor's Salary for Next Year

Our Discipline makes the fourth quarterly conference the time and place to determine the pastor's salary for the coming year. It is a much more important matter than some of our congregations realize. It is too frequently left out of the considerations of that Conference. In fact, some people have yet to understand why a pastor cannot give all his time to their work and live on the "hand outs" of the members after he has warmed their hearts with a mighty appeal from the pulpit. If the preacher were not a human being with creaturely needs, this might happen. But the preacher must eat, wear clothes, have a place to live, must pay the expenses of his daily bread as though he were not even a member of the Church. And if he must give his entire time to the work of his Church, he must therefore depend upon the support of that Church to live. He is entitled to a support, "For the workman is worthy of his hire." And no self-respecting congregation ought to be willing for their pastor to be humiliated by making debts for his daily bread which he could not pay. And how shall he pay unless he is also paid? The salary of a pastor should be determined by the ability of the people to pay; and should be regarded as much a financial obligation as any obligation made by a layman.

Fix the salary for your pastor then; do it without knowing who he will be, of course, but with a desire to make it adequate for the sort of a pastor you expect the Conference to send you. Never leave it to be fixed at the first quarterly conference, if it can be avoided.

Don't Let Down

We hear some pastors saying that there appears to be a disposition on the part of some "To let down" in their efforts for the institutions and enterprises of the Church now that Union is just before them. Surely, beloved, this is no time to slow up on anything. If there are debts on the Church, somebody must pay those debts; then why slow up now? If the Church has always had difficulty in raising the Conference claims, that fact is the greater reason for trying harder to raise those claims than ever before.

It is the opinion of the Editor that Methodist unification is not going to be effected as by magic. It is one thing to adopt plans, to decide upon procedures, to be perfectly willing for Union to be consummated, it quite another thing to consummate this. While there are many places where two Methodist Churches possibly ought to unite for efficiency or economy's sake, but even although this may be very apparent, it will take time to work out all the details of the merger. In other words, we must be faithful to our own Church and see it through in this Union; and we must be patient in working the processes, remembering that we are dealing with people and can never go faster than they are ready and willing to go.

It would indeed be easy to wreck your Church—an institution it has taken the efforts, prayers, faithfulness and means of several generations of loyal souls to build up. We cannot conceive of a real loyalty to any cause which gives support only so long as one has his or her way in that cause. He or she who is unwilling to support the leaders of his Church is unworthy to lead in any department of that Church. The time of testing is upon us. Has our attachment to the Methodist Protestant Church been motivated by prejudice selfishness? If it has, then, it may be expected that all such members shall "let down" in their loyalty to it, and in the language of heroic Gideon of old let it be said to them, "Let all who are fearful and afraid return to their homes." Men afraid would not have made good soldiers, and Gideon knew it. And so people who are unwilling to bear the burdens of a cause they have espoused when these grow heavier and the difficulties of success are thicker, make mighty poor substitutes for good members in days of prosperity and easy going.

PASTORS' REPORT BLANKS

They were mailed out yesterday (Monday) and should be in your hands before you read this. If you failed to get your envelope, please notify me at once, and I will send you another supply.

Just a word about the blanks. I did not have a new blank printed to take care of the Gratitude Gift. I suppose you are sending it in to the Treasurer in a lump, and letting him divide it. If so, just add the entire amount at the bottom of "Report III, Benevolences." In the Pastors' Information Blank, indicate on the back of the blank the churches entitled to Honor Roll Credit for each item of the Gratitude Gift.

We are using the same blanks for the Pastors' Personal Report. There is an error in printing in it. "Work Service" should be "World Service."

C. W. Bates, *Secretary.*

THIRD DISTRICT NOTICE

There will be a Third District meeting at Bethel Church on Alamance Charge on the fifth Sunday afternoon in October beginning at 2:30. Dr. J. E. Pritchard will be the principal speaker. We are expecting the chairman of stewards of each Church in the district to make a full report at this meeting. There is a place on this report for the Women's Auxiliary. Please add to this the amount paid to High Point College. The Bethel Church has promised to see that we have some special music. We hope to have a good congregation from over the district and good reports.

E. A. Bingham, *Chairman.*

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

111th Session, North Carolina Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church to Be Held in Calvary Church, Greensboro, November 9 to 15, 1938

Wednesday

10:00—Conference organized. Devotional service in charge of the President, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, D.D.

10:45—Conference Sermon, Rev. C. L. Spencer, pastor Randleman Charge, Randleman, N. C.

11:30—Calling of the Roll of the Honored Dead. Conference Communion. Adjournment for lunch.

1:45—Song service in charge of Rev. E. Lester Ballard.

2:00—President's Message.

3:00—Election of Officers and Standing Committees. Adjournment at pleasure.

7:30—Sermon, Rev. G. I. Humphreys, D.D., LL.D., President High Point College.

Thursday

9:00—Calling of the Roll and Conference Business.

9:30—Worship period. First in a series of addresses by Rev. R. L. Shipley, D.D., Editor of the *Methodist Protestant Recorder.*

10:00—Submission of Pastors' Reports. Adjournment for Committee Work.

12:00—Lunch hour.

1:30—Song Service. Conference Business. Adjournment for Committee Work.

7:30—Service in charge of the North Carolina Branch of Woman's Work.

Friday

9:00—Calling of the Roll and Conference Business.

9:30—Worship Period. Address by Dr. R. L. Shipley.

10:00—Report of the President of the North Carolina Branch of Woman's Work.

10:15—Address by Representative of the American Bible Society.

10:45—High Point College Hour, under direction of the President of the College, Rev. G. I. Humphreys, D.D.

11:14—Service in the interest of the Children's Home, in charge of the Superintendent, Dr. A. G. Dixon.

12:00—Lunch Hour.

1:30—Song Service. Conference Business.

2:00—Election of Delegates to the Uniting Conference.

2:30—General Conference Hour. Adjournment at pleasure.

7:30—Conference Business.

Saturday

9:00—Calling of the Roll and Conference Business.

9:30—Worship Period. Address by Dr. R. L. Shipley.

10:00—Addresses by Fraternal Messengers.

11:00—Conference Business.

12:00—Lunch Hour.

1:30—Song Service.

1:45—Conference Business.

2:30—General Conference Hour. Adjournment at pleasure.

3:30—Conference Business. Adjournment at pleasure.

7:30—(No evening session.)

Sunday

11:00—Ordination of Elders, Sermon by Rev. P. E. Lindley, LL.D., Dean of High Point College.

2:30—Memorial Service honoring Rev. G. W. Holmes, Rev. R. L. Troxler, Rev. A. L. Hunter and Mrs. R. L. Vickery.

7:30—Service under the direction of the North Carolina Annual Conference Council of Religious Education.

Monday

9:00—Calling of the Roll. Conference Business.

9:30—Worship Period. Concluding address by Dr. Shipley.

10:00—Conference Business.

12:00—Report of the Stationing Committee. Adjournment.

Call to Annual Conference Session

The 111th session of the North Carolina Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, is called to meet in Calvary Church, Greensboro, on Wednesday, November 9, beginning at 10:00 a. m. All ministers, preachers and delegates are urged to be present for the opening session, and to stay until Conference closes on the following Monday morning.

It seems likely this will be the last session of our Conference. We need to give serious consideration to the many problems confronting us as we go into the new Methodist Church. We urge our people to be much in prayer that we may have Divine wisdom and guidance in our deliberations.

J. E. Pritchard, *President,*
C. W. Bates, *Secretary.*

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The President's Letter

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Wednesday, October 26—7:30 p. m., Quarterly Conference at Danville.

Thursday, October 27—2 p. m., Quarterly Conference at Midway, Haw River Charge.

Friday, October 28—1:30 p. m., Quarterly Conference at Canaan Church, North Davidson.

Friday, October 28—7 p. m., Quarterly Conference at Gibsonville.

Saturday, October 29—Quarterly Conference at Mt. Lebanon, Randleman, 2 p. m.

Sunday, October 30—11 a. m., Mt. Hermon on Mt. Hermon Charge; 2:30 p. m., Bethel on Alamance Charge; 7:30 p. m., Siler City.

J. E. Pritchard.

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Live themes live forever. Note how the old McGuffey Readers were quoted from last year, I add this as a sample:

"The National Voice" reproduces a verse that appeared in one of the earliest McGuffey readers, which were first published on a hand press as early as 1836:

Licensed—to do thy neighbor harm,
Licensed—to kindle hate and strife,
Licensed—to nerve the robber's arm;
Licensed—to whet the murderer's knife.
Licensed—like spider for a fly,
To spread thy nets for man, thy prey;
To mock his struggles, crush his soul,
Then cast his worthless form away.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

Where Is the Spirit of Wonder?

"Wonder" was a topic for discussion in the Philosophy class. So much we do not know, and such marvels surround us on every hand, that it would seem that the spirit of wonder should dwell in every heart. The world moves on, the stars appear each night in their courses; the mystery of life baffles us on every side, yet there are souls who fail to feel the awe of it or pause to ponder the everlasting riddles of the universe.

Lights of the Chicago World's Fair in 1933 were turned on by the falling rays of the distant star, Arcturus. This star was selected because that body is so far away that forty-one years are required to bring the light to this earth. It had been that long since the other fair in Chicago, and so it was appropriate to use the light that had been coming toward the earth ever since the former celebration closed forty-one years before. As the title of Sir James Jean's book states, this is *Our Mysterious Universe.*

But it is hard to keep the spirit of wonder alive. One foe of mystery is popular science and invention. So many things are now coming from the laboratory it seems that man has the upper hand, mastering the affairs of Nature. With radio, cars, medicine, and surgery at our disposal the zone of awe is pushed back. Nothing now seems impossible; nothing is a surprise. No longer does wonder occupy the central place. In fact the slow and meditative person is likely to be called silly and sentimental.

Again, familiarity with these marvels chills our sense of reverence. To the primitives the world was mystifying, but as the race advanced the universe was taken as a matter of course. It still is to many people. If the stars came out but once in a hundred years, said Emerson, the world would camp out to see the sight. But since they come every night we pay no attention to them. Everybody takes them for granted and hardly one in a thousand can name a single heavenly body of awe.

Consequently, the spirit of wonder is poorly encouraged. The mystic mood is crowded out; emotion is discredited, and the capacity for inspiration is drying up in the souls of men. "The subtle process that is going on," says Fiske, "is the *starving of mysticism.*" Plenty is taken in by the senses, but little is generated in the area of reverent imagination. We see and hear everything of man's creation under the sun, but the still small voice of wonder seldom penetrates the hum of motors and rollicking roars of the radio.

Furthermore, worship is made hard. Worship feeds on wonder, and where the latter dies the former can hardly survive. Put men in a conscious presence of eternal, unsolved mysteries and they will feel humbly and needy. Revive wonder if you want to revive worship.

Two suggestions I will make in closing. First, let us make more of the "unexplained residue." That is, insist on the vastness of what is still unknown. "So little I have gained, How vast the unattained." Everything is unknowable if you trace it back far enough. Mystery lingers in even the simplest thing. I know not how my heart beats; nor do I know why the world keeps turning; nor, again, why hay produces milk in the cow and muscle in the mule. Death, they say, is a mystery. Life, I add, is no less so. The difference is, we have got used to life and are not experienced with death. But I can understand much better why we die than why we live. The farmer plants the wheat. It germinates and grows, nobody knows how. You say the earth and moisture does it. But I ask, Why does that cause it? Keep pushing the question and you always run into the "unexplained residue." Constant recollection of this fact will help humble us mortals and quicken the sense of reverence.

Second, let the churches major in mysticism. Here I mean a sane mystic attitude, not fanaticism. Songs should be selected that ascribe majesty and holiness unto the Lord. Genuine reverence is to be felt in every worship. More is to be made of God's glory than of man's little ups and downs. Lift up the exalted Cross whose living Christ is still with us, and whose Spirit can ennoble any life. For by it the common and ordinary assume a new meaning, and all things are dignified by His association and control.

OUR DAY OF REST

International Sunday School Lesson for October 23, 1938

By Rev. J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Exodus 20:8-11; Luke 13:10-17.

Golden Text—"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." Ex. 20:8.

Probably there is no commandment broken more generally by the American public than is this fourth commandment as we find it in our golden text. The American sabbath is neither holy nor a day of rest. Many of us work the seventh day as well as the other six, our train of thought concerning business and making money is hardly changed and the tensions of our rushing world are not relaxed. We call our movies, our golf and our long week-end trips recreation but as we read the newspapers on Monday morning we realize that the better name would be WRECKreation. Even those who rest—sleep late—on Sunday try to make it up by extra long hours on the day before. For most people the Sabbath is neither holy, nor restful nor worshipful, but rather a day of boredom, or of anxious rushing from place to place or simply another day of work.

This situation of course is not peculiar to our generation. The Deuteronomic code in stating this fourth commandment makes a new appeal for its observance. This leads me to believe that religious leaders in that day were faced with the apparent breakdown of this institution. The old appeal of the Covenant code that men rest on the seventh day and so follow God's example was not enough. So the writer of Deuteronomy appeals to the principals of social justice demanding that maids and servants be given a day of rest also reminding the

Israelites that they were once in bondage. Then he appeals to their gratitude in that God had freed them from that slavery they should keep His day holy out of deference to Him; for from the beginning the Sabbath had been set aside as a day for conversation and fellowship between God and His children. Probably new appeals must yet be made to make the masses of people recognize the inalienable right of the individual of one day of rest and worship out of seven.

In my mind the arguments in favor of a Sabbath, both in a legal and in a religious sense, are many and indisputable. (a) If God is the most profound fact and power of our universe as we claim He is then it is but consistent that we use at least one day out of seven for the purpose of cultivating a more intimate relationship with Him. (b) If organized religion is to exist in a vital and dynamic form there must be a day and time for its promotion. (c) If the individual is to live intelligently he must find time for a personal inventory. It is essential that we get away from daily problems occasionally in order to gain perspective. From the mountain top of worship we can better determine our directions. (d) A day of rest and relaxation each week is essential for health and efficiency in manual labor. The Sabbath of rest is not peculiar to western civilization. Other civilizations have found that such a day meets specific needs. The need for its observance cannot be disputed.

Despite the above briefly stated arguments commercialized amusements and Sunday business of various kinds threaten to rob the Sabbath of its significance. It would be easy of course to condemn those business interests which profit by this Sunday activity which runs to holiday proportions; and they need to be condemned. But as a matter of fact Sunday business is but meeting the demands of the general public. Gas stations stay open because we the people demand gas. Recreation parks stay open because we the people demand our golf, tennis and swimming on Sunday, not to mention baseball and other commercialized sports. Grocery stores are open in many cities because the people demand their Sunday groceries. We have Sunday business because Sunday business is profitable, and Sunday movies will close when people cease to attend. However, that does not excuse the sin nor does it relieve the business interests involved of their moral responsibilities. But what I am trying to say is this, that the commercialization of the Sabbath is not so much a cause as a symptom of the low spiritual tone of our age. I am in hearty sympathy with laws that will preserve the individual right to rest and worship on Sunday, but the tragedy is that those of us who have that right take it so lightly. Most of us are living on a level where spiritual things have no place; we are so spiritually impoverished that we cannot appreciate the Christian Sabbath and those things for which it stands.

Some of us in our zeal for a Christian Sabbath appeal to law. Beyond a doubt certain restrictions have their place but in my mind the fourth commandment both as stated in the original and as it was applied by Jesus is a positive matter. Like all values it cannot be enforced by law but must come as the natural expression of a corporate Christian consciousness and zeal. Though I cannot force all men to keep the Sabbath holy I can see to it that one man does and that is my first and most important task.

THE DISCOVERY OF SELF

One of the chief reasons why much of the world's work is poorly done, and only mediocre results are obtained, is that people have not discovered themselves. Most of us give only fractional service, use but a part of the talent that we should be investing for the betterment of society. Genius, so-called, is the ability to excel in some field, but not many find the work for which they are naturally fitted and best adapted.

In order to make the greatest progress possible there should be a self-analysis early in life, and very frequently through life, in order that we may know wherein we are strong, wherein we fail, what we can do with more than fair success, and what is for us a bugbear that has never been conquered.

The human element enters into everything, we say, meaning that we should be charitable toward human errors, weaknesses, limitations. We are too charitable, too easy with ourselves. We do not make enough of that wonderful discovery of self. We let ourselves believe that others can do what we cannot do; that some people, not ourselves, are creatures of destiny.

Isn't it true that we face the world with an apologetic air and give the impression that we discount most of our doings? So long as any individual faces the world in a crouching position and regards others as superior to him, he need not complain if others walk all over him and regard him as an inferior being. Others cannot be expected to place a higher premium on our output than we ourselves put on it by our own belief and actions.

Every person has certain elements of power within his personality that have never been unlocked and developed to the full. We follow one or two paths when we ought to have a dozen before us, usable and used at all times. It is very easy to get into a rut or move into a small province and stay there. The spirit of romance and adventure is decidedly lacking in most people, but what a charm and glow life assumes when one breaks with the past, draws on new resources, carries his head a little higher, throws his chest out a little farther, assumes self-confidence, then meets new people, reads new books, and, above all else, accepts some tasks as a real challenge, knowing they are beyond him, but that he can develop enough power eventually to master them.

It is a great day in one's life when he makes this greatest of all discoveries. He has found that he does have inner power that he has not drawn on, and that a so-called genius is merely one person doing one thing better than another because he has found himself.

There is no secret in personal attainment. It is just dig and dig. It is the incessant hammering away which finally causes something to break loose. There is no monopoly when it comes to personal achievement. The field of human endeavor is open to all. There are no "no admittance" or "no trespassing" signs posted where opportunity calls and tasks are waiting to be conquered.

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A collection of propaganda periodicals circulated by the Allies and the Germans during the World war has been presented to the University of Missouri school of journalism.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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WOMEN'S QUARTERLY MEETING HELD

The second quarterly meeting of the N. C. Branch of Women's Work, which met at Concord on October 7, was full of inspiration. The new church auditorium furnished a worshipful atmosphere as we entered, the quiet music by Mrs. Ernest Litaker as she sat at the console of the new Hammond organ, the beautiful devotional service led by Dr. C. N. Clark, presiding elder of the Salisbury District of the M. E. Church, South, who substituted for Mrs. Clark, all gave us a good start for the day.

The presence of all the members of the Executive Committee, four secretaries of causes, the chairman of districts and four district chairmen, several ministers, representatives from several churches and charges, Rev. and Mrs. Paul F. Warner and son and Mrs. L. F. Warner, mother of Mr. Warner, and a splendid group of interested women from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, gave inspiration to the program as it proceeded.

The main features of the day were the adresses by Rev. and Mrs. Paul Warner, returned missionaries from Japan. Mrs. Warner gave intimate glimpses of her work as a missionary, the various groups she met at regular intervals, and the contacts she made in Japan. She displayed the kimona and obi of exceptional beauty, which the Japanese workers and students at Nagoya had presented her as tokens of their esteem, just prior to her departure for America.

Mr. Warner displayed a number of pictures which portrayed certain types of people in Japan. These were passed in the audience for close examination. He made a passionate plea for continued support of the work in Japan. He explained that the Christians, a very small group comparatively speaking, of the great empire of Japan, are not among the aggressors in the Sino-Japanese struggle, and that they deeply regret the struggle. He reminded us that if we should be inclined to feel that we would withdraw our support from the Japanese work, we should remember that Jesus did not say, "Go to the highly favored, peace-loving peoples," but He did say, "Go to every race and class and condition in the whole world and carry the gospel," and if we fail to do this we fail to carry out the great divine commission.

There were discussions on furthering the work along all lines. Post cards of Bethel Home were distributed, so that all might know how the place looks, though many have never been there. These cards from Rev. Homer Casto were greatly appreciated.

A committee for "Appreciation Year" was appointed by the chair as follows: Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, chairman, Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, and Mrs. C. W. Bates. At the request of Mrs. Hammer, all the district chairmen of Women's Work in North Carolina were added to the committee.

Mrs. Paul Kennett, treasurer of Student Loan Fund for High Point College, reported that 19 loans had been granted to students for the present school year, and that $215 would be needed to complete the next quarterly payment. This of course means that our state treasurer will need North Carolina budget payments at an early date.

Mrs. P. E. Lindley, custodian of the India costumes presented to the Branch by Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Minnis, resigned this office after having served faithfully for many years as a lending agent for these costumes in the Branch. Mrs. J. C. Madison, of High Point, secretary of exhibits, was made custodian of these costumes.

The North Carolina Branch congratulates Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Peeler on their accomplishments in church building, and thanks them and the Concord church for the hospitality of the day. It would have been a fine thing if all of our women could have attended this meeting.

MISSIONS AND MINNIS

May I this week call your attention again to the "Minnis Fund" and the great privilege that is ours in having a part in this great work? I wonder how many of us really realize just what our missionary obligation and privilege is. The motive of all missionary enterprise, whether ancient or modern, is an ardent desire to share a great spiritual value. It is my conviction that we have no right to keep for ourselves a message of life, love, and peace which all the world needs. The Christian missions will continue so long as we can find men and women like Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Minnis, who, constrained by the love of Christ, will carry out the great command, "Go ye therefore and preach the gospel to every creature."

How can they go with the glad tidings unless the folks back home send them? When God through the Church called the Minnises to far away India, we here at home were called to stand by them with our support. Since we here in North Carolina have mutually agreed to pay his salary, our responsibility is thereby greatly augmented. Mr. Carey, before going to India, declared, "I will go down into the pit if the brethren will hold the ropes." In like manner the Minnises have dared a bold adventure, leaving the matter of their support to us. Dare we fail them?

Their success or failure will depend upon the measure of our support in prayers and money. It has been truly said that the work of Christian missions is the greatest work in the world. For such a work must we be persuaded to pray, begged to study, and cajoled to give? Consider it a call from God. Thank God for the great privilege. Are we, as loyal Methodist Protestants, rallying to the great privilege that God has given us in helping support our own North Carolina missionary and his family? Mr. Minnis is 12,000 miles from home. Just put yourself in his place and then ask yourself the question, "Am I doing my very best?"

Someone may say, "Why did Mr. Minnis go to far away India? We didn't make him go." True we didn't make him go, but Mr. Minnis felt the call of God to go as a missionary to India, and the call was so great he could not refuse to go. It isn't always an easy matter to answer the call of God. Many of us want to reserve a corner in our heart for ourselves. It isn't always easy to refuse God's call, either. Rev. Mr. Minnis might have felt that the only way to save his own soul was to do just what he did. There is danger of losing our own souls in refusing to do God's will.

"Three things the Master hath to do,
And we who serve Him here below,
And long to see His kingdom come,
Must pray or give or go."

Let us show our gratitude by giving our best for the Minnises.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

NOTICE, SEVENTH DISTRICT

There will be a meeting of all auxiliaries in District No. 7 on Sunday afternoon, October 30, at Mt. Pleasant church, at 2 o'clock. A good program is being planned. Please see that your auxiliary is represented.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, District Chmn.

PROGRAM

Fourteenth District Rally, October 30, 1938

11:00 A. M.

Hymn.

Doxology.

Responsive Reading.

Gloria Patri.

Prayer.

Plans for Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Home, T. G. Madison.

Hymn.

World Temperance Sermon, Rev. Mr. Cain.

Benediction.

LUNCH—2:00 P. M.

Hymn.

Devotions, Mrs. Quince Hartman.

Special music, Knob Creek Choir.

Reading, Mrs. Odus Norman.

Missionary Play, Knob Creek Circle.

Benediction.

T. G. MADISON.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE N. C. COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Schools:	
Saxapahaw, Salem	$3.75
Alamance, Sapling Ridge	1.00
Community, Thomasville	3.50
Concord	5.00
Moriah	2.50
Halifax, Bethesda	2.50
Center, Alamance	1.00
Christian Endeavor:	
Moriah	.50
Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant	.50

J. CLYDE AUMAN, Treas.

"Papa, where is Atoms?"

"Atoms? I don't know, my boy. You mean Athens, probably."

"No, I mean Atoms — the place where everything is blown to."—Ex.

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A venerable Scot purchased a little radio set and a few days later his friends asked him how he liked it.

"Well, it's awe right to listen to," he replied, "but those bulbs are nae sae gud to read by."—Ex.

Our Children's Home

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Mrs. L. H. Gibbs, First church, Burlington, for her circle, for shoes	$2.00
Siler City S. S.	5.00
Enfield S. S.	5.00
Haw River S. S., Glen Raven	5.00
Love Joy S. S., Seagrove-Love Joy	2.00
Ladies Bible class, R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C., clothing child	5.00
Brown Summit S. S., 3 months	3.00
Eden S. S., Halifax	6.00
Maple Springs S. S., Forsyth	5.00
Hickory Ridge, Forsyth	6.02
Fountain Place S. S., Burlington	7.30
Center, Alamance	4.25
Brower's Chapel, Richland	8.00
Shady Grove S. S., Connelly Springs	1.00
Mrs. C. T. Tucker, Greensboro, for bed	5.00
Baltimore S. S., W. Forsyth	3.00
Roberta S. S.	12.00
A Friend, Denton	5.00
Elks Club, High Point	25.00
Pleasant Union S. S., Mt. Pleasant	1.50
Tabernacle S. S., Greensboro	10.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Victory Memorial, Indiana, for shoes	1.50
Missionary Society, Glen Burnie, Md., C. O.	2.00
Bethesda, Halifax, third quarter	5.00
Friendship S. S., Shiloh	4.25
Young Ladies' class, Gibsonville, feeding child, 3 months	15.00
Ladies' Aid society, Arlington, Va., for shoes	3.00
Henderson S. S.	7.00
Salem S. S., Saxapahaw	4.90
Concord S. S., Aug., Sept. and Oct.	60.00
First church S. S., Burlington	35.00
Flag Springs S. S., Why Not	2.00
Baraca class, Mebane, special	5.00
New Hope S. S., Why Not	4.63
Woman's Auxiliary, Lake Creek, Texas	5.25
Welch Memorial, High Point	7.42
Giles Chapel S. S., Richland	3.50
Lebanon S. S., High Point	10.00
Calvary S. S., Greensboro	15.00

For Boys' Clothing

Baraca class, Liberty	8.00
A Friend, Spring Hill, North Davidson	8.00

This makes five boys out of 40 cared for. I am wondering if the $8.00 reported above from Brower's Chapel was not meant for this fund. It was not so designated.

We know of more on the way. May we look to you. I cannot press this further. You will or you won't, and if you will please let me hear soon.

Clothing and Other Gifts

Woman's Auxiliary, First church, Thomasville, 11 cakes, 2 boxes of cookies, and one bushel of apples for school lunches.

We are truly thankful to all who helped us to make so good a report this week.

Envelopes and Coin Cards for Thanksgiving

Our letters for Thanksgiving will go out this week to all pastors and Sunday school superintendents in the conference whose addresses we have. Will also send the envelopes and some leaflets. We had hoped to send the coin cards at the same time. But a letter from the printer says, "Our man who runs these for us has been quite ill, and is now trying his best to get them out. We guarantee to ship your cards not later than October 25." We will get them into your hands at the very earliest possible date.

A Meeting in Enfield

Sunday, October 23, at 2:30 p.m., we plan to meet with the pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and Children's Home secretaries and other workers of the First District in our church in Enfield, to talk over plans for Thanksgiving. We hope to meet as many of these as possible, as nearly as you can make it by 2:30. It will be a long drive for me, so please be as prompt as you can. Thank you.

We Are Anxious

Our hearts are exceedingly anxious about Thanksgiving and the outcome of its offering for the Children's Home. We must have a good offering or suffer. So we are asking all our faithful supporters to make their usual offering, and then get busy and get all the members of your church and friends in your community to make an offering. If anything like all of our 30,000 people, with a number of their friends, make a real Thanksgiving offering, our hearts will be made glad and our burdens lightened.

We thank you for your hearty cooperation.

Yours in His service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

FINDING HELP IN PUBLIC WORSHIP

C. E. Topic for October 30, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Monday, October 24—Worship and Inner Vision, Isa. 6:1-8.

Tuesday, October 24—The Uplift of Worship, Ps. 84:1-12.

Wednesday, October 26—The Uplift of Music, Ps. 150:1-6.

Thursday, October 27—Help in the Synagogue, Luke 4:16-21.

Friday, October 28—Worship in Church, Rom. 12:1-9.

Saturday, October 29—Courage in Worship, Ps. 27:1-14.

> "As one, in days of old, would fly—
> To some protecting shine,
> From dread pursues threat'ning nigh
> And parting, there recline—
> Lord, to Thy dwelling I repair,
> And cling around Thy altar there!"

There are very few people in the world who would even try to lead you to think that they do not believe in worship, or do not worship a being who is greater than they themselves. Those who direct their worship toward God and who use the Bible for the guide to this worship realize more and more as their experience grows, the value of this worship.

Worship draws one closer to the object of his devotion. It enables man to come in contact with his guide. Through worship, man is given inspiration and education — mostly inspiration. But, admitting that we all believe in worship and even go so far as to perform the act—the question comes: Where shall we worship? And how shall we worship?

Every man has the opportunity of worshipping directly his God — thus anywhere that man feels the desire to worship—there is a place where he can worship. Man can worship God when he is alone and in private place and many people do. We find that our model Jesus Christ often went to a lonely place, into the wilderness or up on a mountain; at all times both day and night to worship or commune with the Father. But as much as He put into this and as much as it meant to Him He didn't let His worship stop with this. We find that it was His custom on the Sabbath day to go into the synagogue where he read the Scriptures and worshipped.

Thus, even though we can worship in private, public worship is still necessary. The same amount of time spent in public worship will mean so much more to us. We get a chance to commune with other Christians—others who are interested in the same thing that we are. "For when two or three are gathered in my name there will I be also."

Then, too, in public worship our thinking is led, or should be led, in certain channels. There is no doubt about public worship being the most helpful type of worship and there is no limit to the possibilities the leader has in leading the worshipper in his approach to God.

> "Farewell, thou dark and stormy world;
> Farewell, thy grief and fear;
> The port is wan, the sails are furled,
> Ye cannot touch me here!
> But welcome, peace and rapture now,
> And, I my Savior, welcome Thou!"
> —*Townsend.*

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BEAUTY AID

When the same kind of work is done every day people are not quite satisfied week in, week out. It is better to do some different little thing sometimes—something that is a pleasure. How nice the long winter evenings are at home with the family! Reading and music can be enjoyed. Fancy sewing is fun—not too much mending though. Why not play a game with the children—something they like keeps parents closer somehow.

It is fun to grow bulb flowers in pretty crockery or anything to grow them in. Any odd little dish can hold a bulb or two and a few pebbles. Kept filled with water, set in a closet till rooted, then place in a sunny window makes a bloom, a cheerful room and brighter eyes. Narcissus blooms in about two months. Fix one for the Sunday school room. They are nice for Christmas presents, too.

MRS. E. D. MILLAWAY.

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It was the day before a big baseball game, and the coach and the pitcher were watching the rain come down.

Pitcher: "I wish this rain would keep up."

Coach: "What! Why?"

Pitcher: "Because if it keeps up it won't come down."—Ex.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Flat Rock Charge.—Fourth quarterly conference at Flat Rcok church, Saturday, October 22, at 2:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

J. A. BURGESS.

Corinth Church, Littleton Charge, Rev. J. H. Trolinger, Pastor.—Our pastor has filled all appointments and he has brought to us some fine messages. For the past two weeks he has given Bible lectures at this church on Thursday nights.

The Sunday school is being held at Bobbitt's Chapel this quarter.

The fourth quarterly conference will be held at Littleon M. P. church, Saturday, October 22, at 2 p.m. All official members are requested to be present. We have much to do before conference but we are hoping all will work together so we can send our pastor to conference with a splendid report.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Inscoe and family, attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, Mr. Jack Riggan, at Norlina on October 5.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. M. J. Mormis in the loss of her sister, Mrs. N. B. Dickens, who was killed in an automobile wreck on September 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Trolinger were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Morris Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morris spent the week-end in Baltimore, Md., with their sister, Mrs. C. T. Hardy.

MRS. B. F. MORRIS, Reporter.

First M. P. Church, Danville, Va., Rev. R. L. Vickery, Pastor.—It certainly did make us feel good to see 61 faces at Sunday school last Sunday, an increase of about 15 over the previous Sunday. If every person would come out, he would make us feel better, he would feel better, and the Sunday school would be so much better. Let's all try to come every Sunday and see how much better everything will be.

We were very happily surprised to have several Lynchburg visitors worship with us last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. William Green, Mr. Pat Saunders, and Mr. Alvin Spain. Mrs. Green, formerly Miss Ethel Spain, was a splendid worker in our church before moving to Lynchburg, and we have been missing her badly. We just hope they will all come back and visit us as often as possible.

,Our fourth quarterly conference will be held Wednesday night, October 26. Our pastor tells us that Dr. Pritchard will be with us at that time. We are looking forward very much to his visit. Let's all be present that possibly can, give him a real welcome, and bring good reports for the last conference of the church year.

Attendance at Christian Endeavor increased also last Sunday. We're making plans for sending two or more representatives to the convention of Central District at Lynchburg, Va., on October 22 and 23. Since they have so kindly invited members of the Southern District to be their guests, we're taking advantage of their hospitality for those two days, in the hope that our delegates may bring back new iedas and helpful suggestions from our Lynchburg neighbors. The Endeavorers are also planning ghostly times for Hallowe'en. We'll be looking for all you young people at Christian Endeavor next Sunday night to tell you more about it.

We are happy to see Mrs. Doris Burrell back at church again. We are indeed thankful that she has recuperated from her illness of several months and is feeling good once more.

And now—congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lamb on the birth of a daughter, Gay Frances! Mr. and Mrs. Lamb are former members of this church, and we are proud of their new daughter also.

We each desire a part in your prayers as we go on striving to do the Master's will, as you shall always have a part in ours.

ELEANOR TANNER, Reporter.

Bethel, Alamance.—Our pastor, Rev. H. L. Isley, filled his regular appointment last Sunday and brought a very inspiring message. We were glad to receive a new member, Mrs. Elzieree Foust, into the church.

We are having a fine Sunday school now. We have recently purchased new hymn books and the young people have bought new chairs for their classroom.

We held our Children's Day service the second Sunday with a very good program.

Our Woman's Auxiliary met the second Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Claud Thompson. Our next meeting will be with Miss Daisy Winningham on Wednesday afternoon, November 9. Our ladies have filled 10 dozen cans for the Children's Home. Our thank-offering meeting will be held soon.

On September 20 Mrs. Lillian McPherson was called to her heavenly home. She was one of our faithful members at Bethel and will be greatly missed in our church and community. We extend to her loved ones our deepest sympathy.

On the fifth Sunday afternoon the district rally will be held at Bethel, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, with Rev. E. A. Bingham as chairman. Our president, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, will be the speaker. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this service.

MARCIA FOUST, Reporter.

Flat Rock Church, Flat Rock Charge, Rev. J. A. Burgess, Pastor.—This church continues to enjoy the interesting and inspiring sermons brought to us regularly by our pastor, Rev. J. A. Burgess.

We were pleased to have with us Rev. J. Elwood Carroll during the week of September 11 in our protracted meeting. While there were only two additions to the church, we feel that seed was sown that may count in years to come. The sermons Brother Carroll preached dealt with religion in the home and in every day affairs in such a way as to be very practical. We enjoyed the fellowshsip and association with this minister and our own, and it was a pleasure to entertain them in our homes.

Brother Hutton ,who served this charge a few years ago for the second time, was a guest during part of the week and favored us with one sermon.

Our people are very proud of the special attention given this church and the dedicatory sermon by Dr. Kennett in the September 8th issue of the Herald, and are justly proud of the history of this old church, and we hope that our members, and especially the younger ones, with most of life ahead of them, may catch the inspiration that will enable them to carry on in His name as loyally and as well as did those who have gone before us.

It gives us great satisfaction to know that the debt on this new and enlarged building has been lifted, and that dedication is now a reality.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess were among the guests at a Brunswick stew given by the Ladies' Aid society for the benefit of the church, last Saturday p.m. Something in excess of $40 was realized.

Quarterly conference convenes at Flat Rock next Saturday, October 22.

MRS. IRA N. JOHNSON, Reporter.

North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, October 17.—On Wednesday, September 5, at 1:30 p.m., the Canaan Ladies' Aid society met in the home of Mrs. G. A. Berrier. There were 18 members and three visitors present. The program was in charge of Mrs. Holland Craver and was as follows:

Song, followed by prayer by Mrs. John Robbins.

Call to worship by Mrs. Paul Hines.

Quartet by Mesdames Paul Hines, Clarence Hines, A. L. Berrier, and Robah Smith.

Scripture by Mesdames J. D. Smith, C. W. Clodfelter, Leroy Miller, Robah Mendenhall.

Meditation, Mrs. A. F. Berrier.

Poem, Mrs. Era Zimmerman.

Reading, "Things to Pray For," Mrs. W. H. Neese.

Closing prayer, Mrs. Robah Smith.

During the business session it was learned that $26.80 had been cleared at a lawn supper at the church September 3. It was reported that 83 sick visits had been made and flowers had been sent to 18 sick ones. At this time a thank-offering service was planned, to be given October 2. The ladies decided to buy paint to repaint porch furniture at the parsonage. An interesting social hour was enjoyed in which the hostess served delicious refreshments.

On Wednesday, October 12, at 1:30 p.m., the Canaan Ladies' Aid met in the home of Mrs. Holland Craver, with 14 members and two children present. Mrs. G. A. Berrier was in charge of the program, and the meeting opened with singing a song, followed by call to worship by Mrs. Robah Smith, scripture by Mrs. J. D. Smith, prayer by Mrs. Emma Clodfelter, duet by Mesdames Paul and Clarence Hines, meditation by Mrs. Clarence Hines, reading, "Things That Count," by Mrs. J. D. Smith, reading, "Why I Believe in Missions," by Mrs. W. H. Neese, song, and closing prayer in unison. Sick calls for month, 76; flowers sent to nine. The treasurer reported $98.60 in treasury. The ladies decided to collect Octagon Granulated Coupons for the Home. They also voted to send cakes and cookies to the Home.

During the social hour interesting contests were held, after which all present enjoyed an old-time outdoor weiner roast. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Paul Hines, November 2.

On Sunday night, October 2, a song service and thank-offering program was held at Canaan church; offering, $5.00.

On Sunday, October 9, at 1:30 p.m., a song service and thank-offering program was held at Spring Hill church; offering, $10.60. A thank-offering service will be held at Bethesda the fifth Sunday in October at 11 o'clock, and a like service will be held at Mt. Pleasant church on the fifth Sunday night.

The ladies on this work sure believe in doing things, and in keeping the pastor and his wife busy. This past week this writer attended Canaan Ladies' Aid meeting, Bethesda Auxiliary, one musical program sponsored by the Spring Hill Ladies' Aid, and a supper sponsored by Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary, so you see we have plenty of work to do.

They also believe in helping cut the pastor's grocery bill. The latest donors are Miss Annie Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Robah Mendenhall, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Everhart, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Sink, Mrs. Will Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Swaim, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Reid, Mr. R. E. Bailey, Mrs. Sam Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Tise, Mr. James Berrier, Mrs. Alfred Craven, Mrs. Van Mabe, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Craver, Mr. A. L. Berrier, Mr. John Spoolman, and Mrs. Holland Craver. All of these people have our sincere thanks. Also Mr. and Mrs. George Craven, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Swaim, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Reece, and Mrs. C. M. Yokely.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

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Flag Spring Church, Why Not Charge, C. H. Hill, Pastor, Oct. 11.—There has not been a report from our church in some time, but our work is going on smoothly. We have paid all the conference claims in full, are behind some on our pastor's salary, but hope to get it paid by conference.

The fourth quarterly conference of this charge will be held at our church on Saturday, October 15, at 2:30 p.m., and preaching on Sunday, October 16, at 11:30 a.m.

The Ladies' Aid society met on October 7 at 7:30 p.m., with Mrs. Paul Cox. Mrs. C. T. Luck had charge of the devotions, Mrs. E. C. Cox had charge of the business meeting. The society decided at this meeting to purchase a Bible for the church. There were eight members and one visitor present. The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. C. Cox on November 4 at 7:30 p.m.

MRS. C. D. COX.

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West End M. P. Church, State Street Charge, Rev. O. C. Loy, Pastor.—The Woman's Auxiliary had a plate supper in the basement of the church Saturday night, October 15, serving baked chicken and dressing. The Auxiliary received very fine cooperation from everyone, all the food was donated, and every plate was sold. We made $47.40.

The next monthly meeting of the Auxiliary will be at the home of Mrs. L. C. Godbey, October 28, with a Hallowe'en program and hat sale.

Our revival meeting began on Sunday, September 11, with Rev. L. E. Mabry, of First church, Lexington, doing the preaching. Rev. Mr. Mabry did some very fine preaching and there were 30 conversions, and 12 new members were received into the church.

Our delegate to conference will be D. L. Dicker. We are wishing for him success in bringing back our pastor for the next year. This year that Mr. Loy has been with us, the church has done the best work that has been done in many years. With only about $17 to raise, we have hopes of paying the pastor's salary in full.

The Senior Christian Endeavor society, Lillian Binkley, president, seems to be getting along just fine. We are having a contest during the month of October, with Notre Mae Brinkley and Don Wolfe as the two captains. The attendance has already increased to about 40 or more each Sunday night. The State Street Christian Endeavor society has been invited to come over and put on a program one night this month.

We are very pleased to add to this report the announcement of the birth of a son to Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Loy, October 15.

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Pleasant Grove, Rev. Fred R. Love, Pastor, Oct. 10.—Sunday was a good day for us, as we observed rally day The attendance, however, was not 100%, but there were 105 present, and the offering was $111.65. The program was in charge of Mrs. Fred Kennedy, Mrs. Fred R. Love, Miss YeSable Hedrick, Mrs. Ralph Kennedy, and Mrs. Rob Kennedy. The young people's choir rendered special selections, including a quartet under the direction of Mrs. Quentin Veach.

The Sunshine Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Willie Sink, Monday evening. Mrs. Joe Murphy was in charge of the program, and the president, Mrs. Rob Kennedy, presided over the business session.

The Ladies' Aid society met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. E. Cecil. Mrs. Fred Love conducted the devotional. The president urged all members to be present at the next meeting, as officers will be electetd for the coming year.

As the conference year is nearing a close, we are striving to meet all our financial obligations and send our delegate to conference with all claims paid.

ALICE KENNEDY, Reporter.

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Randleman Charge.—It has been some time since we have reported to the Herald. Not that we haven't had anything to report, but we have been so busy in revivals that we haven't had time to write. We have been busy in revivals for the past three months.

We have closed all of our revivals on this work. We have had very good revivals at all of the churches on the work. We held our revival at Worthville in the spring, with splendid results and the church revived. We held our revival at Mt. Lebanon church in June. Rev. C. G. Isley assisted us there. We had several conversions and reclamations, and 15 accessions to the church.

We have held two revivals at Level Cross this year, with a few conversions and several reclamations, and four accessions to the church.

We began our revival at New Salem on the third Sunday in September. We had a good revival here, with about 37 conversions and reclamations, and 18 accessions to the church.

We have had in all 48 accessions to the church, and others to join before conference.

The finances seem to be coming up all right and we expect to make a good report to the conference.

By the way, I know of one preacher that expects to be dressed up at the conference. It is the pastor of the Randleman charge. The people here, especially at Mt. Lebanon church, have some pride, but after a Godly manner they have dressed up their pastor in a fine suit of clothes for conference. They may want to trade him off, or they probably want him to look as well or a little better than any other preacher at conference. Anyway, we will do our best to look it. We want to express our sincere thanks to everyone that has helped to make this possible; and may God richly reward you for the same.

C. L. SPENCER, Pastor.

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Fairfield, Guilford Charge, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor.—Had I not planned to send a report at this time, I would not be doing so, for I have been openly accused of not doing my duty, and by one to whom I had previously gone to for help in sending reports. It is most discouraging not to receive instructions from those who are supposed to give it.

I just want the people to know that we have a newly organized Senior Christian Endeavor and prayer meeting. There are 19 members in the C. E. society, all active. We have a well attended Junior society, too. Both were represented at the Central district meeting yesterday at Cane's Creek. We expect to grow both in number and in knowledge of our Savior.

Eight members have recently been received into our church. We are thankful for and glad to have them. Though it was with sorrow that we learned of Miss Ida David withdrawing her membership to join elsewhere.

We expect to have pastor's salary paid, as well as all other claims, by conference.

The young women's class, which is dressing Norman Hayworth of the Children's Home, have prepared him for winter except for shoes. This will be done soon. The women have filled 40 or more cans for the Home. Mrs. Dixon was at our church yesterday in behalf of the thank-offering and Octagon as well as other coupons.

Best wishes to all.

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New Salem, Randleman Charge, Rev. C. L. Spencer, Pastor, Oct. 11.—Work is moving along very nicely, but as conference is almost here there is much work for us to do.

Our Sunday school is more largely attended this summer and fall than usual.

Our revival meeting began Sunday, September 18, and came to a close Sunday night, September 25. Our pastor did the preaching, and brought us some great messages.

We are very proud of our pastor, and feel that he has been a great influence on the progress which we have made. There were about 25 conversions and reconsecrations. Saturday night, September 24, 12 were united with the church, three by transfer from other churches, this making a total of about 15 additions to our church. I hope that each one of us has pledged himself to stand by these new converts and keep them on the right side, and also be a great service ourselves.

We are very proud of our C. E. society and the good work they have done. They have purchased some new collection plates and scarfs for the stand and table, also paid $15 on our entrance to the church which has just recently been completed. We are all very thankful for these services.

The new officers for the church will be installed next Sunday morning.

Mrs. James Wright, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is improving, we are glad to report. Sorry to say that Mrs. M. C. Henley, who has been confined to her home for some time, is not so well.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ward moved to their new home near Asheboro last week. They will be greatly missed in our church and community.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hayes and children, of Richmond, Va., worship with us Sunday morning; also Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper, of Asheboro. We welcome them at all times.

MRS. R. F. WARD, Reporter.

Moriah Church, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor.—Our church work has been going on very nicely since our last report. Our pastor has filled his regular appointments, bringing us helpful and inspiring messages each time.

On the second Sunday night in October our thank-offering service was held. May God bless every person that took part in this offering. The work of the Auxiliary has progressed nicely during the summer months.

Our Sunday school has been very well attended this summer. We trust it will grow throughout the winter months.

A quarterly meeting will be held at Moriah church on October 22. We are expecting a large crowd from other churches, and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

DESSIE WATERS, Reporter.

Haw River Circuit.—Did you ever see a lot of church folks with a satisfied "I-told-you-we'd-do-it" grin on their faces? Well, if you had been at Friendship last Sunday morning you would have seen it. Two weeks ahead of conference they have met all claims in full, even to the odd cents on the pastor's salary. And, in addition, in something less than five minutes, subscribed for 52 copies of a song book I asked them to get.

The other churches are making good progress on raising their claims, and will, I feel sure, repeat the fine record they made last year—"Every cent of every claim from each church on the charge." One of the brethren at Fair Grove told me he would finish out the remainder of the conference claims. Haven't had anyone at the other two churches to offer to do the same; but it will come.

One more installation service, that at Friendship, will complete this item of our program. This will be held next first Sunday, the last appointment for the year.

Five copies of "The Church Takes Root in India" have been ordered, to be passed around in the circles. We hope to have a review of the book in an auxiliary meeting later. I want to commend this book to those of you who are especially interested in the work Brother Minnis is doing. That's what the book is about, although his name isn't mentioned.

The fourth quarterly conference will be held at Midway church on Thursday, October 27, at 2 p.m. We are expecting to have the conference president with us. And we think we are going to have about the best reports from the various departments of the churches that this charge has had in a long time, if ever. Thanks to the hearty cooperation of the members, with a little help from the parsonage folks.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

Siler City Church, A. M. Smith, Pastor, Oct. 18.—The fourth quarterly conference met in the Siler City church Monday night, October 17. Each church was well represented, all reports were good, and everything will be paid in full by the time our annual conference meets. The conference voted unanimously for the return of our pastor for another year. Mr. C. C. Routh, of Bonlee, was elected alternate delegate to conference. We missed Mr. L. L. Wrenn so much at the conference and Sunday worship. He is convalescing nicely at the home of his sister, Mrs. Griffin, in Pittsboro.

We are looking forward to the fifth Sunday night, when Dr. J. E. Pritchard will visit our church.

The third Sunday was Promotion Day in our Sunday school. The devotionals were under the direction of Miss Sallie Smith, and were very appropriate for the occasion. Fifteen certificates were presented to children by our pastor.

At the 11 o'clock hour a splendid Rally Day service was carried out, with Mr. Smith preaching an appropriate sermon. Our congregation was the largest in many Sundays. We always welcome any visitors who may come and are glad to have them. We feel safe in saying our pastor will do his part in giving one a fine message.

We were glad to have Mr. H. H. Wood, a student of the school of religion at Duke university, worship with us Sunday. He filled the pulpit for our pastor at the evening hour, and used for his text, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword." (Matt. 10:34). Subject, "Christ Came to Get Us Into Trouble." This was an inspiring message. Mr. Wood is an M. E. but told us that he always felt at home in an M. P. pulpit. We hope he can come again.

The women's work is moving along nicely, with increasing interest. Circle No. 1 met with Mrs. B. E. Fox and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, for the October meeting. Twelve members answered roll call. One new member joined, and also one visitor present. The usual routine business was transacted, after which the Question Box was discussed. Mrs. Fox and daughter served refreshments and fruit. Circle No. 2 met with Mrs. E. D. Woody on Tuesday night, October 11, with nine members present. In the business meeting it was decided to feed Rotarians the first Monday in November. After the Question Box was enthusiastically discussed, the hostess served refreshments.

On October 2 Founders' and Members' Day was observed by the C. E. society. Mr. Irvin Ellington, president of the society, had charge of the evening service. A brief statement on "What is Founders' and Members' Day" was given by Mr. Smith. A story of Francis E. Clark was told by Miss Joy Holt. "Some Pictures of C. E.'s Present Ministry" was read by Billy Brady, and a talk, "On Into the Future," was given by Miss Mildred Headen. Mr. Evans Stone sang a beautiful solo, "Serve the Lord in Youth,' and a quartet composed of Mrs. V. M. Duncan, Miss Joy Holt, Laban Hough, and Irvin Ellington sang a special number. The congregation was then invited into the C. E. room to see a picture of Dr. Clark and view the work of the Endeavorers.

A called meeting of the members of the church was held Sunday to hear the report of the nominating committee, which was submitted and accepted by the church.

MRS. J. A. COOPER, Reporter.

Mt. Hermon, Mt. Hermon Charge, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor, Oct. 17.—Beginning the first Sunday evening, the pastor held the second week of the revival. The visible results were not all that we desired, but we trust much good was done.

Clyde Allen, who has faithfully served as superintendent of the Sunday school, has been elected to serve the third year, with Ernest Crabtree, assistant, and Joy Thompson, secretary and treasurer.

Several subscriptions to the M. P. Herald were taken. We have so many children on the church roll that it will be impossible to raise the quota unless more than one subscription is raised from some families.

The vote for change or no change of pastor said no change.

Circle No. 1 will give an oyster stew and chicken pie supper at the home of Mrs. Charlie Roberson, Saturday evening, October 22.

The pastor preached an excellent sermon on the two-type Christian, using Abraham and Lot as examples. Abraham had a magnanimous spirit, but Lot was selfish. There must be a separation between the spiritual and the worldly minded.

Three promising young married men were received into the church, Elmo Curtis, Page Justice, and Alton Kimball.

Remember, the president of the conference will preach the first Sunday at 11 a.m.

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Liberty, Rev. A. M. Smith, Pastor, Oct. 18.—Our work here is moving along fine. Our pastor filled his appointment Sunday morning. His sermons are always filled with so much reverence and inspiration that they are very beneficial.

Our delegate to conference is Miss Marie Ward and we want our present pastor to return to us.

Dr. J. F. Amick, of Columbia, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Slocum, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, were guests recently of Mrs. F. A. Shepard.

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary met in the church parlor Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. C. L. Highfill as hostess. Mrs. J. A. Lyles had charge of the program, using as her subject "International Relationship—China."

Those taking part on the program were Mrs. C. L. Brown, Mrs. C. L. Highfill, Mrs.

W. C. Jones, and Miss Bertine Shepard. After the business session, the meeting adjourned to the Soda-Sandwich Shop, where the hostess served an ice course.

Circle No. 2 met with Mrs. R. L. Elkins Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. C. E. Brady, circle leader, in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Wade Hardin had charge of the program, using as her subject "Christian Unity in China." Mrs. R. L. Elkins conducted the devotionals. Mrs. C. E. Brady read "Meditation." "In Christ There Is No East and West" was read by Mrs. B. J. Gregson. Mrs. A. J. Brower read a paper entitled "Christian Churches." "Protestant Forces" was discussed by Mrs. J. E. Cox. Mrs. John Thompson read "Human Fellowship."

The hostess, assisted by her daughter, served a delicious salad course.

We are hoping to go to conference with claims all paid.

BERTINE SHEPARD, Reporter.

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Hawkins Chapel Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trolinger, Pastor, Oct. 18.—There is a mistake in the church report for last week. Brother Trolinger will preach the fifth Sunday morning, not the first. Come and worship with us. You are always welcome.

MRS. CLAUDE HAWKINS, Reporter.

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Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor, Oct. 17.—On Friday, October 7, we were very happy to have in our church a meeting of the Women's Work. A large number were present and all seemed to enjoy the meeting; and especialy glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Warner in the meeting. We were glad to have some of the women from Enfield church in the meeting, and glad to have them stay over for our membership meeting on Friday night, also for Sunday morning service. They are real friends of Mr. and Mrs. Peeler and Mrs. Whitnant, so they are our friends too.

We all had a real good time at our membership fellowship meeting; each Sunday school class put on some stunt, and then we enjoyed a nice super together. We were so glad to have Grandma Sides in the meeting, and to have her visit in some of our homes last week. Grandma's beautiful life has meant so much to us folks here.

On Sunday we had the district meeting in our church. I think most every church was represented. In the afternoon Mrs. Peeler acted as chairman and Miss Doris Little as secreary. We enjoyed some real good, helpful talks from members of the different churches. We also enjoyed a beautiful solo by Miss Laura Braswell, from our church at Kannapolis. Sunday night Rev. C. G. Isley, from Albemarle, had charge of the program. We learned many things about the work of the church, the Fellowship Crusade, the church paper, and the Children's Home.

Our stewards have been visiting some last week and they report good cooperation, and we just hope that Mr. Peeler can go to conference with a good report on everything.

Last Sunday was a big day in the Baraca class. I think the men were to invite their wives, and most of the classes met with them. They had special music and just had a real good fellowship meeting. At the preaching service we were so happy to welcome into our church family Mrs. Meredith Cline and Mrs. Derwood Cline, Mr. Alvin Misenheimer, Eugene and Bobby Widenhouse; and little Giles Aubrey Misenheimer was baptized.

We will hold our fourth quarterly conference on the fourth Sunday afternoon.

Last Friday night our Ladies' Aid sponsored a supper and flower show. The flowers were very beautiful that were in the church Sunday morning. They were placed there by Mrs. Fred Sides and Miss Grace Mann in memory of their mother, Mrs. Lottie Mann.

We were glad to see Mr. and Mrs. William Newton back at church, also Mr. and Mrs. Burgen Newton. We are so glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knight back with us.

Last Friday night Miss Helen Lowder and Mr. Lane Harrington were married at the parsonage. We are so happy that Mrs. Whisnant is able to be back with us at church. Glad to know that Mrs. Marvin Blackwelder is improving nicely; also that Miss Lorethea Lowder was able to be back at church Sunday.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, Oct. 18.—Our work here seems very favorable for a successful ending of the conference year. We are hoping and believing that the charge will be on the honor roll. However, a later report will give more details, so watch your paper.

The church book will be revised this week and the first Sunday in November the treasurer will give the report of each contribution by members. Our reports will almost be complete by next Saturday, when the last quarterly conference will be held at Shiloh.

Next Sunday night at 7 o'clock the Woman's Auxiliary will give their thank-offering, entitled "The Lighted Highway," which promises to be good. Along with this, a brief synopsis of our home and foreign work will be given. Plan to attend this service and help us make a good thank-offering.

The church officers for next year were elected and installed last Sunday; a list of them will be given next week.

The primary department occupied the church choir Sunday and furnished music for the worship service. The pastor preached a very appropriate sermon on "Obedience," using the life of Samuel. This is a vital necessity to a successful Christian.

Pray for us.

MABEL BERRIER.

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Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—On Sunday morning, October 16, Rev. Mr. Braxton gave us a splendid sermon on the subject, "Making Faith Strong Through Experience." The new church officers for the year were instaled at this service, pledging their services to the church for the following year. Rev. Mr. Braxton then asked each member of the church to stand and pledge their support to the officers and church. May we remember now when we are asked to do some service for the church, that we pledged our support and will live up to our promise.

The fourth quarterly conference will be held at Mt. Pleasant church at 2:30 o'clock on the first Sunday morning in November. Mr. T. Grady Bowman, of Pleasant Union church, is our delegate to the annual conference this year.

Among our visitors at the morning service on October 9 were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Slocum of Milwaukee, Wis. Mrs. Slocum was formerly Miss Joy Amick. Dr. James Amick, of Columbia, S. C., and Frank Sheppard, Jr., of Liberty and Greensboro, was also a visitor. We always extend a friendly welcome to those who visit with us.

A meeting of the auxiliaries in district No. 7 will be held at Mt. Pleasant church on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 30, at 2 o'clock.

MRS. CARL CURTIS, Reporter.

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Midway, Greensboro, J. R. Hutton, Pastor.—We have not reported lately, but we are still working. There have been several improvements made on the church. We are hoping, as the conference year draws to a close, that we can pay our church expenses in full.

We were very glad to have our president, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, with us recently. He brought us a very inspiring sermon on "Pray for One Another."

Our Christian Endeavor attendance is better and we are expecing it to go forward as summer vacations are over.

The church extends its sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rickman, who recently lost their infant son.

We are sorry to report that Miss Cleo Pinnix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pinnix, has recently undergone an operation at Wesley Long hospital. She is a student at High Point College.

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Bethany Church, Randolph Charge, G. L. Reynolds, Pastor.—Our pastor filled his appointment Sunday morning. A good crowd was present for Sunday school and preaching.

The last quarterly conference of Randolph charge will be held at Bethany on Saturday afternoon. Bethany church will have all claims paid in full.

Members of the Ladies' Aid went to the High Point Children's Home recently. They carried about 8 dozen cans of fruit. All reported a good trip. They enjoyed going through the buildings.

The members of the Ladies' Aid will meet on Saturday with Mrs. J. A. Redding, when they will make a quilt.

The Helpers' class met on Saturday afternoon with Miss Frances Ellis. New officers were elected for the next year. Also the Faith, Hope, and Charity class met with their teacher, Miss Gracie Baldwin.

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First Church, High Point.—Last Sunday a large congregation heard Mr. Madison deliver another good sermon. His subject was, "The Power of the Spirit." Both senior and junior officers of the church were installed and occupied seats in the middle pews.

Sunday afternoon our church was well represented at the Central District Christian Endeavor rally at Cane Creek church. Representatives from the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior societies attended.

This week has been full of meetings. On Monday afternoon the Woman's Auxiliary met at the church. The program was in the form of a memorial service and was conducted by Mrs. M. P. Harrell and Mrs. J. H. Allred. On Monday night there was a called meeting of the board of stewards. The purpose of the meeting was to lay plans for the collection of this year's pledges and for the every-member canvass to be held on October 30. Thursday evening at 6:30 a regular meeting of the Workers' council was held at the church.

Several of our members have been sick, but we are glad to know most of them have improved and are able to be out aagin. Our sympathy is extended to Mr. J. R. Meredith, who recently lost his father. We were glad to welcome into our church fellowship Mr. Howard Sink, the son of Dr. J. N. Link, of Newark, N. J. Dr. Link will be remembered as the minister who conducted our revival meeting some time ago.

The membership is hoping to end the conference year with all claims paid in full. We feel this has been one of our most successful years.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIS, Reporter.

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First M. P. Church, Lexington, L. E. Mabry, Pastor.—Our fall revival services came to a close Sunday night, October 9, with Rev. L. E. Mabry as the preacher, and Rev. Wayne Curtis of Burlington as singer and choir director. This revival proved to be an uplifting meeting; there were 15 converts and 11 of these joined the church. There were a good many visitors at these services, and Mr. Curtis did a splendid job of leading the singing and also sang some soul-stirring solos. We hope to have him back with us in the near future. Mr. Mabry also preached some very forceful sermons during the meeting. We feel sure that all of us have been benefited as the result of the revival.

At the Sunday morning service the officers of the church were elected.

The fourth quarterly conference is being held Friday night, October 21, at Mt. Carmel. We hope to give a good report at this meeting.

A number of our members are on the sick list at this time. Mr. A. E. Cutting underwent an operation at the Davidson hospital last week, and also Mrs. Mary West is quite ill. She was sent to the hospital last Monday. Our prayers go out for these people in the time of distress. We wish them a speedy recovery.

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The youngster approached one of her mother's guests and asked, "How old are you?" The lady replied that she was 95.

The child put the question to the buxom lady next to her, who responded with a chuckle, "I'm 205."

Said the little girl, coldly: "I didn't mean how much do you weigh!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Recruit Instructor (to a squad of new boots at the Naval Training Station): "Halt!"

But one of them marched on.

Recruit Instructor "See here, Jones, what did you do before joining the Navy?"

Jones: "I was a teamster, sir."

Recruit Instructor (next time he gave the command): "Squad halt, Jones whoa!"—Ex.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Shatterly

Mrs. Annie Shoffner Shatterly passed to her eternal reward on the October 11, 1938. She was a bit more than 73 years of age and most of her life had lived a Christian life. Her passing was quiet and beautiful, which was only symbolic of the life she had lived.

Mrs. Shatterly was often puzzled and mystified at some of her experiences, yet she ever kept her faith in God, and possessed a sweet spirit. She seemed to live in the belief that all things do work together for good to them who love God.

She found great comfort in prayer. It was a haven for her weary body; a solace for her puzzled mind; and a refuge for her troubled heart. Prayer was a lifting power in her life. Prayer lifted her from the things that troubled and burdened her life into God's presence, there she found peace and power.

Hers was a beautiful, Christian motherhood. The supreme motive in her life was to train and rear her children that they might love God and serve Him all their days. This sort of motherhood is a great safeguard for our homes, churches, institutions, government and for civilization itself. One of the gravest tragedies which could happen to us would be for this type of motherhood to pass from American life.

May God comfort the bereaved and bring into their hearts in abundant measure His peace and love.

FRED W. PASCHALL, Pastor.

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John M. Davis

On September 23 Mr. John M. Davis passed away at his home in High Point. He had lived to the ripe old age of 87 and for several years his body had been showing signs of that weariness that comes at the close of day. However, he was seriously sick for only a brief time before death.

Mr. Davis was born near High Point and spent his life in this section. Forty years of this time he served as justice of the peace. In 1874 he was married to Jane Davis who preceded him in death many years ago. He is survived by two daughters, Misses Ida and Myrtle Davis, and one son, Ross, all of High Point.

As we seek to evaluate this life which was blessed with many years we realize that there are many things which might be said. One thing that we would mention especially is that he seemed to take church and religion seriously. Fairfield M. P. church of which he was a member for over 50 years gave to him most every possible honor. Though we may sometimes take it lightly, it is no small thing to be respected and honored with office by friends in the church. For several years he has been unable to get back to his old home church but during that time he has been very faithful in his attendance upon church and Sunday school services at the First M. P. church of High Point. To give 40 to 50 years in upholding the law and the church is a service of which no one need be ashamed.

Funeral services were conducted from Fairfield M. P. church by Dr. P. E. Lindley and the writer.

J. C. MADISON.

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J. A. Jarrell

In sad but loving remembrance of our dear father and husband, Mr. J. A. Jarrell, who departed this life three months ago.

You shall never be forgotten;
Never shall your memory fade.
Sweetest thoughts forever linger
'Round the grave where you are laid.

His weary hours, his days of pain,
His weary nights have passed;
His ever patient, worn-out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never shall be filled.

Three months of silent sorrow,
Three months of grief and pain,
A wound that never can be healed
Till we see your face again.

MOTHER and CHILDREN.

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"My, ain't them mountains high!" exclaimed a woman who was traveling through north Wales.

Her friend stooped low at the carriage window to see the summits of the lofty hills. "Huh!" she sniffed, "only th' tops of 'em is."—Ex.

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THE FIRST AND THE LAST

In November, 1914, our Conference met in Asheville, N. C., at the same time the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was meeting in the same city. Some one made a motion that fraternal messengers be sent to this conference from our conference. Revs. Geo. W. Holmes, T. M. Johnson and Geo. L. Curry were designated as these fraternal messengers. For some reason Dr. Johnson did not go as a messenger and Rev. A. O. Lindley was selected to take his place. On one day of the conference (I think it was Friday), the three of us went to the church of our brethren. We found Bishop Henderson presiding. We were treated very cordially. All three of us made short talks, more or less impromptu. I remember that I made mention of the fact that my early training had been such that I had been given the idea that a bishop was somethink awful and not to be desired. But, this, my first sight of a bishop, was not so bad after all. I further told them that I felt that we were visiting the mother church which was a church that had no east, no west, no north, no south. These expressions seemed to please our audience and they gave me quite an applause. We found Bishop Henderson a great man and he treated us with every courtesy. Little did I then think that I would live to see the day when our own church would be preparing to elect bishops and that some of our most ardent opposers of bishops would be anxious candidates for that office. At the close of the short talks of our delegation, Bishop Henderson replied in a most gracious manner and in his reply he suggested that the two conferences get together for an hour at some time during our stay in Asheville. And said he, "If the child does not see fit to visit the mother, the mother will gladly visit the child." This invitation was carried to our conference and after some little discussion in which the conference was referred to by somebody in our conference as "The Northern Methodist" the invitation was extended to the conference of "Our mother church." Our visitors came to our church on Saturday afternoon and we had a fine meeting. Bishop Henderson brought a great message. Some things he said I have never forgotten.

This, I think, was the first of our sending fraternal messengers to one of the other Methodist conferences of our state. I am sure it was the first to be exchanged between us and the Methodist Episcopal brethren. I feel quite sure it was the first joint session of two conferences of ours and a conference of either of the other Methodist conferences. I am wondering if up to that time there had been a joint conference of any of our conferences with another Methodist Episcopal conference. It was some years after this when we began here in North Carolina to regularly exchange fraternal greetings by means of messengers.

Very recently the Blue Ridge Atlantic conference met at Pfeiffer College in its last session as a Methodist Episcopal body. I was anxious to see that body in its last session. It was my privilege to be there for a short time. Brother Madison had delivered his message to these brethren before we arrived. We were told that his message was fine. I am sure it was a real masterpiece as compared to the impromptu words that were delivered to that conference back in the ancient days of 1914. But after all I congratulate myself to be among the first to visit that body of good men and I am glad that I could see them in their last session. And now my heart is moved when I think that we are approaching the day in the very near future when sure enough there is to be a Methodist Church with no east, no west, no north, no south and no M. E., no M. E. South and no M. P. Thank the Lord and praise His name.

GEO. L. CURRY.

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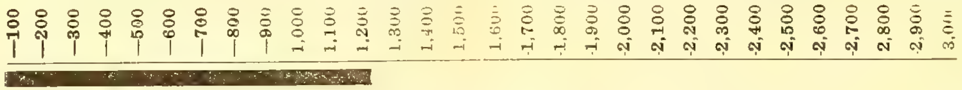

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It is a great thing to be Central in anything. It means that from that center there should emanate an influence that should go in every direction and reach to the farthest bounds. We are hoping that it is going to do it in this case. Central church, Asheboro, led in the biggest amount of money this week. Fine for you, Doctor! All we regret is that hub has not been sending forth in every direction something like this sooner. A fine church, best of people, an efficient pastor, plenty of material to get subscriptions, subsidy all paid, just expect another big batch now to put you among the leaders in this good work before the conference issue comes out. Asheboro would look good in capitals, I know, because I have seen it there before. Show us again, please.

A young man was preparing to get married. He became very serious and sad-looking just before the ceremony. One of his close friends saw that something was wrong, so he said, "John, what is the matter, don't you want to get married?" "Yes," replied John. "Don't you love your bride-to-be?" "Sure," he replied this time. "Well, what is the matter with you?" John replied, "I have lost my enthusiasm."

Now, fellows, if you have lost your enthusiasm, get on the firing line again, and come on with the numbers and the cash before we get so busy we will not notice whether you got out or not. Many are watching to see just what YOU will do.

Roberta, Community church, Thomasville, and Moriah, by good near neighbor, all came out on subsidy this week. And thanks to Auman for his check from the N. C. Council of Religious Education, as well as these other brethren. Twenty-nine that makes out on this. Why not make it thirty right away? We are counting on every one of you to try for this 30th place.

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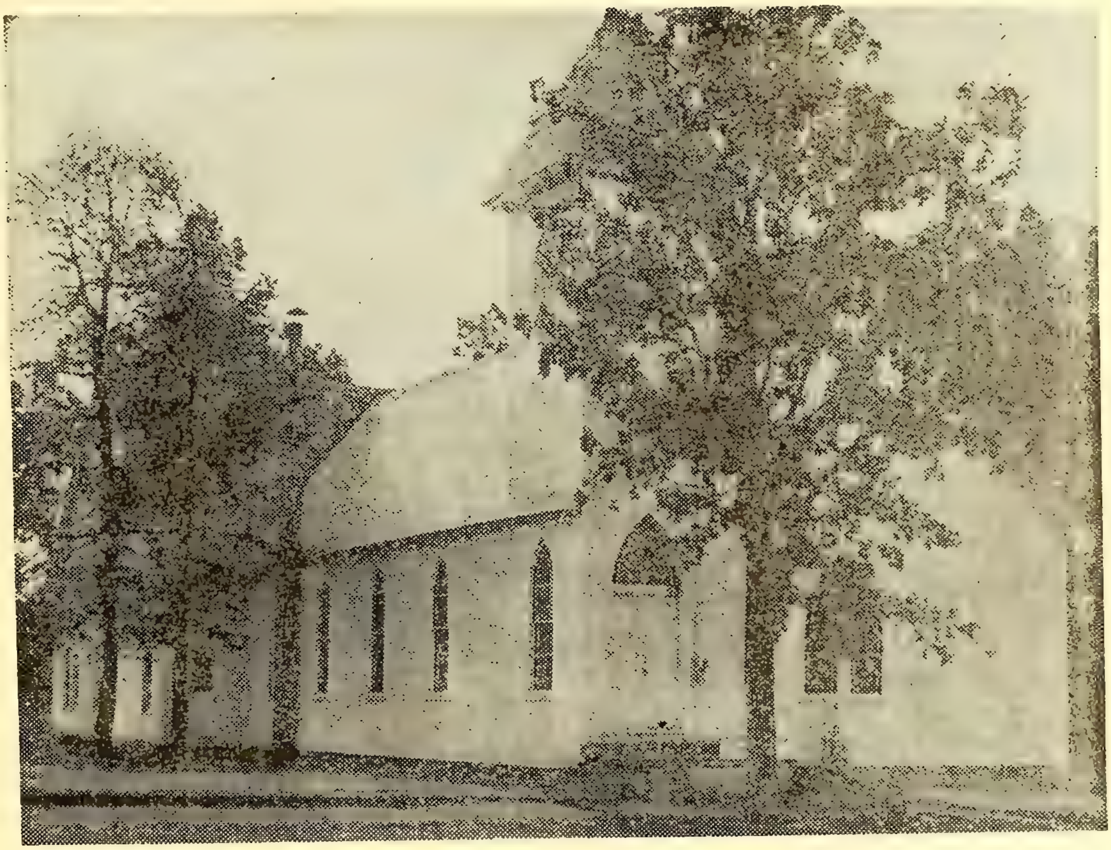

Rev. F. R. Love, Pastor

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fellowship Supper at Albemarle

On Thursday evening of last week it was my good fortune to attend a Fellowship Supper in our Church at Albemarle. These meetings are under the auspices of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Albemarle Church and are held monthly. A fine group of men had assembled to enjoy a good meal, served by the women of the Church, and to hear an address as well as to transact some business for the good of the organization and the Church. As I see it there are great possibilities for meetings of this kind. I was told that there were several present who have not yet united with our Church in Albemarle but many of these do attend Sunday School and are prospective members of the Church. Our Church at Albemarle is well equipped to have such meetings as this. They have two dining rooms in the basement, one large one and one some smaller. Either would be ample for any ordinary occasion. Rev. C. G. Isley, the pastor, is in the front ranks in everything about his Church. From what I could gather from the group he is a great favorite with the men and they are clamoring for him to serve the Church again next year. It was a great pleasure to be in such an enthusiastic meeting.

The Quarterly Conference at Shelby

The fourth quarterly conference of the Shelby-Caroleen Charge was held in the Shelby Church on Saturday night. Rev. L. S. Helms is the pastor of this charge and is serving his third year, I believe, on this, his second pastorate on this charge. The charge consists of three churches, namely, Shelby, Caroleen and Bessemer City. All of the Churches were represented, although there were not so many officials present. Much good seems to have been accomplished on the work this year although there remains much to be done before the charge can lay claim to having paid all claims in full. The charge still owes the pastor a considerable sum but I hope this can be taken care of as the salary is too low for a pastor to have much to spare. But the salary was increased for next year by $25.00, bringing it up to $900.00. The Shelby Church owns the parsonage but as there is a considerable indebtedness on it, the parsonage has been rented and the rent applied on the indebtedness. This has made it necessary for the pastor to pay rent on the house at Caroleen where he has been living. But the officials Saturday night had the feeling that perhaps the churches would try to pay the rent next year. Brother Helms is held in high esteem as a Christian gentlemen by all the people.

A Sunday Morning at Knob Creek

Last Sunday morning was spent with the congregation at Knob Creek on the Fallston charge, Rev. R. L. Hethcox being the pastor. Here the house was well-filled with people, several coming from the other churches on the charge. This Church has had a good year as has the entire charge. The pastor reports that the charge is fairly well out on its finances and I am hoping they can finish in good style. This is Brother Hethcox's second year on the charge and he is popular with the people. He is rated by them as a strong preacher and they seem to be standing by him. It was a pleasure to be with him and his people and I was sorry to have to hurry away so quickly.

Mt. Moriah Church Dedicated

On last Sunday afternoon it was my great pleasure to dedicate the Mt. Moriah Church on the Cleveland charge, Rev. T. G. Madison, pastor. On the first Sunday of this Conference year when the pastor and his family arrived at this Church for the first service of the new Conference year they found the old Church building in flames. As there had been considerable discussion in favor of building a new Church at this place, it was not difficult for them to decide what to do. While the coals were still alive from the old building, the congregation met in the school building nearby and took steps to build new and better. And now there is a nice brick building there with an auditorium that is large enough for any ordinary occasion with art glass windows and with six Sunday School rooms at the rear. And the fine thing about it is that it is all paid for and dedicated. So much lumber and labor were donated that it is difficult to get a correct estimate of the cost, however, the amount actually spent was about $3,000.00. But if everything had been put down at the market price it would have been more nearly double that amount. Everything considered this is the outstanding piece of work in the Conference this year. And while this rural congregation has done this they have met all claims in full to the Conference. Brother Madison has been the leader but the people have nobly assisted. This is the home Church of Rev. W. A. Ledford, whose articles often appear in the HERALD.

A Sunday Night at Lincolnton

Last Sunday night was spent with the congregation at our Lincolnton Church; Rev. W. L. Harkey being the pastor. I have space for only brief comment concerning this Church, however, it was my first visit to this place and I was agreebly surprised. The Church building is brick and the auditorium would be very acceptable at almost any of our city churches. It gives one the impression that it is built for the future. The most of the Sunday School rooms are in the basement. The school here seems to be in a flourishing condition. Brother Harkey reports that the Church has already paid almost all of its claims this year. Brother Harkey is popular with the people and they seem anxious to have him return to them for another year.

Appointments

Friday, October 28—1:30 p. m., fourth quarterly conference, North Davidson Charge, Canaan Church.

Friday, October 28—7 p. m., quarterly conference at Gibsonville.

Saturday, October 29—2 p. m., quarterly conference, Mt. Lebanon Church, Randleman Charge.

Sunday, October 30—11 a. m., Mt. Hermon, Mt. Hermon Charge; 2:30 p. m., Bethel, on Alamance Charge in District Rally; 7:30 p. m., Siler City on Siler City Charge.

Saturday, November 5—2 p. m., quarterly conference at Kernersville.

Sunday, November 6—11 a. m., First Church, High Point.

Wednesday, November 9—10 a. m., Annual Conference, Calvary Church, Greensboro.

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Hear Others Say

To sin no more is the highest repentence.—*Martin Luther.*

Heaven is not a compensation for pain and loss here, it is the "eternal life" revealed through communion with God and rising into its own sphere to fulfill its destiny.—*Dr. W. G. Jordon.*

No home, no family, no social or business organization, no political party, no nation, can rise above the level of the men and women of whom it is composed.—*John D. Rockefeller.*

"Little by little the good in men
Blossom to beauty to human ken;
Little by little the angels see
Prophecies better of good to be;
Little by little the God of all
Lifts the world nearer the pleading call."

The horse and buggy days may be over, and the era of the machine may have dawned, but man himself has not changed, and never will until he is changed by capitulation to the will of God.—*Dr. Wm. Hiram Foulkes.*

The beauty and the glory in worship, who can describe them? As these fade in human life the world we live in becomes ugly in its selfishness and suffering and sin.—*Rev. H. E. Carlson, D.D.*

The list of subscriptions and subsidy payments encourages the Editor; we may yet do as well as we did last year. But you must hurry, if you are to get your subscriptions in before Conference meets.

As the time for the meeting of our Annual Conference approaches we hear from one "well informed" brother that there will be no changes hardly at all among the pastors. And by the time we decided that he is right, another "well informed" person comes along and tells me that there will be an unusual number of pastors moving. So take your choice. However, there is nothing unusual in this. The slate-makers themselves break their slates sometime.

The Editor enjoyed his visit to the W. N. C. Conference last Friday as the fraternal messenger from our Conference. Bishop Purcell and the brethren were very kind, they know how to make a visitor feel at home and they certainly know how to dispatch business. We heard many Presiding Elders make reports and they were good. Most salaries were paid in full, many over paid. We expect to hear the Conference had a substantial net gain in membership.

Jas. A. Garfield is credited with the saying, "Things don't turn up in this world until somebody turns them up." Any one who knows the struggles he had in coming up from the boy driving the mule to the tow line along the canal to the office of the President of the United States, will admit that Garfield knew what he was talking about. While just once in a great while you may hear of some person who has been "lucky," "favored" or "fortunate" because he succeeded in life without much effort, but such a person is indeed the exception. Most of the things in life which turn up have been manhandled—it may be they required much effort to turn up. Old Micawber, one of Dickens' characters waited for something to turn up that would mend his fortune until he about starved and went naked. Certainly he is not a shining example to allure an ambitious person on to success.

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Home Coming at First Church, Charlotte

All former members and friends of First Church are invited to attend a "Home-Coming" service Sunday, November 6. Dinner will be served picnic style and a good time is promised. Pastor Strickland is preparing a program which will appear in the Herald next week. This advance information is to prepare the way for the full announcement which is to come later.

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Preaching

It is no unusual thing to hear some intelligent person speaking rather disparingly of preaching. Recently I saw in a magazine of note rather a caustic criticism of the value of preaching. But speaking as one who has heard preaching all his life and has tried to preach for several years of that time, I want to agree with those who say there is not much value in preaching—not unless somebody does the thing or things the preacher exhorts them to do. For the number of people who practice the truths of the sermon, the disparity between the hearer and doer is entirely too great.

We doubt that the majority of hearers take any of the sermon as far as the Church steps. To them it has become a sort of perfunctory practice to sit through a Church service and therefore means absolutely nothing as an influence upon their life. A good sermon will do at least three things, give information, inspire the hearer to live better, and stir up conviction of truth in the heart of the hearer so he will be willing to act, even to suffer for its sake. If a sermon is entirely devoid of the three elements, it of course, is a very poor sermon—hardly a sermon at all. And if a person can sit through a Church service where information of great value to his life is given and not take it; if he can remain dull to all the alluring challenges of the truth, be unmoved by them; and if he can be spineless, hesitant, while he listens to the appeals to his faith, his courage, zeal and knowledge—he or she who can do this is like unto the highway upon which the seed fell and bore no harvest because there was no soil in which it could sprout. It is too much to expect all people to hear and heed and the message even though it has been delivered well.

We are sure that the average Church attendant expects too much of the sermon. He seems to think it ought to work like magic upon the hearer—take him and change him against his will. I am sure one of the most obvious reasons why the sermons fail to accomplish the results intended of it, is because of the failure of the hearer to want it enough to be listening. Good listening on the part of the Church attendant is really as important as good preaching to produce results.

While we still believe in the importance of preaching, we are convinced that if these indifferent, listless, yet fairly intelligent, Church attendants are to be benefited much by their attendance upon the Church services, they must be linked up with the cause of religion more substantially than by hearing sermons. Hearing AND doing have been linked up as the essential acts of the servant of Christ throughout the New Testament. Any one who can see the folly of doing without hearing, and yet it is just as futile to hear and NOT do according as one hears.

The Appreciation Year

Last May the Board of Administration inaugurated what they termed the Appreciation Year which is expected close the existence of the Methodist Church as a denomination. The emphasis upon it was to begin with the month of May, 1938, and to continue until the 30th of April, 1939. We are exhorted to show our appreciation of and for the Methodist Protestant Church by raising the World Service Budget in full. This budget for the North Carolina Conference totals $42,000. It was apportioned to the various pastoral charges many years ago, but since there have been many changes in boundaries and other conditions arises necessitated an examination of the apportionments, the Committee on Financial Recommendations has a recommendation to the approaching Annual Conference. However, it is stated by the Committee putting on this campaign that all money raised for World Service after May 1, this year, and until April 30th next year is a credit on the apportionment laid upon the pastoral charge, also 4-15 of the amount raised on the Fellowship Crusade may become a credit on this apportionment. This fact ought to stimulate interest in paying the World Service this year—if it is paid by the approaching Conference, that charge will have nothing to raise for this item before April 30, 1939.

The Annual Conference An Agitator

Every year as the Annual Conference approaches the experienced observer sees pastors and Church officials become restless in many places. The pastor who thinks it's time to move begins to cast about for a place to go, the Church officials who think it is time to have a new voice in the pulpit begin scouting around to see who is the best prospect. It has been very interesting to the Editor for many years—even while he was in the pastorate, to see certain members of the conference start on their visits into the nearby pastorate, making ''just social calls'' upon the people, and listening to find out what is going to happen. We have some very good traders in our Conference, both laymen and ministers. It is not their purpose to trade unless they can better themselves. In this respect they are wise. But we have seen them make some rather bad bargains though. I have known delegates to insist on taking a preacher which the Stationing Committee had not selected for his work, but the delegate thought he knew, so the Committee yielded and it proved to be a bad bargain. We have also seen some of these bargain counter preachers make a mistake once in a while.

Yes, the approaching Annual Conference causes a certain amount of restlessness every year. None feel so secure, something might happen that he would have to move. But there are some pastors as well as people who can't bear for a Conference to go by without changing. Not that they better their situation, but the pastor gets a new Church and the Church a new voice. The pastor preaches his best sermons and the people try to hold out faithful in their attendances upon the services for a few weeks, then the whole thing boggs down and becomes about as it was before.

We do not imply that changes are never beneficial to both pastor and people. They are beneficial because they become necessary. But the way some pastors and Church officials act, no one receives any permanent benefit. The place-seeking pastor, as a rule, is not seeking a place where he can serve, but a place easy to keep and please the folk. The Church members who are ever scouting around for a new pastor do not take time to build or improve their work—they are seeking a change. And if there were no Annual Conference for three or four years, some of these restless people might settle down to really hard work and do some great things.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH HAS HAD VARIED HISTORY SINCE ORGANIZATION EARLY IN 1800

Pleasant Grove Methodist Protestant Church has had a long and interesting history. It was in existence in the year 1829 when a circuit was formed in Guilford county and the Church was placed on the circuit. The deed to the property was made April 24, 1830, by Bennie Kendall to John Welborne, John V. Newton, Wm. M. Albertson, Thomas Burton and Emsley Burton, trustees of Pleasant Grove association.

In 1833 Pleasant Grove was transferred to the Randolph circuit, where it remained until 1838, when the Randolph circuit, except Old Union and Mountain school house, was merged with the Orange circuit. However in 1844 the Conference, which met at Fairfield Church, near High Point, set off the Davidson circuit and Pleasant Grove was transferred to it. In 1871 Davidson circuit was divided and Pleasant Grove was attached to Carraway circuit. Later the Church became a part of the Guilford circuit and in 1884 Rev. A. J. McLaughlin was pastor. Afterwards Uwharrie circuit was created and Pleasant Grove was placed on it. Other circuit changes followed.

Pastors since have been as follows:

Rev. A. L. Hunter, 1896-98; Rev. W. C. Hammer, 1899-1902; Rev. C. A. Cecil, 1902-1907; Rev. J. H. Moton, 1907-1913, during whose pastorate the present Church building was erected; Rev. D. M. Loy, 1913-1914; Rev. R. C. Stubbins, 1914-1916; Rev. Paul S. Kennett, and Rev. A. D. Shelton and Mrs. A. G. Dixon as supplies, 1916-1917; Rev. Edward Suits, 1917-1923; Rev. G. L. Reynolds, 1923-1928, during whose pastorate the present Sunday School rooms were built; Rev. D. R. Williams, 1928-1933; Rev. H. L. Powell, 1933-1935; Rev. Fred R. Love, 1935 to present year.

During the year 1930 the members of Pleasant Grove Church erected a monument to the memory of Rev. J. B. Cecil, his wife, Mrs. Sarah Cecil, and son, J. W. Cecil.

During the year 1928 the brick parsonage, located on the Hasty high school road was built.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By ***P. E. Lindley***

Does Education Impoverish the Faith?

Education, some people think, casts a chill over one's religion. Cases are cited to show how higher learning blights the spiritual life and turns the believer into an infidel. One of our leading magazines carried a recent article on "What College Did to My Religion." Thousands of readers, no doubt, devoured that story and concurred in the opinion there expressed that higher education does tend to destroy the Christian's creed.

Certain individuals, of course, do experience difficulty in maintaining their spiritual glow while adjusting themselves to the larger thought of academic circles. Some do make shipwreck of the faith; religion with them becomes a lost art. As Sam Walter Foss said of the lad in his poem:

> "His faith grew faint with many scars;
> The cosmos widened in his view,
> But God was lost among His stars."

These cases, however, can generally be explained in few and simple words. Indeed our class in Philosophy did so explain them, and here is the logic employed:

First, it is hard to be analytic and reverent at the same time, and the scholar has to be analytic. Begin to take a thing to pieces and you lose the total impression it was at first intended to arouse. Select a beautiful, fragrant rose. You admire the color and sweetness; but pick the rose to pieces, petal from petal, lay all of the parts on the table, and you destroy it. There is nothing left to appreciate when you have analyzed and torn it up. In like manner the student, taught to pick every subject to pieces, finds the experience none too easy on his childish faith.

Second, religion too often rests almost entirely on emotion, and, very naturally, critical study contributes nothing to its position. The classroom is a poor place to arouse holy feelings, and the laboratory is trying upon the sentiments. New discoveries cast doubt upon ancient creeds; orthodoxy, as a result, fares ill at the hands of the exploring mind. Push sentiment aside and feeling runs low, and those persons who look to emotional fervor for religious satisfaction find the spirit chilled and starving. Emotion is their joy and crown. Any place, therefore, that does not keep their emotions running high proves unfriendly to their faith.

Third, the time element is important. It "takes time to be holy," and any number of men, finding no convenient season for personal devotion, rob themselves of what the soul normally demands—time. You need not expect to cultivate corn and harvest cotton. Both are good but both require attention. "Men do not gather figs from thistles." In the nature of the case, study tends to absorb the whole schedule, leaving no adequate time for spiritual growth. This, however is neither the fault of education nor religion. Rather, it is the result of an unbalanced program of living. You would not pay a man full wages who spends most of his time working for another firm, and you need not expect the Lord to do otherwise.

Fourth, higher learning is hard on religion for the simple reason that many adults are still trying to live by an infantile faith. They refuse to grow up religiously. Such people come to college with a mature notion of history, geography, and politics, but with a child's understanding of the Bible. Such Such persons increase in wisdom and stature and in favor with man, letting the relation with God take care of itself. So far as education and social life are concerned they put away childish things, but in religion they insist on remaining in perpetual babyhood. In these cases, of course, something must snap somewhere, and it is usually religion that pays the price. People must grow up religiously in order to enjoy a wholesome faith.

Fifth, teachers exert a powerful influence on the religious outlook of those who come under their care. A teacher can make or break a student's faith. Professor Betts says that there are three kinds of teachers: those to be forgiven, those to be forgotten, and those to be honored and remembered as long as one lives. Fortunate is the pupil who has a wise and Christian teacher. The cynical instructor, on the other hand, can by sneering unbelief darken the minds of youth and shatter the very foundations that support the most cherished beliefs about God and the Word. Thus many a college lad has wrecked his faith over the schoolmaster, and from the ruins was hardly able to salvage enough doctrine to comfort him the rest of the way. Such is indeed tragic if and when it happens, but remember it is not education that does it, only the manner in which it is presented.

But after all this thing of education impoverishing the faith has been greatly overdone. As a matter of truth intelligent people are as religious as any, and higher learning does not of itself alienate the soul's affection. History proves this. The greatest religious leaders have always been educated, as, for instance, Luther, St. Paul, Wesley, Knox, and Calvin. Besides, the Church has been the mother of education down through the ages. No, religion seeks light and learning, knowing, as the Master taught, that "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

WE MUST PREACH EXPECTANTLY

God has said that men are going to be saved through the "foolishness of preaching." He is saving men through the means of preaching every day. God has always blessed the right kind of preaching. We have a right to expect something to happen when we preach. Do you remember what Mr. Spurgeon once said to the young preacher who was discouraged because more souls were not being saved under his preaching? "You don't expect conversions every time you preach, do you?" said Spurgeon. The young preacher said, falteringly, that he did not. "That's the reason they are not saved," answered Spurgeon; "you don't expect them to be." We need to have the element of expectance in our preaching. If we pray about our sermons, if we depend entirely upon the Holy Spirit for our help, if we preach with all the earnestness of our souls with a definite purpose in our hearts—we may expect God to bless our preaching.—*W. E. Ford.*

PERSONAL RIGHTS AND WHERE THEY END

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, October 30, 1938

By Rev. O. L. Easter

Lesson Text—Ecclesiastes 2:1-3, 10, 11; Romans 6:17-23; 14-21.

Golden Text—What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law, but under grace? God forbid." Romans 6:15.

In our present series of lessons we have been considering God and man's relationship to him. Thus far we have found that he is the one and only true God to whom man owes full allegiance. That a God like unto our God cammands of us to say of him Hallowed be Thy name, and that so deep should this reverence be that it be given one day of our seven to us to give it full expression. Also we have been taught that if we vainly use this sacred name of all names that it becomes a definite sin again us.

Now considering these teachings as to the attributes of our God on the surface we see very little that would make him greater than the gods of great religions other than Christianity. We must go below the surface in our present lesson to find some of these greater attributes.

In this lesson we turn from our discussion of man's relationship and responsibility to God to his relationship and obligation to his fellowman. Here is to be found one of the unique and greater attitudes of our Christian God. Yes, God is a jealous God and will have no other Gods before him but strangely enough he commands that we must put our obligations to man before ours to him. Jesus taught in Matthew 5:23-24: "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." Here is something more or less new in religious schemes. Other great religions demand worship and reverence for their gods but as to their relationships of man to man they are lacking sadly. In fact, in pleasing their gods personal liberty and human welfare must be sacrificed on the altars of their worship. Babies and adults are often literally offered as material for sacrifice. Not so with Christianity. Jesus says that if we say we love God and love not our fellowmen that we make our worship of him void.

Thus in Christian society we come to a vital post of our religion when we consider our personal liberty and the point where it ends. God being a loving Father and all men being His children peace and happiness for that family is of deepest concern to them all. It is here that the problem of our present lesson is found. Where does my divinely given freedom end and that of my brother begin?

Madame Roland on her way to the guillotine during the French Revolution uttered these famous words, "O Liberty, how many crimes are committed in thy name!" Many of our modern crimes against moral society are being committed under the hue and cry of personal liberty. At present in America the liquor traffic is thriving as never before on its loud cry that to restrict its dangerous sales and methods is to destroy the American standard of personal rights. So with many other social evils that are so stubborn to control. We need to define personal liberty in its true sense, and the simplest definition is simply this; that our personal liberty ends just where the personal liberty of another individual begins. When our liberty becomes a stumbling-block and a burden to others then it is not God-given nor God-planned freedom. Paul has brought it down to a very fine point for the Christian when he says of meat-eating that if in eating swine meat he offends some Jew then he will and must give up meat forever. Even when the meat-eating does not offend him personally he must give in for the sake of the rights and needs of others. If we could adopt such an attitude as this we could solve our present problems of personal rights and find out truly where they must end.

THE GREATEST MAN WHO EVER LIVED

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant teacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had nothing to do with this world except the power of His divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying—His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the piety of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone; today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the Leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has THAT ONE SOLITARY LIFE.—*Phillips Brooks.*

USEFUL WHEN APPLIED

A soap manufacturer, not a Christian, was walking with a minister. Said the soapmaker, "The Gospel you preach hasn't done much good, for there's still a lot of wickedness and wicked people." The preacher made no immediate reply, but they soon passed a child making mud pies. He was exceedingly dirty. It was then the preacher's turn, and so he said: "Soap hasn't done much good in the world, I see; for there's still much dirt and many dirty people."

"Oh, well," answered the manufacturer, "soap is useful only when it's applied."

"Exactly," was the minister's reply; "so it is with the Gospel we proclaim."—*W. J. Hart.*

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

FORCES THAT MAKE FOR WAR

C. E. Topic for November 6, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 31—Racial Forces, Deut. 7:1-6.

Tuesday, November 1—Religious Forces, Deut. 12:1-5.

Wednesday, November 2—Loot, Gen. 14:1-12.

Thursday, November 3—Ambition, Hab. 2:1-17.

Friday, November 4—Contempt of Others, Acts 10:34, 35.

Saturday, November 5—Nationalism, Matt. 24:3-13.

The Text: Jas. 4:1-11 (Consecration Meeting).

"God of the nations, near and far,
Ruler of all mankind,
Bless Thou Thy people as they strive
The paths of peace to find.

The clash of arms still shakes the sky,
King battles still with king.
Wild through the frighted air of night,
Their common creeds and songs.

O, Father from the curse of war
We pray Thee give release
And speed, O speed the blessed day
Of Justice, Love and Peace."

Twenty years ago the bells and whistles sounded the signing of the armistice. At every crossroad in America when men and women had witnessed the elimination from the community for all time a life that had been very much a part of the community, or of more than one life, and after witnessing the horrors of the experience of seeing the neighbors boys coming back from the front minus their healthy lungs, or minus limbs—when the bells sounded the signing of the armistice on that day, straight to heaven went millions upon millions of hands and faces giving thanks for the ending of that struggle, swearing that it would never happen again. People said, "Oh, it has been an awful experience, but it has been worth the sacrifice, because after all, that was a great war, a war in a marvelous and most worthy cause, a war to end wars, a war to make the world safe for democracy."

Now, twenty years after that day look upon a world of nations bankrupt, unhealed sores to be observed upon every side, and yet a world bankrupt though it may be, prepared and able somehow to rake and scrape more money together in preparation for the next war.

What are these forces astir in our world today that lead us into war? "The root causes of war may be found in human nature. The same spirit that divides individuals divides nations." When we find a nation of selfish, greedy individuals, we find a warlike nation. In fact a group of individuals is but a bundle of human nature whose ideals emerge from the mixture. We usually look to Germany, Japan and other foreign countries as the wicked offenders, forgetting America's position. Let me quote from an address made at the Methodist Young People's Conference in 1935: "The next time a military parade comes down the avenue, watch it, the fine boys ready to respond to need and to need and to the emergency of the country when the country calls. Look at their equipment. Look at the guns they are carrying to defend their country against another country armed with guns shooting the same identical du Pont powder. And then look upon their backs. In that sack you see them carrying a gas mask to protect those lungs of those fine boys against the gases that American manufacturers have sold to Japan and every other nation on earth that has the price to pay for it." Yes behind the nation is human nature.

What men are they may expect their system to become. What they do they may expect their nations to follow. A man who is disagreeable with his neighbor, can hardly expect his nation to be agreeable with neighbor nations. A man who can not settle his own disputes without blows can not expect his nation to do so. If we want to discourage war we should not encourage a warlike spirit in ourselves.

The root cause of war is human nature, but the chief remote cause is faulty nationalistic economics. The maintenance of armies and military supplies and then, too, political causes. Behind all of these is selfishness, greed, fear, hatred, unfriendly attitudes, unholy ambitions, deceptions, misunderstandings and rivalries. These spirits can not be legislated against. The presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit working in men and in nations, alone will change these attitudes which bring about wars.

Some people say that we waste our time contemplating things like these, because we cannot save ourselves from war. And if it is true that we cannot save ourselves from another war, that does not excuse us from doing our utmost to correct these things which are wrong. We should move forward like the old bridge builder who travelled along the highway. We work that some future generation may know a land rid of wars.

An old man, going a lone highway
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting strength with building here,
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build you the bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old, gray head.
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been nought to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim:
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

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Bethel, Alamance	6.25
Lebanon S. S., Spring Church	1.00
Womans' Auxiliary, Cambridge, shoes for two children	10.00

Clothing for Boys

The Young Men's Baraca Class, Shiloh on Shiloh	$ 8.00
The Senior Philathea Class, Liberty	8.00

We are so thankful to all who have contributed to this fund. It helps wonderfully. We only regret that no more have responded. Perhaps some will yet.

Clothing and Other Gifts

Julian Auxiliary, Tabernacle, a bundle of coupons, 10 cakes, One large box and three smaller boxes of cookies for school lunch.

Haw River Auxiliary, by Dr. C. W. Bates, 62 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables.

Mrs. Frank Thomas, Bethesda, Halifax, a box of clothing for boys and two hats for girls.

Eden Auxiliary, Halifax, 48 half-gallon cans fruit and vegetables.

We sincerely thank you for all these offerings of money, produce and clothing. Between now and Conference, please send your offerings as promptly as possible. We thank you again.

Yours in His Service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

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Newlywed "There's something wrong with this steak. It tastes queer."

Wife: "I can't understand it, dear. I did burn it a little, but I rubbed vaseline on it right away."—Ex.

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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THANK-OFFERING

Amount previously reported	$113.88
Canaan, N. D. Ladies Aid	5.00
Moriah	16.00
Spring Hill	5.00
Thomasville 1st.	34.13
High Point	38.87
Friendship, Shiloh	3.55
Flat Rock, Vance	7.50
Total Thank offering to date	$223.93

MRS. C. L. KEARNS, Treasurer,
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October 21, 1938.

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Amount previously reported	$579.01
Mebane	20.00
Reidsville Women's Bible Class	3.75
Mt. Pleasant, M. P.	5.00
Gray's Chapel	1.00
Spring Hill Ladies Aid	5.60
Concord	7.50
High Point	50.00
New Hope, Why Not	3.00
Love's Grove, Friendship	5.00
Flat Rock, Vance	.50
Amount collected to date	$682.36

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October 21, 1938.

TWO WOMEN WHO MET OPPORTUNITY

Two women met opportunity one day. The one was a woman who made every necessity of her own life an excuse for her failure to reach out a helping hand to others. The other found in every privilege that came to her an opportunity of sharing with those to whom privilege came not. The one woman had an only daughter who was critically ill. Physicians were called. Night and day trained nurses cared tenderly for the young girl. A great specialist was brought half way across the continent in consultation, and the life that had lingered at the gates of death came back through the gates of life. The mother said her heart was overflowing with thanksgiving. The Lord sent opportunity for her to express her thanksgiving. A great-hearted woman came and spoke to her of the girls of India and China, who suffer and die with no one to care, and no one to minister to them. She told of the medical colleges that were training doctors and nurses, and of those who were being turned away because there was no room for them. She told of the things that might be if buildings and equipment could be provided. Then the woman to whom opportunity came, although she had great wealth, looked for a way of escape. She made privilege an excuse for failure to meet opportunity.

"My daughter," she said, "has been very ill, and I have been at great expense. I have had many physicians and high priced specialists. I have had nurses night and day, and therefore I cannot help this good cause which you represent."

So because her daughter had had skilled physicians and nurses she denied them the suffering daughters of India and China, and opportunity passed on to the other woman.

Her daughter also had been ill, and had been lovingly and skilfully brought back from death to life. And lo, opportunity stood by her mother also, as a great heart told of the girls that wait in India and China, and die for lack of such skill and care as had restored her daughter. "Will you help with the fund to establish the Union Christian Colleges of the Orient and the Medical Schools?" said opportunity.

"What more fitting thank offering could I make?" said the woman who recognized opportunity. "True, I have spent much, but I would have spent much more if my daughter had needed it. Now my heart is so full of joy I have room in it for all the daughters of the world."

She wrote her check in large figures and said: "This is the first payment on the debt of gratitude that I owe." Thus did the two women meet opportunity. One knew it and the other knew it not.—Woman's Missionary Record, 1921.

FIRST DISTRICT NOTICE

Rally and Meeting of Auxiliaries of First District.

On Sunday, October 30, at Spring Church, Spring Church charge, a rally of the churches will be held jointly with the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliaries of the first District.

The usual custom of everybody bringing lunch will be followed. A large attendance from every church in the district is urged.

The program is as follows:

MORNING

11 A. M.—Devotionals	Rev. J. M. Morgan
Solo	Mr. Clarke
Sermon	Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr.

Lunch

AFTERNOON

Hymn 130	M. P. Hymnal
Devotionals	Miss Winnie Bent
Business—	
Solo	Miss Margie Pittman
Review of Study Book	Rev. F. Wagoner
Hymn 429	M. P. Hymnal
Benediction	Rev. J. H. Trollinger

W. M. HOWARD, JR.,
Chm. First District.
BLANCHE HARDEE,
Chm. Women's Work.
MRS. E. I. BELLAMY,
Secretary.

CHILDRENS' HOME HISTORY

May we hear from you who have booklets before conference? These do not belong to us but to the Home. Each 25 cents will help a little. May we have yours?

MABEL RUSSELL,
Box 1323
High Point, N. C.

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Sammy was not a very good pupil, therefore his mother was both surprised and delighted when he came home one noon with the announcement, "I got one hundred this morning."

"That's lovely, Sammy!" exclaimed his proud mother. "What was it in?"

"Fifty in readin' and fifty in 'rithmetic," was Sammy's prompt reply.—Ex.

SPECIAL FOR COMMITTEES

Thanksgiving is just ahead. Our letters, literature and envelopes for adults were all mailed out last week. The dime cards for children are in hand now, and will be mailed this week. We are supposing that committees have already been set up in each local church and these committees will handle the dime cards through the teachers of children in the Sunday School, and will also see that each adult member of the church and Sunday School has an envelope soon, and that they return it with an offering about Sunday, November 20.

The regular offerings this year have fallen far short of those for the same period last year so we need your hearty cooperation in working up a good offering for Thanksgiving. If all of us will make an offering at Thanksgiving it will add up in the aggregate. If you need more envelopes and dime cards please let us know quickly.

Special for Pastors and S. S. Superintendents

We are depending upon you to set up a committee in each local church and to get into their hands the envelopes for adults and the dime cards for the children. If these cards and envelopes have not reached you please write us immediately. A package of envelopes went to each pastor last week for his charge. In the package was an envelope for three-fourths of his membership. If you need more please write us. If the envelopes and cards do not reach the people then the expense of printing and mailing will be in vain. We stand in great need of your help and we are depending upon you.

Get the organization working before you go to Conference, then if you are returned, give it a quick, active follow-up after Conference. If you are moved then follow-up as best you can what the other fellow did before Conference.

Get the offering together on Sunday, November 20, if possible. Have your treasurer record the amount and then send it to us.

The Thanksgiving offering and the regular offerings should be kept separate so our books may be properly kept.

We thank you in advance for your hearty cooperation and your good help. God bless and prosper every one of you.

Yours in His Service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Sunday, October 16, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude H. Thompson was the scene of a lovely party honoring the birthdays of Miss Julia Ellen Thompson, 86, of Burlington, and Mrs. A. G. Thompson, 60, of Graham, Rt. 1.

After a musical program furnished by relatives, a picnic lunch was served to seventy-five guests, then lovely and useful gifts were displayed by the honorees.

Guests for the occasion included relatives from Greensboro, Durham, Burlington, Saxapahaw and Simpsonville.

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Young T. A. Williams, son of Rev. T. A. Williams, whose home is in Burlington, and who has been ill for several years, is in a very critical condition. Mrs. Williams, his mother, asks the prayers of the brethren and sisters.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

Palestine, Flat Rock Charge, October 19, 1938.—The fourth Sunday in September the seventh annual Tucker reunion met at Palestine Church. The program consisted mostly of songs. Attorney Irving Tucker of Whiteville, N. C., gave a timely and interesting talk on war and peace, and Harry Z. Tucker gave some recent history of the Tuckers, showing an old walking cane belonging to several generations back, bearing a date between 1700 and 1800. I haven't the exact date.

Lunch was served on a long table on the lawn. Rev. Mr. Tucker of South Carolina, now located in Winston-Salem, an Evangelistic preacher, returned thanks. Every one ate the good things.

The afternoon service continued with the singing of good songs. A talk was given by Rev. J. A. Burgess, pastor of Palestine church. His subject was "A Good Name." I do not think I ever heard a more beautiful talk made. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and we are proud of the Tucker name. Mr. Elmer A. Tucker of Winston-Salem, president of the reunion, has 692 Tuckers registered. He wants more. A car of people from South Carolina and two cars from Virginia attended this reunion for the first time. Hope they come back and bring more Tuckers. We are anxious to know them.

On the third Sunday our pastor filled his regular appointment. The attendance was very good and the sermon was grand. Palestine has only one more appointment before Conference. Some of our finances are dreadfully behind, yet we are hoping to get out.

Mr. L. A. Tucker, father of the reporter, who suffered so severely during August and September with an attack of "Shingles" is able to attend services again. He suffered badly at times. Some shrubbery has been planted at the church.

GRACE A. TUCKER, Reporter.

Reidsville.—I can hardly realize that I am rounding out my twelfth year as the pastor of this charge, so swiftly have the years passed. These years have not witnessed any miraculous growth in the church, however, it has moved along steadily making its contribution to the spiritual life of the community. It has stood all these years for the pure unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ. It has stood four square for personal and civic righteousness, and so far it has not compromised with evil. Its record is above reproach.

The special days have been observed this year resulting in fairly good contributions to each interest represented. The Sunday School offering each first Sunday in the month has been given to the Children's Home. The average offering for this worthy cause has been around nine dollars, which is not bad for a school no larger than this one.

Under the leadership of Mrs. M. T. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Allen and Mr. Charles J. Roberts, a junior choir has been organized. This choir has contributed materially to our church services, for which we are all profoundly grateful. The vestments for the choir were furnished by the Woman's Auxiliary.

Rev. J. W. Braxton, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Charge, did all the preaching during our revival services. He is a good gospel preacher, and he endeared himself to all who heard him. He is a young man of great promise, and we predict that he will have a brilliant career in the work of the Kingdom. As a result of the meeting four were received into the church.

This is the only church I have ever served whose Sunday School enrollment is larger than the membership of the church. So few members of the church have children that it has been necessary for us to go out into the community and gather children of parents who are not affiliated with any church. This is the finest kind of missionary work, for a number of these children find their way into the Kingdom of Righteousness. This type of work ought to be vigorously prosecuted by all of our churches.

The social life of the church has not been neglected. The Sunday School classes, the Christian Endeavor societies and the choir have get together meetings now and then, and a good time is enjoyed by them all.

With the exception of two Sundays the pastor has met all of his appointments during the year. No vacation has been taken by him, however, the church did not require him to preach but once each Sunday during August. This afforded him ample time for rest and recreation. With the exception of the Fellowship Crusade, we expect to meet all of our obligations by conference. No matter who may be assigned to this charge next year, he will meet with a royal reception and be given hearty cooperation in the work.

GEO. R. BROWN, Pastor.

Granville Charge, J. P. Pegg, Pastor.—We are looking forward to the close of our Conference year with interest and activity. Granville charge is endeavoring to bring the year's work to a successful close. The members at each of the three churches have cooperated in the fullest to make this possible.

The Parsonage Aid held its quarterly meeting Friday evening, October 21. The pastor's wife was hostess. More than sixty persons were present, and proved to be a very enthusiastic meeting. $17.50 was collected by the treasurer.

Saturday morning, October 22, the Fourth Quarterly Conference convened in the Union Chapel Church. Each church was well represented. The reports of the treasurers were encouraging. By the close of the conference year near $400.00 will have been raised for the Childrens' Home. The superannuate apportionment was paid. Other items in the budget have been met in part, and further payments will be sent in before Conference.

The year's work by the three Auxiliaries has been outstanding. The women are interested workers in Granville. About $300.00 has been raised for the work in North Carolina and World Service. It is a pleasure to have a hand in this part of the work.

The Thank-Offering program was held at Union Chapel last Tuesday evening. Dr. N. G. Betha brought to us a series of pictures taken from many parts of the world. The program was enjoyed by a large audience. Also, wife and I had the pleasure of having Dr. and Mrs. Bethea for dinner at the parsonage Tuesday evening.

Gifts for the table have been received frequently and for these we wish to thank the donors.

Mrs. Lee T. Mitchell of Union Chapel was recently taken to Watts Hospital in Durham. She is at present at home again much improved in health.

Mrs. Sam Hunt of Rehoboth spent last week in the Oxford Hospital. She also has returned home. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. James Wrenn of Rehoboth, after spending several days in bed, is able to be up again.

THE PASTOR.

Chestnut Ridge Church, Orange Charge, C. P. Morris, Pastor.—Rally Day was observed in our church Sunday evening with members of our church presenting a pageant entitled, "The Trial of Everyman's Church." The pageant was very interesting and seemed to fit in with our church. After the program our pastor conducted an important and interesting business meeting of our church. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, and the church treasurer gave his report. We found that we had a small sum of money yet to raise and it is our sincere hopes that we may "go over the top" by the end of the year.

This was our last regular appointment for this conference year and we are looking forward to the new year with sincere hopes for the return of our pastor and his wife. We feel that much has been accomplished this year under his leadership.

Our Sunday School work seems very encouraging, with an increase in interest and attendance.

The Christian Endeavor Society, recently organized, is making a very good start. Our pastor met with us last Sunday night and gave us some helpful ideas that we hope to put into practice.

The Woman's Auxiliary is sponsoring a Thank Offering program the fifth Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock. Dr. A. G. Dixon and a group of children from the Home will be there to present a program.

ANNIE RUTH PENDER, Reporter.

Friendly Church, Fallston Charge.—The third Sunday, October 16, was our regular worship service day with the pastor present. He brought to us an inspiring message. At the beginning of the services new officers were elected for the next year. Rev. Mr. Hethcox's text was taken from I Cor. 13: 5. He made clear to us that if we possess virtue, temperance, patience, godliness, loving kindness, and brotherly love, there will be little room left for selfishness. He that loveth his brother loveth God. A large crowd was present to hear the sermon. Several attended from the neighboring churches.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held its October meeting at the home of Mrs. D. L. Martin. The officers for this group are president, Mrs. Grier Martin; secretary, Mrs. Warren Martin; treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Lockey. Mrs. William Clay was leader for this meeting. Those taking part on the program were Mrs.

D. L. Martin, Mrs. J. C. Lewis, and Mrs. F. B. Toney. Sixteen members were present. During the business session of the meeting it was decided to give a Hallowe'en party Monday night, October 31. During the social half hour the hostess served delicious refreshments. Then they adjourned to meet again in November at the parsonage with Mrs. Hethcox. These ladies have brought many dollars to the church by giving various programs.

We have enjoyed this year with Rev. Mr. Hethcox and his family. We pray that God will deal gently with us in bringing to us a pastor for next year.

EVA WRIGHT, Reporter.

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Moriah, J. Leo Pittard, Pastor.—The conference year is soon drawing to a close. We have had a successful year. We hope in the next two weeks that all claims and small items will be taken care of and Moriah will be on the honor roll as of last year.

The officers for next year have been elected and very few changes have been made. The ones we had this year have done a fine piece of work so we saw fit to use them again next year.

Our delegate to Annual Conference is Mr. James F. Jobe. With Conference meeting at Calvary, which is our neighboring church, we expect to have several lay members present.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting Friday night at 7:30 at the church. Mrs. S. A. Moser will be in charge of the program.

We were indeed glad to have Rev. Charles Sharpe, Jr., pastor of Chatham charge, with us on the fourth Sunday.

Our C. E. Society has joined the Greensboro C. E. Union. We will get lots of inspiration from the work of the Union. Twelve of our C. E. members attended the rally at Gibsonville recently.

We have a new church reporter for next year and we trust that she will keep up with her work better than the reporter or assistant reporter has done this year.

We trust that every church in our Conference will close with a successful year

ASSISTANT REPORTER.

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Connelly Springs Charge, Shady Grove Church, Herman Yokeley, Pastor.—Church is still progressing very nicely.

Revival meeting closed last night. Rev. O. L. Easter preached from Sunday night through Friday night and our pastor, Rev. Mr. Yokeley Saturday and Sunday nights. Four were reclaimed and saved. One received into the church which makes 10 that have been received into the church this year. We feel that the meeting has been a great blessing to the people of the community. We still hear people talking of the wonderful preaching we heard. May the Lord bless Rev. Easter and his companion and may they be a still greater power for God in the future.

We are expecting Rev. Yokeley and his good wife to be with us another year. Hope we will not be disappointed.

Sunday School yesterday, October 23, with 109 scholars and six teachers present, was an excellent showing for our church. New officers and teachers have been elected for the coming year and have started out in a fine spirit. We are proud of our little Sunday School and hope we can report 200 at the end of another Conference year.

Burke's Chapel, which is on this charge, had not been having Sunday School in quite a while until our superintendent and assistant superintendent organized a Sunday School over there. A superintendent, secretary, and three teachers have been elected. Yesterday was the third Sunday that our officers have been present there and there was an attendance of 30 and much interest was manifested.

Our prayer is that they will keep the interest so that the Sunday School will grow and be a great blessing to the church and the community.

MRS. RUTH AIKEN.

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Pine Grove Church, Kernersville, South Winston Charge, C. B. Way, Pastor.—The annual Home-Coming program will be given at Pine Grove next Sunday, October 30. The services will start with Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock. At 11:00 the sermon will be preached by Rev. R. A. Hunter, son of the late Rev. A. L. Hunter, who once lived in this community and meant so much to Pine Grove in its early days.

A picnic dinner will be served at the noon hour which always carries with it an excellent opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

The afternoon program will be composed mostly of special singing and music by various quartets and other groups of singers, under the direction of Mr. J. W. Johnson of High Point.

A special invitation is extended to all former pastors and church members who have moved away.

REPORTER.

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Guilford Circuit, J. B. Trogdon, Pastor.—

As this conference year is drawing to a close I feel that the readers of the Herald should know that our people have not been asleep, nor have they been idling away their time through the year. Our people have not shirked their duty. Our fourth quarterly conference met at Hickory Grove last Saturday with a large attendance from each church and there was much interest manifested in every department of the work. I have never had better reports presented to any fourth quarterly conference. Almost every financial item had been met or will be met before I start to conference, with the exception of one.

Our revivals have been good. Our first meeting was at Hickory Grove. Brother A. D. Shelton did the preaching. We had 24 confessions and 7 joined the church.

Our next meeting was at Vickery. Brother Hill preached four times at the beginning of the series but had to start one of his own on Thursday night. We ran on a week and had 54 professions and 45 joined the church.

At the Fairfield meeting Brother A. D. Shelton came to us Monday night and did all the preaching until Saturday night. Here we had a good meeting but not many of the unsaved attended. Everyone enjoyed Brother Shelton's preaching. There were six confessions and eight joined the church—two being by letter.

The next meeting was at Mitchell's Grove where I did all the preaching and not many unsaved attended, in fact, there are not many unsaved in the community. This church had a meeting in the spring with a number of conversions and the Prayer Band holds prayer meetings twice a week in the homes. They have had a number of conversions in these meetings and I have brought 38 into the church which altogether makes 101 received into the churches this year. I feel the dear Lord has wonderfully blessed us this year, and now may the Lord lay on the hearts of the older members their responsibility in taking care of the young that God in his mercy has given to them. Hope to see many of you readers at conference.

God Bless You All,

JOEL B. TROGDON.

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First Church, Henderson, N. C., T. J. Whitehead, Pastor, October 24.—Our daily thoughts are turning to the Annual Conference and we are hoping to come together with encouraging reports of work accomplished.

The Auxiliary prepared a very helpful and interesting Thank Offering program which was given at the 11:00 o'clock service on October 9. The theme of this service was "These Things Shall Be." Mrs. D. S. Coltrane of Raleigh, who is secretary of the department of Christian Education in the Annual Missionary Convention of the Methodist Protestant Church, and a member of the General Conference Board of Education was the guest speaker for the occasion. Mrs. Coltrane is well known and is active in educational and civic affairs in North Carolina. Her talk was very much enjoyed by a large audience. A special offering was taken and appropriate music rendered.

The Auxiliaries of the Methodist Protestant churches of the second district appreciated the cordial invitation to be present at Flat Rock Church, near Henderson, Monday evening, October 17, to enjoy a series of slides of scenes in Palestine and views of buildings and projects of the Methodist Protestant Church shown by Dr. N. G. Bethea. Quite a number from the churches enjoyed the evening.

The missionary societies of the churches in Henderson were delighted to meet with the Auxiliary of the Holy Innocents Episcopal Church recently to hear Miss Bessie Blacknall speak of her work as a missionary in Alaska. She told of her life at St. Marks Mission in Nenama, Alaska, and her duties in the school and many other things which were thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience.

Officers of the Baraca Class elected for the coming year are as follows: E. C. Kittrell, president; C. M. Hight, vice-president; W. R. Trogden, secretary-treasurer; R. W. Oixon, assistant secretary-treasurer; J. B. Hicks, teacher with S. R. Harris and C. N. Kalstrom assistants.

The sick committee is composed of Garland Greenway, J. M. Baity, and George Davis.

A. H. Nuckels is chairman of the lookout committee, with C. D. Hamm and W. B. Hight.

The Girls Mission Club was delightfully entertained Thursday afternoon by Miss Minerva Falkner at her home. Miss Eliza Boyd was assistant hostess and Miss Annie Dell Floyd presided over the business session. Miss Mary Gene Falkner led the devotionals.

We regret very much that Mrs. Dixie Bobbitt, who is one of the most faithful members of the Sunday School and the Rosa Harris Bible class, has been kept at home for quite awhile on account of illness. We hope she will soon be able to be with us for we have missed her so much.

The Auxiliary is looking forward with pleasure to the fall mission study: "The American city and its church," which we hope to commence in the near future.

The Philathea class met recently with Mrs. D. T. Beckham and had a splendid attendance. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Maurice Allen, the vice-president Mrs. R. J. Daniel presided. Miss Agnes Harris led the devotionals. The class has just sent a box of clothing to a little girl at the Childrens' Home for whom they have been caring for quite awhile. The Sunshine Circle, under the leadership of Mrs. Glenn Satterwhile, met at the church on Monday afternoon. Circle No. 1, with Mrs. C. M. Hight as hostess, met at the church on October 10. Circle No. 2, with Mrs. H. O. Falkner, and No. 4, with Miss Page Gooch met on October 17.

The Methodist Protestant churches of Henderson and the county have started their campaign for the annual Thanksgiving offering for the denomination's Children's Home at High Point. It is hoped to have all the money in hand before the annual conference, November 9.

Rev. Mr. Whitehead has been preaching a series of sermons on the subject: "The Kingdom of God." Yesterday's subject was "Men to Build the Kingdom." A very impressive service was held yesterday when the new church officers were installed.

Rev. R. E. Brown is holding a preaching mission at the First Methodist church this week with the local ministers bringing the messages each evening.

The fourth quarterly conference will meet at the church on Wednesday evening. Our pastor desires a full attendance.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Mr. Solomon Satterwhite who passed to his reward Sunday morning. May our Heavenly Father comfort the bereaved ones.

ANNIE C. LASHLEY.

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Flat Rock Charge.—We have held all our special meetings, and the year is almost finished. Bros. Carroll, Ridge and Suits rendered most acceptable service in these meetings. We have had fourteen accessions on the work. The people seem interested in the work of the Kingdom and are a most delightful people to serve. We will have some of the churches on the full honor roll, but not all. We have had a good time serving these people, and thank them for every kindness.

Since the publication of the Flat Rock dedicatory services another most interesting letter written by Rev. J. S. Williams to his cousin, Emma Williams, concerning these services, and which would have been included in these services had I known of the letter in time, has come into my hands. The letter is a purely personal letter, and was written with no thought whatever that it would ever find its way into the press, but it is so thoroughly scriptural in its suggestions, and of so much comfort to those who have loved ones gone on before, that I am attaching it to this report with the hope that you will publish it in full with this report and thus give it a wider reading.

J. A. BURGESS.

My Dear Cousin Emma:

You can imagine my thoughts these days as the anniversary meeting at Flat Rock approaches, and I can guess your thoughts all the time.

I have been calling the roll at your house and at our house and at Uncle Robert's house—J. W. and Carey and Sam and Josephine and George and Aunt Emily and Uncle Billy—Aunt Esther's, Uncle Robert and Aunt Jaley and Cousins Molly and Freyer and Puss and Wesly and Newton and Bob and June.

I do hope for you the real presence of The Comforter—the fulfillment of the gracious promises of Jesus.

"He not afraid, only believe."

"I will not leave you comfortless, I come to you."

"I am with you always"—"In Me ye shall have peace."

"Because I live, ye shall live also."

Not only will the fifth Sunday be a reunion of hundreds of old friends yet in the body, but your precious ones will be there—and they are always with you to cheer you. They crave that you rejoice and be exceedingly glad—because they love you still, because they are with you, because Jesus is with you and loves you, because of the salvation that came to hundreds at old Flat Rock, because these are bestowing their blessings on you and on all who will be assembled there that day, sharing the glory from the Father in heaven. They also want you to be glad because you too will have the victory and the crown of life and because you have all heaven and the Father and Jesus and the Comforter to sustain you every step of the way.

I am thinking anew of the good times I had with J. W. Did I ever tell you that in the twilight, as he and I chatted near our garden, he said, "Sammie, I am so glad you are going to college." That one word helped me all the way through.

God bless you. Anna Meade joins me in much love.

Your cousin,
SAM.

Give our love to your children and grandchildren and to Aunt Esther and Jewel and theirs.

HERE ARE TWO GIRLS WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE RECORDS

They are the daughters of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Cook, pastor of Friendship-Loves Grove charge. Loma has not missed a Sunday in seven years. Colene has never missed a Sunday since she was first carried to Sunday School at the age of three weeks. Very fine for the Cooks.

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Pine Bluff, C. G. Isley, Pastor.—Our last quarterly conference has been held and the year's work is being finished up in good shape. The pastor's salary is paid in full and part on the Conference claims, and the remaining time till the Annual Conference will be spent on raising the balance on the claims. The quarterly conference unanimously asks for the return of Mr. Isley.

We feel that we are ending a very successful year under the leadership of our good pastor, Mr. Isley. During the summer we have covered the church and painted it on the inside and outside.

During the special meeting, in which Brother R. L. Vickery assisted the pastor, there were five additions to the church. We shall long remember Brother Vickery's earnest sermons and splendid work during his short stay among us.

I am pleased to introduce to the readers of the Herald the new reporter from Pine Bluff, my good friend Clifford Barbee. Clifford is a young man of fine character and is doing a splendid work in the Sunday School as teacher of the young men's class. He also goes to the Annual Conference as delegate this fall.

JOE E. JENKINS, Reporter.

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Kernersville Church, Kernersville, South Winston Charge, October 24.—Circle One of the Ladies Aid society held its regular monthly meeting at the parsonage with Mrs. C. B. Way hostess. The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. Way and Miss Louise Way. After the business session, Mrs. Way assisted by her daughters, Mildred and Louise, served refreshments in Hallowe'en colors.

Circle No. Two of the Ladies' Aid society's October meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Clay Parrish. Mrs. Parrish had charge of the devotionals. During the business session officers for the coming year were elected. Mrs. Paul Butner was elected leader, Mrs. Adell Corum treasurer, Mrs. Clay Parrish secretary. An interesting social hour was enjoyed in which the hostess served delicious refreshments. The November meeting will be held with Mrs. Harry Mabe.

Work to beautify our church, both the exterior and interior, has begun. The exterior woodwork is to be painted and there will be a complete redecoration of the auditorium. We are hoping that this work will be completed shortly after conference.

Our delegate to Annual Conference is Mrs. Blanche Fulp of the Pine Grove church. We wish for her much success. We are hoping that our pastor and his family can come back to us next year. Mr. Way has worked hard here this year. As you know there are five churches on this charge. He is a splendid preacher and he and his family deserve much praise for the excellent way in which the work on this entire charge has been executed.

We have paid our pastor's salary in full and expect our next treasurer's report to state everything paid in full.

Our Sunday School has about the usual good attendance.

Miss Hazel Hendrix's class voted Sunday to send $5.00 to the orphanage for clothes.

At the election of church officers Paul Butner was reelected superintendent of the Sunday School. Craig Linville is our secretary and treasurer and is a very efficient one, too.

Draper Church, J. L. Love, Pastor.—It has been quite a while since there has been a report from our church, but that don't mean that we are not doing anything. The church is moving along nicely and the Sunday School is the best ever and we are having the largest attendance we have had in years. Preaching services are well attended both in the morning and evening and we recently had seven join our church at the evening services which makes 27 new members for the year. We are expecting others to join soon. The pastor has worked hard this year, preaching fine sermons, holding prayer meetings, attending all the prayer meetings in the homes and helping in every way he could to build up our church. The community prayer meeting was held in our church with two hundred and 72 present. Just think, 272 in a Saturday night prayer meeting. The Lord is blessing Draper and many souls have been saved. Our Christian Endeavor is doing fine. They had their meeting Tuesday night with Miss Helen Stuart. Those present enjoyed the meeting. The Young People's class had their monthly meeting Monday night at the home of Mrs. Minnie King. A nice crowd was present and all had a nice time. Our fourth quarterly conference will be at the church next Saturday afternoon. We hope there will be good reports for the year.

I think I speak for the whole church when I say our church is hoping for the return of our pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Love are very proud of their new 11 lb. daughter, Mildred Maxine, born September 18. The baby is doing fine but Mrs. Love has had tonsilitis. She is improving at the present time. Mrs. John Saunders has been sick but is improving.

Best wishes to the Herald and all its readers.

A MEMBER.

Rankin Memorial, High Point, Edw. Suits, Pastor.—One of the best revivals we have had in a long time has just been brought to a close. The services began October 9 and ran through October 19. Rev. Fink from the Jamestown M. E. Church, Dr. A. G. Dixon, Superintendent of the Children's Home, and Dr. Pritchard, President of the Annual Conference, each conducted a service during the first week of the meeting. Their messages were evangelistic and were highly inspirational. The pastor, Rev. Suits, did the preaching at the other services. There were a number of conversions. Some renewed their covenants with God, and many were truly revived and drawn closer to God. The following ones united with the church, the majority of them coming by profession of faith:

Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Bessie Livengood, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Thomasine; Mrs. Sharp, Miss Julia McSwain, Edna Gardner, Peggy Burton, Johnny Helen Small, Gretel Anderson, Maureen Pegram, Margaret Halstead, Carlyle Griffith, and Billy Wardell.

Officers for the coming year were elected last Sunday at the morning service and will be installed next Sunday morning.

The last quarterly conference will be held on Saturday night before the first Sunday in November. It is hoped that much can be accomplished between now and then so that we may have a good report to send up to the Annual Conference.

Mrs. Lackey and Mrs. Minnie Embler are still on our sick list. We hope that they may soon be able to get out and attend services again. We miss them so much.

REPORTER.

Worthville, C. L. Spencer, Pastor.—Our pastor preached his last sermon for the conference year at Worthville Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock. As usual he gave us a good message. The Lord's Supper was observed at this time. The church officers and Sunday School superintendent were also installed, they having been elected at a previous meeting.

C. F. Allred was reelected as our Sunday School superintendent, D. J. Allred as chairman of the board of stewards, with Mrs. W. H. Trogdon, Mrs. Fern Ferree, Robert Groce and Ralph Jennings, stewards. J. A. Ferree, F. E. Allred, W. A. Jennings, C. C. Ward, and L. P. Foust as trustees.

Our stewards have been quite busy of late trying to get everything paid up in full and it is almost certain that it will be before Conference for everyone wants our pastor returned.

The last quarterly meeting for the year will be held at Mt. Lebanon Saturday evening, October 29.

MRS. C. O. BYRD, Reporter.

Fairview Church, Glen Raven Charge.—Our revival meeting came to a close on Tuesday night, October 18, this being the tenth service. We are very happy to report that this meeting proved to be very uplifting. There were 26 conversions and a number of reclamations. We were inspired by so many young people being converted and we sincerely hope that these boys and girls will ever strive to live up to what they have professed and help others to find Christ by their examples.

Our pastor did some fine preaching during our revival and we feel that we all have been spiritually revived. The doors of the church will be opened on the fifth Sunday in this month at the regular preaching hour for all those wanting to unite with this church.

The fourth quarterly conference was held in our church the fourth Sunday afternoon. Each church was well represented and splendid reports were heard from all three churches. The indications are that we are going to close a very successful year's work on this charge.

Our Sunday School is showing much increase in attendance at the present time, there being 132 present last Sunday. Our goal has been set at 150 before Christmas. We hope this can be reached.

We are very proud to report that we have almost reached our conference claims, our pastor's salary is paid up, and we can rest assured that our budget will be reached in the very near future.

We have just one more preaching service before the Annual Conference will meet. We have thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the short three months of service rendered by our pastor, Rev. Mr. Coble, and we feel that our church has been greatly benefitted by his services. We have also enjoyed his visits in our homes and we hope that this does not end our fellowship together.

We hope as we send our delegate to the conference that he will be guided by the Lord to do that which is best and that if it is possible that our present pastor will be returned to us for another year's work.

MRS. CLARENCE RUDD, Reporter.

Shiloh, Shiloh Charge, C. E. Ridge, Pastor, October 24.—Our fourth quarterly conference for Shiloh charge was held at Shiloh last Saturday afternoon. It was one of the best, if not the best, the writer has ever attended. The reports were most encouraging. Our pastor gave a splendid report which I would like to give completely but space does not permit. He has striven to be faithful to the trust and has given his best to the church. On this charge there were 30 conversions and 30 additions to the church. Seven members were lost by death and three removed, leaving a net gain of 20. Besides the revivals on the charge, our pastor has assisted in six others, witnessed 110 professions, baptized 19 converts and five babies, performed six weddings, assisted in 21 funerals, preached 132 sermons and made approximately 300 visits. This was in addition to attending the Sunday schools, prayer meetings and Christian Endeavor meetings. He stated that the charge was in the best condition to go forward and we hope to do so by the guidance of the Spirit.

All organizations are working in a fine way. The Sunday School now numbers 303, with 246 present Sunday. A monthly offering ($8.50 per month) has been sent to the Children's Home. The class leaders also reported good interest and good spirit in the prayer services, especially that of our young people at the mid-week services, with 25 to 45 in attendance. Our monthly prayer service had an attendance of 121. Our C. E. Society is also continuing its fine work. A wonderful spirit is manifested by the young people. A collection of $125.00 has been collected and we hope to raise still more before the Annual Conference. The Woman's Auxiliary is also doing good work. Our apportionments are being paid to date. Sunday night the fall Thank Offering service was conducted. A pageant entitled "The Lighted Highway" being presented along with a brief sketch of our home and foreign work. The Thank Offering amounted to $20.40 for which we are very grateful.

Our church treasurer gave a report which showed that Shiloh Church has again reached its goal with all conference claims met, and having collected $80.50, with $14.00 pledged yet to be collected on the Fellowship Crusade. Not only did Shiloh Church reach its goals, but both Friendship and Greer's Chapel met all claims thus making Shiloh charge an Honor Roll charge. So we have instructed our conference delegate, Mr. Alvin Walser of Friendship, to bring back Rev. C. E. Ridge to Shiloh charge for another year and we hope the conference will be willing.

I reported last week that our officers had been elected and installed and will begin with the new conference year. They are as folllows:

Class Leaders: W. J. Berrier, R. B. Sink, J. F. Fritts.

Trustees: Ed Waitman, J. M. Shoaf, F. L. Koonts, Jesse Hill, C. W. Sink, A. J. Weaver, B. L. Leatherman.

Stewards: J. L. Evans, Cleno Koonts, Protus Koonts, Dayton Koonts, Ira Koonts, Emma Berrier, Mrs. Ollie Walser, Mrs. N. L. Evans, Julius Byerly, Graye Barnhart, Willie Leonard, Jones Leonard, Julius Lanier, Ray Leatherman, Hugh Lanning, D. S. Penninger, Wiley Shoaf, Alvin Sink, W. B. Swicegood.

Church Treasurer: J. L. Evans.

Sunday School Superintendent: H. A. Leonard; Pianist: Mabel Berrier; Assistant Pianist: Gladys Evans; Choir Leader: Coley Scott; Assistant Choir Leader: Homer sink; Church Reporter: Mrs. Kyle Sink.

Ushers: Protus Koonts, Floyd Leatherman, Lawrence Evans, Dayton Koonts, Homer Sink.

Continue to pray for us.

MABEL BERRIER, Reporter.

Pine Grove Church.—The annual Home-Coming event will be observed at Pine Grove church next Sunday, October 30. Rev. R. A. Hunter, pastor of the Forsyth Charge, will deliver the home-coming sermon, or address. Dinner at the church in picnic style. Community singing program in the afternoon, directed by J. W. Johnson, of High Point. Several quartets and other groups of singers will be heard.

Fourth quarterly conference will be held at the Kernersville church Saturday, November 5, at 2 P. M. Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of the annual conference, will be present and preside. This will be a very important conference. Besides finishing the work of the conference year, plans will be made for the coming year; Pastor's salary will be fixed, and other important matters considered.

Pastor and family will enjoy a week-end vacation including next Sunday, October 30, a fifth Sunday which does not provide any preaching services at any church on the charge. They will spend the week-end with relatives at Burlington.

MRS. PAUL BUTNER, Reporter.

Mt. Pleasant, North Davidson, W. H. Neese, pastor, October 24.—As the Conference Year draws near its end, we look back with a great deal of pride and gratitude. We are both very proud and very thankful for the improvements we have made in our church building, and are looking forward to making more. It seems that the spiritual side of the church is also gaining ground. We are striving to keep pushing forward in every way.

Our C. E. Society is working for much greater things. The membership is increasing, and each week finds us looking for new interests. Sometime ago Mr. L. R. Medlin visited our Society and offered constructive criticism and an inspiration for greater work to be achieved. It is the purpose of the young people to enrich their spiritual lives in Christian Endeavor, and so to strengthen the whole church.

We are happy to report that some of our fellow Christians and friends who are ill have at least partially recovered. Mrs. J. L. Shoaf's health has shown a great deal of improvement, and it is our understanding that the same is true of Miss Lizzie Clinard and her sister, Mrs. Ida Bodenheimer. Their friends certainly will be happy to know this.

May we express our gratitude for what our pastor and his wife have done for us since they started to serve us three years ago. It is useless to try to name all the things that they have done for us; they are so numerous. But we are truly grateful. If the conference sees fit to send them back to us, we shall welcome them whole-heartedly.

J. R. PAYNE, Reporter.

Union Chapel, Granville.—There has not been a report from our church in quite a while, but I can say that our work has been going on very smoothly.

We are pleased that the quarterly conference has met and voted unanimously for the return of our present pastor. We could not do any better with much searching, I am sure.

The new officers were elected at the fourth Sunday morning service. The pastor received a portion of his salary at this service and the business of the church generally seems to be in readiness for the conference.

Mr. Pegg filled his regular appointment last Sunday with an excellent sermon and a large crowd in attendance.

Mr. Kittrell, from Henderson, was with us and gave a few remarks concerning the deplorable financial conditions now existing at our Childrens' Home. We were asked to raise $50.00 by Thanksgiving, which I feel sure we can do—and will do. This is such a worthy institution we must do our part to keep these little ones from suffering.

Mr. R. M. Edwards, our most efficient Sunday School superintendent, is trying to get the people interested in building Sunday School rooms. We hope that every member of the church will become anxious enough for this big improvement to begin at once.

MRS. E. C. HUFF, Reporter.

Ebenezer, Greenville Charge, J. M. Morgan, Pastor.—It has been some time since we have reported to the Herald, but we have been busy nevertheless. On the second Sunday in August our revival meeting began and closed the following Friday night. Brother Morgan did the preaching in his most efficient way and fourteen were added to our church family as a result.

A musical program was given here on October 9th. Visitors from other churches on the charge, a nearby M. E. church and also a Baptist church, helped to make this a success. Thank you folks. Come again. Always glad to have you with us.

Yesterday, October 23, Brother Morgan filled his last appointment at this place before conference, bringing to us a wonderful message on love.

It has been a great privilege of ours and also a great joy to have Brother Morgan and his family with us for three years. We feel that he has been a great influence in the progress we have made.

Our weekly prayer meeting will be continued after the first Sunday night in November. We cordially invite all who can to attend.

Rally Day program will be held here on October 13. All churches on the charge will give a short program, after which the fourth quarterly conference will be held. We desire that all officials will be present with good reports.

MRS. F. A. PEARSON, Reporter.

Shiloh Church, Randolph Charge, October 25.—Our pastor, C. L. Reynolds, filled his regular appointment Sunday. This was his last appointment before conference. He brought a very helpful message on "Loyalty and Leadership," reading several passages of scripture on the text.

Our Sunday School attendance is very good now. There were 79 present Sunday.

Offering envelopes were handed out for the 1938 Children's Home Thanksgiving offering. If you have anything to give, Mrs. Grace Chilton is the new secretary for next year. She will take care of it for you.

Our new officers were installed Sunday for the coming year. Let us all cooperate and make next year a better year in every way.

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Gila Hemphill Wednesday evening, November 9.

Since our last report we are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Garrett and son Roy to take up residence at Julian, and to have them attend our church.

REPORTER.

Littleton Church, Littleton Charge, J. H. Trollinger, Pastor.—Well, here we are again with another report as you dear folks can see. Our work has been going on so nicely and smoothly that we are anxious for every one to know how glad we are because of the way our work is progressing.

Since our last report we have nearly completed painting our church. The roof and all the inside has been finished and we will have the outside painted with two coats within three or four days.

On Saturday evening, October 15, a group of our members met at the church to give it a general cleaning which was badly needed after the painting. The rug was thoroughly cleaned and the woodwork and benches given a good rubbing and dusting. The yards were cleaned and the afternoon's work gave our church a new appearance.

On the third Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock our pastor filled his regular appointment. We observed the day as Home-Coming day. The church looked very beautiful due to the new paint and many pretty flowers and it made us all very happy. We all enjoyed the sermon and at the closing of the service we added another new member to our list. Mr. G. C. Harris became one of our members. This made 15 that have united with the church this year. Mr. Laker Williams joined us on the third Sunday morning in September. We are very happy to welcome him and all the others into our fellowship.

The new officers have been elected for another year. They are as follows: Miss Annie Perkinson and Mr. Lasker Williams, superintendents; Mrs. Sallie Williams and Mrs. Frank King as class leaders; Mrs. Gurelia Morris, Mr. J. T. Harris, Mr. Lasker Williams, Miss Annie Perkinson, Mrs. Sallie Williams, Mrs. Frank King, Mrs. Z. B. Mitchell as stewards; Mrs. J. W. Warren, Mr. J. T. Harris, and Mrs. Glasgow as trustees; Mrs. Sallie Williams, church trustee; and Mr. Tommy Morris, janitor.

The Ladies Auxiliary met at the home of our president, Mrs. Sallie Williams, for our October meeting. Miss Annie Perkinson had charge of the program for the evening. The meeting opened with Mrs. Bobby Newsom reading the Scripture, after which we were led in prayer by our president. Then a duet was sung by Miss Annie Perkinson and her mother. The meditation was read next, and Mrs. Z. B. Mitchell, Miss J. H. Trollinger, and Mrs. W. L. Perkinson took part in the story theme of the program. The roll was called by Mrs. Frank King and the minutes of the last meeting were omitted as the recording secretary was absent. We then went into our business discussion. We made plans to turn in all the money we had on our quilt which totaled $49. The Auxiliary had splendid success on the quilt. One of our members raised $12 on her square. At the close of the meeting a delicious course of cake with chocolate sauce and hot tea was served to all by our hostess. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. J. W. Warren.

On the fourth Sunday evening the fourth quarterly conference will be held at the Littleton M. P. church at two o'clock. We are hoping and looking forward to a good one.

There has been on Wednesday nights a series of services at our church with very good attendance. We are hoping to continue these until conference.

We are all working to make this one of our most successful years with everything going over the top. We need the prayers and blessings of every one who is interested.

ANNIE PERKINSON, Reporter.

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Gideon's Grove Church, Flat Rock Charge.—Our church is now bringing to a close one of the most successful years in the history of the church. Our last preaching service for the conference year, was held Sunday afternoon, October 23. At this time our pastor, Rev. J. A. Burgess, made the annual report of the financial activities of our church for the year 1938. We were indeed glad to learn that our pastor's salary and all assessments were paid in full. We also have a nice sum in the treasury to start the new year with. Election of officers was held at this service. All the old board were reelected.

We feel that this has been a great spiritual year. Under the guidance of our beloved pastor, Rev. J. A. Burgess, we feel that we have really done a wonderful work.

ORELIA FRIDDLE, Reporter.

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Patient: "Why does so small a cavity feel so large to the tongue, doctor?"

Dentist: "Just the natural tendency of the tongue to exaggerate, I suppose."—The Watchman-Examiner.

IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

Moser

Ernest Bassel Moser was born March 14, 1885, died October 14, 1938. Age 53 years and 7 months. He was married to Miss Maxie Whitaker December 11, 1910.

In his passing he leaves besides his wife, four children, Paul, Holt, Ruby and Nancy Lee. All now of Greensboro, N. C., and three grand children. He also leaves five brothers and four sisters and many friends.

He was converted and joined the church at Sholes when quite young and had never moved his membership.

Ernest had been afflicted for a long time and suffered much. He bore his suffering bravely and accepted his lot in life without complaint. He tried hard always to see the brighter side of life.

In his later days he seemed to realize that he was nearing the end and talked to those around him of his physical and spiritual condition. He assured them that he was ready and that all was well with him, and in this happy and contented state of mind Ernest left his suffering and afflictions behind and gently passed on. Ernest was liked by all and made a host of friends and many of these gathered around the bereft family, with all the kindness and sympathy that could be given. For all this the family extends their thanks and to all who have ministered to them in their great sorrow.

On Sunday, the 16th, the funeral was conducted at Pilot church by W. F. Ashburn and L. C. Chandler, after which the body was laid to rest in the church cemetery in the presence of a large congregation and under a great mound of beautiful flowers.

May the Lord bless the bereaved and comfort them, and may they all meet in heaven.

W. F. ASHBURN.

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Benjamin Smith

Benjamin Smith was born October 17, 1860, in Halifax county near Enfield. His parents were Asbury and Martha Sykes Smith. In early life he professed his faith in Christ and united with old Bradford's M. P. church. He married Ida Cooke on February 3, 1887, and with her noble assistance established a true Christian home.

Practically all his married life was spent in the vicinity of Whitakers, where he united with the local M. P. church, remaining a faithful member until his death. He departed this life September 27, 1938, after several months' illness attributed to the infirmities of age. He is survived by two children, Mrs. R. W. Stallings, and Raymond W. Smith, of Whitakers; his wife, and an elder son, Marion B. Smith, having preceded him to the grave several years ago.

Mr. Smith was a faithful and sincere citizen, always contributing to worthy causes. He has been an influence for good in his community, having taught youth by precept and example, the noble ideals of true Christian manhood. He truly enjoyed giving what he had, realizing from his own experience the truth the Master uttered when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Though he had not been a regular attendant at worship services during recent years, due to increasing deafness, he always remained true to the church of his choice, and continued to make regular contributions to our offerings for our Children's Home.

Mr. Smith will be missed by all—young and old, rich and poor. We lament his passing, but realize God answered his prayer to be taken ere he lingered too long in a helpless condition.

On September 28 he was laid to rest by the side of his dearly beloved wife and son, for whom he had never ceased to mourn, amid a vast profusion of lovely flowers, to await the last call for which he was assured of his readiness.

May the example he set be an inspiration to those who are left, and a consolation to those who knew he lived up to his lofty ideals; for he nobly exemplified the definition of religion by James: "True religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the widow and orphan in their affliction; and to keep one's self unspotted from the world."

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A tourist, speeding along a highway at 100 miles an hour, was stopped by a patrolman.

"Was I driving too fast?" asked the tourist apologetically.

"Oh, no," replied the patrolman. "You were just flying too low."—Ex.

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"Now," began the architect, "if you'll give a general idea of the kind of house you need——"

"I want to have something," replied the husband, "to go with a door knocker my wife brought home from New England."—Ex.

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Hicks-Michael

At the West End Methodist Protestant Parsonage, October 15, 1938, 8:30 P. M., Lemuel A. Michael and Fannie May Hicks were united in marriage, the writer officiating. This ceremony was attended by members of Circle Number Two of which the bride is a faithful member. They had previously given her a shower of many useful presents. A few other friends were in attendance also. They left immediately for a few days of travel. The groom is an interior decorator and a member of Calvary M. P. Church, while the bride is a member of West End Church. They will live in South Greensboro, 608 Tuscaloosa Street, where they are now at home to their friends.

This is a deserving couple and they begin life together with the prayers and best wishes of a host of friends.

N. G. BETHEA.

Johnson-Braxton

On Friday evening, October 14, Roy W. Johnson and Miss Avis Braxton were united in marriage at the home of Rev. H. L. Isley, with Rev. Mr. Isley and Rev. J. W. Braxton, brother of the bride, officiating. The ring ceremony was used in the presence of just a few special friends and relatives. They are members of two of the most prominent families of southern Alamance county.

Mrs. Johnson is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Isham Braxton. She is one of the talented members of Center church, Alamance charge, and at the present time is serving as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Johnson is the son of Mrs. Vesta Woody Johnson and the late Chas. W. Johnson, being a young man of sterling character. He is a member of Concord church, Saxapahaw charge.

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PROGRAM

Second District Rally

Harris Chapel, Sunday, Oct. 30, 1938

11:00 A. M.

Prelude
Invocation
Hymn
Devotional Address—Rev. J. D. Cranford
Special Music—First M. P. Church, Henderson
Address—"The Church and the Dependent Child"
Miss Lillie Mae Braxton
Hymn
Benediction
Picnic Lunch

1:45 P. M.

Prelude
Hymn
Prayer
Hymn
Scripture Lesson
Special Music
Sermon—"The Kingdom and Temperance"
Rev. T. J. Whitehead
Hymn
Benediction

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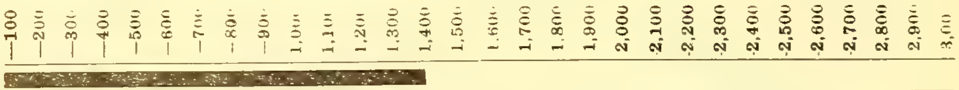

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Several years ago, those of us who are older remember that Dr. Thomas H. Lewis, one of the great preachers of America delivered a great address in Baltimore to the Methodist Episcopal General Conference. This was the beginning of negotiation for Methodist union. Some time after Dr. Lewis addressed the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, General Conference, Asheville, on the same subject, but a different address. This like the first literally swept them off their feet. They thought so much of this last address that they ordered ten thousand copies printed for free distribution. A great editor commenting on this afterwards said: "It takes a great man to strike twice, and certainly Dr. Lewis did that." We are all familiar with this interesting bit of important history.

What I wanted to say was that Dr. Taylor has struck twice! Sent in the largest amount financially on subscriptions last week and this. Ten more and you are out all around, Sam. Let's see you do it this week. Thank you!

And Dr. Fred, we are sending congratulations to you for getting First Church, Burlington, over on subsidy this week. Fine, fine! My, but wouldn't we like to see you pull them over on subscriptions! Well, Brother Joel, we are sure glad to welcome you in on this also. First from Guilford, but we are looking forward to see you in bold figures. Hope the folks will feel so good over this start that they will not quit till it is all in.

Cowan, you have a good start for Seagrove by what you sent in this time. You deal in so many figures efficiently for the Conference, wish you would get your folks to dealing in them in such a way as to get the joy out of doing it. Come again! Thanks to all of you.

P. S.: Quite a number of healthy subscription lists this week. Keep it up fellows until roll call. Get on the line if possible. Thank you.

P. S. Again: Thanks to Brother Cranford for starting the ball rolling down on Vance for subsidy this week. That is fine, try again.

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Strength From the Invisible

By Clarence A. Beckwith, S.T.D.

It is a precious possession, and he alone wins it who pays the price. It is richly worth the cost of tears and pain and inward struggle and prayer. To let loss and defeated hope and perplexity and the fear of death come upon us with all their crushing power, and then, in the midst of them all, to slowly gather the inner forces of our being as if in full sight of God and thus push back their deadening weight and stand forth strong and unconquered, this, this is an achievement worthy of the best that is in us. Many of us know what this is, and prize it so highly that if all else were to be taken from us, we would beg that it alone might remain.

For it is this spirit of life which holds the secret of power. No other character is worth anything save that which enshrines those realities whose source and home is in God. One can accomplish nothing which repays the labor except as he draws his inspiration and aim from a world that time and change can not destroy, but can only glorify. When called to suffer, you know that such and one will, indeed, bow the head, and his heart and will, for a while, in his grief lie hushed, and, it may be stunned; but the reed bruised is not broken, and when the storm has passed will lift itself again to receive the light of the sun; and the dimly burning flax, of which the old prophet spoke, beaten upon by the wind yet unquenched, will burn with a clear, bright, flame once more. And when he ministers to others in their sorrow and need, he becomes a tower of strength to them: something of the conquest of his own inner life will pass over into theirs, and in it they will find power to endure as if seeing Him who is invisible.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Series of Quarterly Conferences

Last week I held so many quarterly conferences that to attempt to treat each one in a separate paragraph would take more space than is allotted to me, so I shall cover them by brief references in one paragraph. The first one was at Danville, Va. on Wednesday night, Rev. R. L. Vickery pastor. Here the reports were good and as I listened to the discussions and studied the situation I concluded that the Danville organization had the possibilities of becoming a real live church. Brother Vickery had the great misfortune this year of losing his wife by death. This has been quite a handicap to him as he must care for the children. He had already announced to his people that due to circumstances beyond his control it is necessary for him to move this year. I trust satisfactory arrangement can be made for both Brother Vickery and the church. The next quarterly conference was at Midway church on the Haw River charge, Dr. C. W. Bates, pastor. This charge has had a good year with salary and A. C. budget about paid in full. Dr. Bates has done a fine work here and it is to be expected that he will continue to do so. On Friday afternoon I held the Q. C. at Canaan church on the North Davidson charge, Rev. W. H. Neese pastor. A fine increase was reported in membership with finances fairly well in hand. Brother Neese always does good work. On Friday night I was at Gibsonville, Rev. O. B. Williams pastor. Here finances were considerably behind, due in part to the fact that quite a sum has been spent on church improvement in making a basement for the church and in putting in a modern heating plant. But I am hoping that things will come out well yet. The last quartely conference of the week was at Randleman, Rev. C. L. Spencer, pastor. This is Brother Spencer's first year on the charge and he too has had a good year. Quite a fine gain had been made in membership. The salary was practically paid and it was reported the finances had been easier than usual. Brother Spencer is one of our most successful pastors.

A Sunday Morning at Mt. Hermon

Last Sunday morning was spent with the Mt. Hermon church on the Mt. Hermon charge, Rev. J. R. Anderson, pastor. The Sunday school here is large for a rural church. But Sunday school rooms have been provided for this large and growing school and it seems that it is well taken care of. For the morning church services people came from the other churches on the charge so that the auditorium was almost completely filled. It is always a pleasure to preach to people when the house is well filled. While the quarterly conference had not been held yet from what I could find out it seemed that the charge had had a good year. Brother Anderson uses a system for instructing the delegate which has not come into general use in our conference and yet one which gives a larger number of people the privilege of expressing themselves in that each local congregation votes for or against a change of pastors. Having studied our system this year I have come to the conclusion that there is considerable merit in this plan. As I had an appointment for the afternoon it was necessary for me to rush away all too soon. Mt. Hermon church has furnished five ministers for our conference, two of whom have served as president. They are Revs. Alexander Albright, G. W. Holmes, J. N. Garrett, H. L. Isley and a Rev. Mr. Jordan. I see no reason why many more ministers should not come from this large rural church.

District Rally at Bethel Church

Last Sunday afternoon it was my privilege to speak to a fine group of people assembled in a district rally at Bethel church on the Alamance charge, Rev. H. L. Isley pastor. Rev. E. A. Bingham, the chairman of the district presided. Brother Isley conducted the devotionals. One of the interesting things about the service was the reports from the various churches. The chairman had requested that the treasurer or some official of each church come prepared to make a report as to what had been done this year.. If we are to judge by the reports in this district then we would say that the conference will make a good showing in almost every respect. Some of the churches reported having paid practically all of their assessments. In the congregation Sunday afternoon were two rather outstanding people, namely, Rev. T. F. McCulloch who is the oldest member of our conference and Brother J. W. Whitehead who has been secretary of the quarterly conference on the Alamance charge for forthy-six years. Brother Whitehead is the father of Rev. T. J. Whitehead, the pastor of our First church at Henderson.

A Sunday Evening at Siler City

Last Sunday evening was given to the Siler City church, Rev. Aubert Smith, pastor. This service was doubly interesting due to the fact that considerable numbers of people were present from our Piney Grove and Hope churches and the services at the M. E. Church South in Siler City had been called off and the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Heath and a goodly number of his people were present. When all were put together the house was almost completely filled. The pastor had arranged a joint installation service for the officials of his churches to be conducted by the president. The one person who had to do more handshaking and who received more congratulations and good wishes than anybody else was Brother L. L. Wrenn who was at church again for the first time after rather a long illness.. Brother Wrenn has been attending the sessions of our annual conference for forty years and is always a favorite. Rev. Aubert Smith, the pastor is exceedingly popular with his people. The charge expects to make a fine showing in its report to conference.

A Word of Caution

During the past two or three weeks I have been somewhat disturbed by the fact that so many of the pastors who want to move have given as their reason the fact that they cannot live on the salary paid and they must move to get more. While I wish that every pastor could get more yet the fact remains that a great many of the places which seem to be changing pay salaries in what we think of as the lower brack-

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Out of the Past They Speak

Repentance—A change of mind; new mind about God.
Conversion—A change of life; new life for God.
Regeneration—A change of nature; new heart for God.
Justification—A change of state; new standing for God.
Adoption—A change of family; new relation toward God.
Sanctification—A change of service; separation unto God.
Glorification—A change of place; new condition with God.—*D. L. Moody.*

Thou are never at any time nearer to God than when under tribulation; which He permits for the purification and beautification of thy soul.—*Miguel Molinos.*

Adversity is the trial of principle. Without it a man hardly knows whether he is honest or not.—*Fielding.*

If good people would but make their goodness agreeable, and smile instead of frowning in their virtue, how many would they win the good cause.—*Archibishop Usher.*

Friendship is a disinterested commerce between equals.—*Oliver Goldsmith.*

He is a good time-saver that improves the present for God's glory and his own salvation.—*Thomas Fuller.*

When a feller has the blues,
'Taint no use to ask his views
'Bout the country—how it goes—
Ef it hails or ef it snows—
Cotton up, or cotton down—
Worl' stopped still or whirlin' 'round—
Never keers for any news—
That 'ere feller with the blues.
—*Atlanta Constitution.*

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Some Contrast

Ethel Ambler Hunter in a recent issue of the American Mercury said that since 1932 the American public has decreased its gifts for support of churches by 30 per cent, for general benevolences 29 per cent, for community chests 24 per cent and colleges 18 per cent, and at the same time expenditures for theaters, cigarettes, automobiles, liquor, jewlery, radios and other dispensables have soared from 25 per cent to as much as 317 per cent.

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The Glory of Pledge Keeping

Long ago David Livingston said, "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in its relation to the kingdom of Christ." Today as we place that sentence by the side of the life of that heroic soul, one is impressed with the fact that he lived true to it. How easy it is to vow, to promise, and to pledge to do things. It is not at all difficult under pleasing situations and a prosperous outlook on life to make high pledges, yea, even to vow to sacrifice comforts and fortune for the sake of a cause. But when difficulties come, when hardships face us, and when the bow of promise fades out of tomorrow, it is only the heroic souls who live true to their pledges. Dr. Livingston gave himself to Africa; to do it he must forsake friends in Scotland, give up the hope of a lucrative income from practicing medicine, and endure hardships such as none of us can even faintly visualize. The deeper the jungles, the darker the minds of the Africans, the more perilous the way, and the more disease threatened his body, the stronger grew his soul for the task.. The last sentence of that vow reads, "May grace be given to me to adhere to this," is most significant. Being faithful to a cause, sacrifical as a keeper of vows, covenants, pledges, will glorify any life, be it ever so commonplace.

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Judge Lewis Teague

In the passing of Lewis Teague the Methodist Protestant Church has lost one of its splendid laymen; the City of High Point, a most efficient official, and our state a man who would have represented it will in the U. S. Congress, for most likely he would have been elected to it in a few days.

Judge Teague was actively interested in the work of his Church, had held many official positions in the local Church and was a member of the Board of Education of the General Church at the time of his death. He was a delegate to the General Conference at both Columbus and at High Point, and had he lived would have been elected to the Uniting Conference which meets in Kansas City next April.

For many years, we do not recall how long, Lewis Teague was Judge of the Municipal Court and as an evidence of his fair dealing, yea his sympathy for those whom he sentenced to prison, I was told today that among the many floral wreaths was a beautiful one sent by a negro man who had not so long ago served sentence from the Municipal Court imposed by Judge Teague. This man recognized that his sentence was just and imposed without malice. Death has closed the door to one who was just entering upon life in a larger and fuller manner in this world but opened the gate to the realities of life eternal towards which let us look with hope.

The Editor of the Herald joins the great host of friends and loved ones of our departed brother in extending his sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife and children, to his sister and brothers, and especially to Captain and Mrs. A. M. Rankin, parents of Mrs. Teague.

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A Severe Requirement

Once in a while we have found a church whose membership appeared to think that their pastor ought to furnish the enthusiasm, the energy, the grace and the personality to give the church a high standing in the community without their effort or cooperation. If they failed to enjoy their religion as others whom they knew, the pastor was largely to blame; if their church did not get on the front page of the daily paper as often as others of the community, then of course it was the pastor's fault. They must have a drawing pastor, a good mixer with the men of affairs; a leader of the young, and a comforter of the aged. A preacher who could raise his own salary on the side, while he plans the other financial projects and maneuvers them over the goal line with his own hands. It never occurred to them that they were exacting a hard requirement of their pastor—in fact if he failed in any of these things, there were those who were sure to be quite fluent in their criticism. But if he succeed, their words of praise and commendation rarely ever filtered through to cheer his weary soul. Of course, not all churches make such severe requirements of their pastors. But possibly yours is guilty of exacting much more of him than is his duty. "Think on these things."

AND

It may be some of our readers have a pastor who appears to think that when his Sunday sermons are delivered, his task is done until the next appointment calls him. In the meantime he is free to hunt, to fish, to visit off his own pastorate; leaving all the affairs of the church, such as planning programs for raising money, keeping the members lined up to the work, visiting the indifferent officials, and looking after the sick in the community, leaving all these duties to his official board. Such a church is really to be pitied, and it is justified in making a change of pastors as speedily as possibly. The responsibility for the progress of the Church is a mutual one; should be shared alike by both pastor and people, but the pastor is the LEADER or he is not needed.

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HONORING OUR PARENTS

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, November 8, 1938

By J. C. Madison

Lesson Text—Ex. 20:12; Luke 2:46-52; John 19:26, 27; Eph. 6:1-4.

Golden Text—"Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Ex. 20:12.

The commandments which we have studied thus far have had to do with man's relationship to God. Today we begin a study of those commandments which have to do with man's horizontal relationships, that is his relationships to his fellow man. The first commandment in this field naturally and logically has to do with the relationship which exists between parent and child and as the readings suggest this relationship places a responsibility upon both concerned. By the above statements I do not mean however that God is not concerned with this field of human experience; God is always concerned with man's dealings with his fellowman, and by acting as descent brothers of men, partially at least, we make ourselves eligible to become sons of God.

It is often said that men have come to think of God in terms of those patterns of thought by which we think of human parenthood. We call our male parent "father" and the characteristics of an ideal father we attribute to our heavenly Father. Such reasoning is certainly logical but I am not so sure it is true. Is it not more true that the family relationship has grown after the example of the evident relationship which has always existed between God and His children? Is not the home a world in miniature in which the human parent in relation to his children imperfectly exemplifies God's dealings with men? Is it not true that the child in the home must learn in a small way what he must know if he is to deal intelligently, in honor and in confidence with his world and with his God?

There are two basic characteristics of our universe which a man must come to respect if he would be saved. They are justice and love. As someone has said when we look up to God through nature we see Him as stern, just and unforgiving law; but when we look up to Him through Christ we see Him as kindness, love and mercy. Now in my mind both within the state and within the home these two characteristics should be evident. If the child does not learn to respect authority within the home then the state sometimes in a cruel manner must teach it to him, or if he does not learn it there he moves out to clash with the stern laws of life as a result of which he finds himself a humiliated, broken and bleeding form. Within the home the child must learn to respect an authority which represents the justice of God or else he is unfitted to face the problems of a larger world. By authority of course I do not mean arbitrary punishment and cruelty. The authority which the universe throws around the individual is an authority of democracy rather than an authority of autocracy. As free moral agents men are free to act and choose and to express themselves at will. We are indeed "fellow laborers with God." At the same time we are dealing with a system of natural law upon which we can depend. Every home should be a democracy wherein each child has his realm of just freedom; only by choosing can we learn to choose and only by carrying responsibility can we become worthy of responsibility, but to say that a child should be given an opportunity to express itself is not to say that it is to play the fool and get by with it.

Not only should the home be a unit of domestic justice but an institution permeated by love. As God loves His own so should parents love their children. Discipline at the hands of one who truly loves seldom produces resentment. It will be difficult for any boy to learn to love God and his fellowmen if his own parents were not worthy of love. In the home we learn the joy of human response which is the beginning of Christian love. In my mind to honor one's father and mother consists of two things: I. To learn to respect the justice of God as expressed through natural law, through the state and through the authority of parents in the home; 2. To respond unto the love of God—love for love—as expressed through the goodness of life's blessings, through Christ and through the sincere devotion of parents to their own. Hollow is the boast of a father's love when he is not willing to live a Christian example before his son; empty are the tears of a mother so long as she shields her children from that authoritative justice which somewhere they must learn. In like manner Christmas gifts and Mother's Day corsages are sheer mockery when coming from an ungrateful son or daughter whose life is a disgrace to his or her name and an abomination in the sight of the Lord.

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"I will study and prepare myself and then some day my chance will come," said Lincoln. And he was self-prepared when his chance came.

CLASSROOM ECHOES

By P. E. Lindley

THE MAJESTY OF THE WILL

People used to blame their sins on the devil; now they blame society. When, in the former days, one was overtaken in a fault we said that Satan got him. Now when a man comes home drunk, abuses the children and beats up his wife we say the ecomonic system is out of order. Less and less do we hold an individual responsible for his own acts. Either the evil spirit caused a man to err, or, in these latter days, the social situation is not adequate.

Both explanations are, of course, faulty and largely fictitious, but human nature continues to find an alibi for its ills. Adam and Eve, who had neither heard of a devil nor a social order, hit upon other excuses for their failures, but the psychology in the case was the same. Adam accused his blushing bride, and she, in turn, fastened the guilt upon the adder. Had the devil been preached and publicized in those days, he would, of course, borne the brunt of the episode. Or had it all occurred in a complex civilization, society itself could have been called in to share the blame.

Yet the fact remains that a man must use his own head, make his own choices, and then face the results. I can hardly think of any one thing this country needs just now quite so much as a new baptism of the spirit of individual responsibility. There is no sense in blaming others for what one does himself. The minute you do begin to shift the cause of error you undermine the making of character, disrupt the ways of justice, and ignore the plans of the Almighty. Man was created in the image of God. He was intended to make decisions. Ultimately he shall be held accountable for those decisions. Wise choices lead to victory and higher happiness, while the foolish ones lead to ruin and condemnation. That is God's way of making man; He must look to man as a free agent. Thus we observe man's highest trait—the majesty of the will!

Certain forces, however, have obscured this lofty capacity of the will. For one thing, we have quit preaching it in any thorough and adequate way. "For each must stand before the judgment bar of God" is an unpopular text. Salvation is an individual matter primarily, and sin in the last analysis is to be laid at the feet of the sinner himself. But preachers are still excusing people for their sorriness on the grounds that Satan tempts them, or they sooth and shield them under the deceitful veil of "social conditions."

Again, the habit of blaming others appeals to a lazy humanity. Most people, I fear, refuse to accept the exalted honor our Lord has conferred upon them. Instead of going forth using their own devine quality of choice, assuming blame, credit, or disgrace, they still look for a "scape goat." God will honor the man who honors himself, and one way to honor onself is to accept the high role of will power assigned him by the Creator. Folk have to be driven to do even those things that are for their own good. Not one person in a thousand, I believe, will read a book on how to improve his own job unless he is forced to do so. Thus, leave it to humanity's will power and nearly any movement will fail. So, you see, this doctrine of "getting out of it" very naturally appeals to human nature. Which is another way of saying that man's chief enemy is himself.

Added to all of this, comes the modern note of collectivism. It is now the fashion to look to society for one's salvation, economic and otherwise. The individual is not supposed to do anything for himself that others can do for him. All forces seem bent on making the world safe for laziness. Some institution must save our money, educate our minds, build our homes, plan our crops, keep off our sickness, supply our food, and vaccinate our chickens. More and more our down-sitting and our up-rising is a matter of overhead appointment. In the midst of all this "social emphasis" is it quite logical, of course, that matters of religion and morals are shifted from the personal to the vague, social basis. Individual seriousness goes by the board as some paid organization looks after us. Society is exalted, but the glory of the individual is departing. The whole scheme tends to make "sissies" out of us all while "rugged individualism"—a characteristic of prophets and saints in all ages—is lost like a pearl under a steam roller.

But as W. T. Ellis has said, it is not more men we need, but more man. And the land can never be secure unless it rests upon the security of individual merit.

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The President's Letter

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ets. If these charges are supplied and if the pastors all get a charge then some body will have to serve these places.

Pray for the Conference

As this will be my last chance to say it before the conference opens I am calling on all of our people to be much in prayer for the conference. There will be problems to face and some of them will be difficult.

Appointments

Saturday, November 5—2 p. m., Quarterly Conference at Kernersville.

Saturday, November 5—7 p. m., Quarterly Conference, Rankin Memorial.

Sunday, November 6—11 a. m., First Church, High Point.

Wednesday, November 9—10 a. m., Annual Conference, Calvary Church.

J. E. PRITCHARD.

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NOTICE TO SEMINARY ALUMNI

We did not have time at the last session of Conference to do more than elect officers, and to agree that we would continue to underwrite $1,000 of endowment by contributing one-fourth of one per cent of our salaries. Brother Hunter tells me not very many of the brethren have made that contribution. I am appealing to you to bring it with you when you come to Conference, and help Dr. Forlines with his desperate problem of meeting the financial burder of carrying on the work of the Seminary. One-fourth of one per cent is not too much for any of us. Won't you help?

C. W. BATES, *Chairman, Alumni Chapter.*

PAUL'S KNOWLEDGE PROGRAM

The Apostle to the Gentiles presents a moving figure. We see him as a racer stretching forward to his goal. I fancy him as a mountain-climber, scaling peak after peak, still higher and higher. Writing to the Philippians, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his suffering," he reminds me of an able general, seeking to capture one strategic position after another. Paul was always sure of himself. As sure in the moral and spiritual realms, as any one could be in the material.

Paul did not accidentally begin his program, "That I may know him." He began exactly where all should begin. He pursued that knowledge till he could testify to the world, "I know him." Now there is a vast difference between knowing about one, and knowing one. We all know about hundreds of people that we do not know. Take in another realm. One may know about storms. May know their origin, the laws that govern them, but never knows a storm till passing through one. Paul knew much about Christ before he passed through his experience on the Damascus road, but knew Christ from that time forward.

Paul was also anxious to know the power of Christ's resurrection. It was not the power that raised Christ from the dead that Paul was anxious to know, however desirable that might have been; but the power the resurrected Christ had over saddened, dispairing lives. John wrote Revelation that he might prove that Christ is alive. Peter testified to the power of the resurrected Christ over dispairing lives, and transforming them, "Blessed be God . . . who begat us unto a living hope through Christ's resurrection."

The resurrection had a place in the early Church that it does not have in the Church today. According to Paul, apart from the resurrection of Christ there was no Gospel to preach. If one did not ring true on the fact of the resurrection, there was no place in the ministry for him. The resurrection was regarded of such paramount importance that one-seventh of the time was set apart for its celebration. Recently a certain minister in one of the leading Protestant denominations of America, threw his Bible to the floor, and proclaimed the doctrine of the resurrection a myth. Such an act was food for a sensational, secular press; but sad enough to make angels weep.

Paul furthermore wanted to know the fellowship of Christ's sufferings. Most people I fear pray, "Deliver me from suffering," rather than pray, "In me be all longsuffering shown." The number is all too large who stop when going gets hard. Such is not the way of Paul, nor the Christ. Christ set His face to go to Jerusalem, when crucifixion awaited him there. Went on through the agony in Gethsemane. Bonds and affliction did not move Paul from his course that lay also through Jerusalem. Some of the sweetest ministries the world knows have come through suffering saints. No cross, no crown. "If we suffer with him we shall also reign with him." Those arrayed in white had come up out of great tribulation: had washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

W. A. LEDFORD.

Laytonsville, Md.

THE FORGOTTEN FACT IN LABOR

Intense labor agitation has held the stake for seven years. We have passed from one panacea to another. We are impressed with the latest experiment which is about to be undertaken. Hours of labor are to be reduced to 40 a week. This will not apply to editors or to other professional people, most of whom will have to continue on a public service basis of 60 to 80 hours, with mothers still having family work for at least 100 hours a week. We are not social economists and so we hope for the best.

There is one thing, however, which cannot be legislated, and that is the quality of work done by the worker. Whether a man works one or 12 hours a day is immaterial when we consider the quality of work. We have seen some work done by men whose quality of service was so poor that to pay for it seemed a positive shame; we felt it would have been just as well if the worker had not worked at all. Then again we have seen work done that was worth far more than the worker was paid to do it.

Our civilization demands quality as well as quantity. Some workers built an apartment house in New York City and it collapsed on the workers, some of whom were killed. A man driving a new auto, with faulty mechanism which buckled and overturned the car, was killed. Thousands of home owners know the tragedy and disappointment of broken-down furnaces, windows that no longer fit, doors and fittings warped and roofs that leak, although they paid for good workmanship.

Quality is far more important than quantity. We would much rather employ a workman with a good conscience than one without a conscience at all. They are likely to be the best workers who follow the injunction, "Servants be obedient to them that are your masters . . . with good will doing service as unto the Lord and not unto men . . . knowing that whatsoever good thing that any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord . . ." In these days of easy relief, when dilatory and slipshod labor is condoned and compensated we would like to inspire the faithful American working man to prove his quality, his efficiency and service ability with a good conscience.—*Watchman-Examiner.*

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It is thy duty oftentimes to do what thou wouldst not; thy duty, too, to leave undone what thou wouldst do.—*Thomas a Kempis.*

MISSIONARY COLUMN

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE WOMEN'S NIGHT

In keeping with the oft repeated request from headquarters that we invite people of the other branches of Methodism to participate in our services, the program committee for Women's Night of Annual Conference is using three people from the M. E. Church, South, on its program for November 10, 7:30 o'clock, at Calvary church.

The devotional leader is Mrs. Elliott O. Watson, of Greensboro. The speakers are Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Stewart, of Genzan, Korea, and Monroe, N. C. Mr. Stewart, in the costume of her field, will in a brief address give the atmosphere of the field as a woman sees it. Rev. S. A. Stewart will speak on "Missions and the Present World Situation," or some kindred subject.

Mrs. Harry W. Bird, of Grace M. P. church, Greensboro, will sing the concluding challenge.

Mrs. R. M. Andrews, President of N. C. Branch of Women's Work.
Mrs. Eugene A. Lamb, Mrs. Elwood Carroll, Mrs. Roland C. Stubbins, Committee.

FALL THANK-OFFERING SERVICES
Bringing Gratitude Gifts

Many thank-offering services have been delayed on account of other plans, throughout the churches of the conference, but several churches are now holding their services. We are far from the goal of $1,000 for the fall observance. As these lines are read, will you not see to it that the slogan, "Gratitude, Give and Goal" is laid on the hearts of the membership of your church? There is an increase in interest and observing thank-offering services, and if all the auxiliaries which have not held services will ask for individual gifts or hold services early in this month, it need not interfere with Thanksgiving offerings for Children's Home, which must not be neglected.

Pageants, thank-offering boxes, worship services, and envelopes may be had by applying to me; and remember the slogan, "Three G's"—"Gratitude, Give, Goal."

MRS. W. C. HAMMER,
Thank-Offering Secretary.
Asheboro, N. C.

NOTICE

Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, will address our annual conference on Sunday evening, November 13. Brother Bradshaw is an outstanding worker in the field of Christian Education. Our Sunday school and young people's workers and pastors are urged to be present for this service. Among other things, he will tell us something about the Youth Crusade of his church which is reaching out to the whole of Methodism.

T. J. WHITEHEAD, President,
Conference Council of Religious Education.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HELPS

"HOW YOUNG PEOPLE CAN HELP BUILD A WARLESS WORLD"

Christian Endeavor Topic for Nov. 13, 1938

By REV. JOSEPH COBLE

Daily Bible Readings:

Monday, Nov. 7—By exposing the horrors of war. 2 Sam. 12:29-31.

Tuesday, Nov. 8—By rising above race differences. Gal. 3:27-29.

Wednesday, Nov. 9—By overcoming race hatred. Col. 3:10-17.

Thursday, Nov. 10—By supporting international brotherhood. 1 John 3:11-18.

Friday, Nov. 11—By refusing to bow down to Mars. Dan. 3:8-18.

Saturday, Nov. 12—By demanding peace. Heb. 12:14.

The Text:

Micah 4:2; Romans 12:17-21.

This, one of the most vital problems facing youth today—"How Young People Can Help Build a Warless World"—was opened to us in our discussion of last Sunday when we talked about the "Forces That Make for War." After much discussion you no doubt reached the conclusion that war is caused by hate, greed, envy, fear, and distrust of our fellowmen—in other words, by an un-Christian attitude.

If this be true, then we as young people must find out what we can do to help build a warless world. Legislation has been tried and has failed every time. Men will find some way to get around the law, or will deliberately break over it, and in forcing them to keep the law we are doing the very thing that we are trying to get away from.

There is only one remedy to the evil of war, just as there is only one remedy to any other evil or sin, for that is what war is. Redeeming men is the only way that the forces of evil will ever be overcome. Redeeming men is the only way that we can ever hope to build a warless world.

The November issue of the Christian Herald carries a very interesting cartoon by Charles A. Wells entitled "Brute Force—or Balm of Gilead?" In the center of the picture we see the broken and twisted body of Humanity walking on crutches, and being led by Democracy. To the right we see the Brute Force Clinic, and through the window we see Dr. Might Makes Right, who by surgery and force is trying to straighten twisted and deformed limbs. On the other side of the picture we see a white cross offering its Balm of Gilead.

In connection with this cartoon is the summary of a sermon recently preached by Dr .Daniel A. Poling on "Far Lands and Near Problems." He says that we cannot keep from sharing the problems of our fellowmen, for we are so closely connected that we will be drawn into their affairs whether we so desire or not. It is only by learning to live and cooperate with our neighbors, he says, that can help us keep from war.

"Norman Thomas tells us," says Poling, "that only a New Social Order can save the world from another world and cataclysmic war. Well, what of it? How can a new social order be achieved? Hitler has a formula. Stalin has a formula. These Americans will have none of either. A new social order without new social units is a catch phrase and worse—it is an opiate to deaden peoples while their destruction draws near.

"If this world is 'headed straight for self-destruction and moving fast,' there may be many formulas, but there is only one imperative—'Power enough to turn it around.' Jesus Christ alone has that. But He must have us. 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth,' marches always with the command, 'Go ye.' Here is the genius, the completeness of the gospel. 'The Good News' is comprehensive. It includes leagues and courts, slum clearance and social security, reciprocal treaties and 'justice for all.' But His plan is fundamental. Where these have failed and will fail again for lack of character in the individual, the gospel begins with the individual"—the indivdual redeemed.

But once youth has been redeemed, that youth cannot sit stiil and think that the job is complete. Conviction is always followed by action. There are many ways that youth can go into action and get results—results that will in the end bring as its fruits a warless world. First among these is to let the world know where you stand—that you are opposed to the whole system of war, and that following Jesus Christ you are going to do everything in your power to stop the evil. Especially must you let the lawmakers and enforcers—your Congressman and others in power—know what you expect of them.

You must try to lead other people to see as you do—to accept Jesus Christ so that He through them might turn the world around and start it in the right direction. Through this means you will lead others to accomplish that which you yourself would never be able to achieve.

It is when enough of the people of the world are living and teaching the principles of Jesus Christ that we can ever hope for a warless world. The older people are not going to change their views about war, but it is when young people shall lead other young people to follow after the Master that power shall be given to them from above to make the world warless.

NOTICE

There will be a Young People's Rally at Hebron church on Orange charge, Sunday, beginning at 3 p.m. The principal speaker will be Dr. F. W. Paschall, pastor of First M. P. church, Burlington. Rev. Aubert Smith will speak concerning Christian Endeavor work. Special music will be rendered by the Juniof choir of Mebane M. P. church, a young ladies' quartet from Center church on Alamance charge, Miss Lee, of the Efland high school, and a quartet from Hebron. All the young people of the district are urged to attend. The public is invited.

C. P. MORRIS.

NOTICE

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Love's Grove church will sponsor a very interesting program on Sunday night, November 27, at 7:30 o'clock, at the church. The program will consist of special music, a reading, a pantomime, a play, "The Lighted Highway." The special singing will be from visiting singers. Everyone is invited.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

REV. A. G. DIXON, Superintendent

Eden Auxiliary, Halifax, for shoes	$ 3.50
Golden Rule Circle class, Westminster, Md.	2.50
Kistler's Union S. S., Cleveland	3.49
Harmony S. S., Yarborough's	1.86
Friendship S. S., Fallston	6.08
Love's Grove S. S., Friendship-Love's Grove	3.30
Greer's Chapel S. S., Shiloh	2.50
Stallings S. S., Mecklenburg	2.00
Baraca Class, Gibsonville, clothing boy	5.00
Julian S. S., Tabernacle, for balance of year	6.00
Weavervile S. S., for the year	12.00
Chestnut Ridge S. S., Orange	3.00
Ladies' Aid society, Elwood, Ind., feeding child	5.00
Yarborough's Chapel S. S., Yarborough's, for the year	26.56
Caroleen S. S.	4.00
Mizpah S. S., Haw River	2.07
Hebron S. S., Orange	6.85
New Salem S. S., Randleman	1.50
China Grove S. S.	1.65
Hickory Grove S. S., Guilford	6.24
Asheville S. S., Sept. and Oct.	8.25
Liberty S. S., Davidson	1.00
Clark's Chapel S. S., Weaverville	1.50
Mt. Pleasant S. S., North Davidson	1.80
Mebane S. S., regular and program	14.65
Efland S. S., Orange	2.87
Efland, Orange, special	8.00
Union Chapel S. S., Mocksville	2.35
Bess Chapel S. S.	5.44
Canaan S. S., Denton	1.00

Clothing for Boys

Young Men's class, Friendship, Friendship-Love's Grove	$ 8.10
Young Men's class, Hickory Grove, Guilford	$ 8.00

We thank these two classes of young men for their great kindness. We are hoping for two or three more to respond to this call. Thank you.

Clothing and Other Gifts

Saxapahaw, on Saxapahaw, 12 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables.

Liberty, on Davidson, 24 half-gallon cans; and Chapel Hill, on Davidson, 47 half-gallon cans of fruit and vegetables .

The Woman's Auxiliary, Liberty, cakes for school lunches.

Tabernacle, on Tabernacle (delivered by Mrs. E. A. Lamb), 1 bushel sweet potatoes and 1 bushel Irish potatoes.

Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary, N. Davidson, 72 half-galon cans of fruit and vegetables, 1 bushel Irish potatoes and 2 bushels sweet potatoes.

Fountain Place Auxiliary, Burlington, cakes for school lunches. We are so sorry we missed seeing these good people when they came.

Chestnut Ridge Auxiliary, Orange, 1 quilt.

We had a most delightful visit, with a group of children, last Sunday to Mebane, Efland and Chestnut Ridge. Helped in the last two places with the thank-offerings. We sincerely thank all of you who helped in any way to make the above report possible.

A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

RECEIVED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. L. H. Zimmerman, First church, High Point	$2.00
Herman E. Burrows, First, High Point	1.00
W. M. Payne, First, High Point	1.00
Sent by W. J. Spencer.	
I. A. Teague, First, Thomasville	2.00
Mrs. Anna Williams, First, Thomasville	2.00
Mrs. Alfred Myers, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. Margaret C. Lanier, First, Thomasville	1.00
Cletus Ingram, First, Thomasville	1.00
Sent by Mrs. T. A. Lloyd.	
Rev. J. C. Auman, Community church	2.00
Mrs. J. W. Somers, Community church	1.00
Sent by Pastor Auman.	
Rev. C. H. Hill, Why Not charge	2.00
Mrs. J. B. Presnell, Why Not charge	1.00
D. J. Boyles, Why Not charge	2.00
W. R. Williams, Why Not charge	2.00
Mrs. O. J. Sink, Why Not charge	1.00
J. E. Presnell, Why Not charge	1.00
B. C. Presnell, Why Not charge	1.00
Lester Dorsett, Why Not charge	.50
Sent by D. J. Boyles.	
Paul Wallace, First church, Lexington	.50
Sent by E. M. Hamilton.	
J. T. Payne, Flat Rock charge	1.00
Mrs. E. M. Parrish, Flat Rock charge	.50
Sent by Mrs. Parrish.	
Mrs. C. E. Walters, Midway church	2.00
F. J. Lemonds, Flat Rock charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Burgess.	
R. K. Wilson, Yarborough charge	1.00
Sent by Pastor Vickery.	
S. G. Richardson, Seagrove-Love Joy	2.00
Miss Blanche Davis, Creswell	1.00
Sent by Pastor Wagoner.	
Mrs. J. A. Howard	2.00
Mrs. H. S. Cates, Saxapahaw charge	2.00
Sent by Pastor Bingham.	
W. A. Matthews, Guilford charge	1.00
Mrs. Arie Hooper, Haw River charge	2.00
Mrs. W. A. Pender, Orange charge	2.00
Sent by Mrs. O. F. Jones.	
Miss Debbie Thompson, Mt. Hermon chg.	1.00
Sent by Pastor Anderson.	
Mrs. W. D. Vaden, Haw River charge	1.00
Mrs. J. W. Bartee, Haw River charge	1.00
Rupert P. Butler, Haw River charge	2.00
Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Haw River charge	1.00
J. Milton Wright, Haw River charge	2.00
Mrs. G. Wade Apple, Haw River charge	2.00
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J. G. Rogers, First church, Burlington	2.00
Mrs. J. W. Hughes, First, Burlington	2.00
A. E. Sykes, First, Burlington	1.00
Mrs. Roy Wheeley, First, Burlington	1.00
Miss Lena Mae Alford, First, Burlington	1.00
Miss Cora Evans, First, Burlington	2.00
Dr. F. W. Paschall, First, Burlington	2.00
Sent by Dr. Paschall.	
Leonard Brown, N. Davidson charge	1.00
Sent by Mrs. Neese.	
Mrs. E. D. Milloway, Calvary church	1.00
J. Ed. Somers, Gibsonville	1.00
Sent by Pastor Williams.	
P. S. Little, Friendship-Love's Grove	1.00
Sam. R. Bivens, Friendship-Love's Grove	2.00
Clinton Kiser, Friendship-Love's Grove	1.00
John A. Love, Friendship-Love's Grove	2.00
Claude Whitley, Friendship-Love's Grv.	2.00
Mrs. T. B. Cook, Friendship-Love's Grv.	2.00
Sent by Pastor Cook.	
Scott Parker Sanatorium, credit Henderson charge	2.00
Vance County Prison Camp, credit Henderson charge	2.00
Sent by Miss Agnes Harris.	
Mrs. J. F. Hunter, W. Forsyth charge	1.00
Baldcs Deaton, First, Thomasville	2.00
Ernest Roberts, First, Thomasville	2.00
Mrs. Ray Gordon, First, Thomasville	1.00
Mrs. Grant Harris, First, Thomasville	1.00
Sent by Mrs. T. A. Lloyd.	

Subsidy

Maple Springs church, Forsyth charge	2.50
Bethel church, Alamance charge	5.00
Vance charge	1.50
First church, High Point	20.00
Yarborough church	1.25
Grace church	7.50
Orange Chapel, Saxapahaw	1.00

CONFERENCE AND THANKSGIVING

One week from the time you read this we will be in conference session in Greensboro. Conference will adjourn on November 14, and Thanksgiving comes on the 24th of November.

Our Case Is in Your Hands

Envelopes and dime cards have been mailed to pastors to get into the hands of a committee in each local church. Posters and literature have been mailed to Sunday school superintendents asking that they place the posters in some frequented place in the church.

We are trusting you to see that the posters are placed, and that the envelopes and cards are used. There is nothing much that we can do about it now but trust. We are making our prayer to our God above, and trusting Him to lead the people to help us with a real Thanksgiving offering.

A Day's Income

We confidently believe that many of you will contribute as much as a day's income for the orphan child, and that all our people, children and all, will make an offering commensurate with their ability. You will give if you can, and if you cannot give you will surely pray that those who can will give.

A Worthy Goal

A chairman in one of the districts has set a goal of an average of $1.00 per member from all the members of his group of churches. With a goal like that, the district will do far better than it could possibly do without a worthy goal. Can't all our churches set such a goal?

Pastors and superintendents, we are just depending upon you. One hundred and fifteen children expectantly look to you. You will not fail them. The people will give if the plans are placed before them. "Our expectation is from the Lord." But He gets money to His needy ones through His faithful children. So God is depending upon you.

Thank you for your help, and may God bless you in your effort.

Yours in His blessed service,
A. G. DIXON, Superintendent.

CONFERENCE FACULTY MEETING

The Conference Faculty will meet in Calvary Methodist Protestant church, Greensboro, N. C., on Tuesday, November 8, at 2 p.m. All persons desiring to come before the entire body or any member of the faculty may do so at this time.

S. W. TAYLOR, Chairman,
H. FREO SURRATT, Secretary.

FROM PASTORS *and* PEOPLE

West End, Greensboro.—The fact that there has been no report from this quarter of the globe does not indicate inactivity as there has been much going on. The most active set in our church just now is the stewards. The outlook for an easy pay up is much better than it was several weeks ago when there had been so little done financially. It was found when the initiative was taken that people were more willing to pay than was expected by some. So if the work is continued as going now, there will be no borrowing money to pay claims.

One of the most discouraging things, apparently, four years ago when the present pastor took charge, was the debt on the church. Some said it just could not be paid. Others said sell the church and build in another place. Faith always finds a way to do things. Some said it could be done and proceeded to make plans to that effect. Then it stood with interest, $12,800. Today as a monument to the faith of the undertakers, only $6,000 remains to be paid, and that is not due for two years. This has had a good effect on every other department of the work here. In the four years 111 members have been received, some of the best, as has been evidenced by their activity and interest in every line of advancement. Our hearty thanks to all who have cooperated to make the work go. There have been progressive leaders in every department from the Cradle Roll to the oldest, that have worked through heat and cold. Some have lagged, some have been out and in, some have opposed everything that was undertaken, but the faithful who have remained on the job deserve the credit for the great victory that has been won. There are still greater achievements ahead.

There have been many advances. The church has been recovered, new Methodist hymnals, new concrete floor to Sunday school annex, pastor's salary advanced from $1,000 to $1,400, and much work has been done financially outside of these interests mentioned. Best of all—and that upon which the foundation is found for all worthwhile things—there have been in the four years 191 who have professed faith in Christ. Some of these may have been renewals, but we have received the number mentioned above. The Sunday school is doing good work, and seems to be taking on new life under the leadership of Mr. J. Norman Wills. A good foundation has been laid for an increase by the former superintendent, Mr. L. M. Foust, and there is no reason why there should not be a substantial increase in the near future. There is a fine set of faithful workers to take up the work with whoever may be sent here as pastor for next year.

Much encouragement has come to the writer from the faithful supporters, and this is the longest pastorate recorded in its history; and as this pastor lays down the task for another to take it up, whoever he may be, he will find some of the salt of the earth here.

The work has been hard; the problems, some of which have not been solved, have been many; but by a middle of the road course, hampered by no one or set of naughts, greater things can be accomplished in the future, for this should be a Methodist stronghold, as there are no churches of this creed nearer than a mile. There is a great territory for work for one who is able to take up the task.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. V. Routh, Mrs. Underwood, Miss Rosa Mann, Mrs. Bonkermyer, Mrs. Kimrey, Mrs. Herndon, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Osborne, and Bros. Underwood, Waynick, and Ratledge, have remembered us with useful things since last report; and Mrs. Eldridge never forgets us any week,—hers has been a continual flow of that which has helped to reduce expenses. Thank you all, friends, and may heaven's richest blessings attend not only you who have given, but all who have encouraged in every way.

N. G. BETHEA.

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Lebanon Church, High Point, O. L. Easter, Pastor.—As we come down to the close of the year's work here at Lebanon, we feel that this has been one of the best years we have had for some time. More has been done, not by the faithful few, but a greater number of people have been interested in the work and have been doing their part; hence showing better results than it is possible when only a small percentage of the membership are forced to carry on by themselves.

Our pastor has been bringing to us messages that helped throughout the week when we needed encouragement; he has visited the sick, and the several days that he and Mrs. Easter were away on vacation brought to our realization just how much they have made themselves a part of our everyday life as well as help in the Sunday worship.

Our revival held in September proved to be what we needed in our midst. Rev. Mr. Love brought to us messages that proved the waking of some of us to our duties, and helped us to revive our efforts, as well as bringing to us new members that we feel will prove a blessing to our church. During the year five members have been added by letter, and 20 have been taken into the church by confession of faith.

The Sunday school has shown added numbers and added interest, and the year's work will be brought to a climax and close with a Rally and Promotion Day November 6.

On Monday evening of this week, A. J. Payne, Dale Montgomery and D. S. Hedgecock honored the official members of the church, the Sunday school superintendent and teachers with an oyster stew held in the church hut, which proved a happy occasion. After this at 8 o'clock the fourth quarterly conference was held, and reports showed that the stewards have organized their labors this year; the result is that we have arrived at the close of the year without a large sum of money to be raised in order to clear up our indebtedness.

The efforts of the ladies of the church, the Mittie Philathea class, Ladies' Aid and Missionary society, have been most gratifying; one of the results being a new carpet for the church and new chairs for the pulpit. A lovely painting has been hung back of the pulpit by the two Sunday school classes of young girls with Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Barnes as teachers. The Rainbow class equipped the piano and table with new covers. These additions have certainly improved the looks in our church and we are all proud of the improvement.

A. J. Payne was elected alternate delegate to conference and the quarterly conference voted unanimously to instruct the delegate, Dale Montgomery, to bring Mr. Easter back next year as our pastor. We are looking forward to even greater things to be accomplished for the Master in His Kingdom.

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Sapling Ridge Church, Alamance Charge, H. L. Isley, Pastor, Oct. 24.—We are glad indeed that our church work is moving along nicely. Rev. H. L. Isley fills all his appointments with interesting messages.

At the 11 o'clock services the first Sunday morning the folowing new officers were elected for the coming year: Trustees—A. A. Self, Wade Perry, I. E. Self, Charlie Johnson; class leaders—Frank Webster, Roy Self, and Daner Perry; stewards—Zeb Ferguson, Duley Campbell, Mrs. Bessie Clark, Ruby Stone, H. K. Webster; Sunday school superintendent—M. H. Woody; reporter—Mrs. Frank Webster; ushers—Mr. Freeman Webster and Mr. Welford Campbell; janitor—Mr. Hiram Perry.

The Woman's Auxiliary met last month with Mrs. Walter Hugh Campbell, with 10 members present. Mrs. Walter Hugh Campbell had charge of the devotionals. Mrs. Lester Johnson read a very interesting piece from our Missionary Record, and asked the Question Box. We had three visitors—Mrs. Edd Campbell, Mrs. Rhupus Brewer, and Mrs. Ike Ferguson. We are always glad to have visitors. We decided to meet with Miss Annie Virginia Self next month. Mrs. Rhupus Brewer dismissed us with a closing prayer.

The Death Angel has visited our community and taken one of our members, Mr. Millard F. Johnson. He was stricken Saturday afternoon and died in a few hours. The bereaved family have the church's sincere sympathy.

Mr. Rhuphus Johnson and also Mr. Jim Johnson, who have been real sick, are improving very much. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

Pray for us as we labor for the Great Master.

MRS. FRANK WEBSTER, Reporter.

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Piney Grove, Siler City Charge, Rev. A. M. Smith, Pastor, Oct. 25.—Since the conference year is rapidly drawing to a close, I shall attempt to give a report of the happenings at our church for the past few weeks.

Our revival meeting was held the third Sunday in September, with Rev. Leo Pittard doing the preaching. He brought to us some very helpful and inspiring messages. While the visible results were not what we had hoped for, we feel that seed was sown that will count in years to come. We enjoyed having Mr. Pittard with us very much, and hope that he may come our way again some time.

Our Sunday school is holding up nicely. The attendance is some better than it was a year ago. We hope that it may continue to grow.

Our pastor has filled all of his appointments at our church this quarter with the exception of one, at which time Mr. H. H. Wood, a student of the school of religion at Duke University, filled the pulpit for our pastor. Mr. Wood brought us a very fine message, which everyone enjoyed, and we hope that he may come again.

Our pastor will be with us again on the fifth Sunday afternoon in October, at which time the church officers will be elected for the coming conference year. Communion services will also be observed at this time.

Quarterly conference voted unanimously for the return of our present pastor, and we hope the annual conference may see fit to send Mr. Smith back to us for another year.

The conference president, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, will be at the Siler City church on the fifth Sunday night, and we hope that many of our Piney Grove people will go and hear him.

WILMA DARK, Reporter.

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Forsyth Charge.—We held our fourth quarterly conference Sunday afternoon, October 23, with a fine attendance. Good reports were made by chairmen of boards and committees, as well as by the pastor.

J. Frank Evans will be the delegate to the Annual Conference, with R. M. Cox alternate. Mr. Evans was instructed by unanimous vote of the conference to ask for the return of the present pastor for another year. There was also a unanimous vote for a $100 increase in salary.

These votes of confidence are appreciated by this pastor and family. We are closing our eighth year as pastor of these fine people. They have cooperated splendidly at all times throughout these years, and have not failed to show their appreciation for our services.

Our report to the annual conference will not show as large a gain in membership as in some years, but the financial report will be better than usual.

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Haw River Circuit.—I had thought I would not write again this conference year, but I've got to do a little boasting; "nor is my boasting vain." It happens on this wise:

Last Sunday I went over to Midway for a night service, the first I have held at any of the churches on the charge since I have been here. A good congregation gathered. I made the announcement that we lacked $3.03 of having the conference claims in full, five subscriptions to the Herald, and $73.81 on salary. Then I preached, to which the folks gave good attention. While I was busy checking up on the subscriptions that were coming in, the stewards were counting the offering. One of them said, "Preacher, come and get your money," and I came a-runnin'. They had it all—conference claims and pastor's salary. Then we finished up on the subscriptions. So Midway leads the procession. (Friendship was out on everything but the subscriptoins three weeks ago. But you remember the story of the tortoise and the hare?) Fair Grove lacks a little on pastor's salary, and a few subscriptions. Mizpah is behind on pastor's salary, about $10 on conference claims, and six subscriptions, but I think we'll clear the slate next Sunday.

We have had a fine year, especially in the way of material improvements. We have had 25 additions to the membership; but more subtractions than additions will make us record a net loss.

We are dressing up the kitchen and pantry this week with new floor covering, made possible by the sale of gelatine and flavoring extracts, and a little help from another source. The next job is to repaint the kitchen and pantry, which we hope to do after conference.

The new hymnbooks for Friendship church have arrived, and will be dedicated and put to use Sunday morning.

Thanks to some of the good folks on the charge, the parsonage family has both bread and meat to eat. Twice within the past two weeks we have had cuts of beef given us; last week one of the brethren gave us a milling of flour; and other things from other folks to feed the inner man. For all of which we say, Thank you.

C. W. BATES, Pastor.

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First Church, Thomasville.—The members of First church have been doing a lot of good work during the year, and with the new officers already installed we have great hopes for the future.

The Woman's Auxiliary with the help of Mrs. A. H. Ragan have kept their little boat sailing which they launched a few years ago. The men, also, keep steady on the move, giving their help spiritually and financially. I only refer you to the Tar Heel Bulletin to find out what the young people are doing in all of the churches all over the state.

Now that conference is drawing near, we look back over the past year and can say that we have gained one more milestone toward building a great church.

MISS AUDREY SULLIVAN, Reporter.

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Gibsonville, O. B. Williams, Pastor.—The district rally of the Christian Endeavor met with our society on November 11, with about 300 young people present. The speaker was Rev. Thurman Bowers of Greensboro. There followed a social hour with refreshments being served by the local society.

The third Sunday our Women's Missionary society held their annual Thank-offering service. They had for their speakers, two young students from the University of North Carolina, — Miss Elizabeth Wong and Mr. Lincoln Kahn, natives of China. The speakers delivered splendid messages which gave us some interesting information concerning present conditions in China.

The attendance at our Sunday school and church services are good. Last Sunday our pastor used for his subject in his morning service, "What Is Truth?"

We are now closing our conference year and the board of stewards has announced that all claims will be paid in full. Friday evening the fourth quarterly conference was held at the church, with Dr. J. E. Pritchard, president of the annual conference, presiding. We were glad to have Dr. and Mrs. Pritchard with us on this occasion, and we hope that they will be with us again in the near future.

A nominating committee composed of Mr. D. M. Davidson, Mr. G. J. Yow, and Mr. W. J. Jennings was appointed Sunday to prepare a list of church officers, which will be elected next Sunday.

Next Sunday will be our last service before the annual conference. At 11 a.m. we will have our communion service and fellowship meeting.

The membership of the church extends to Rev. and Mrs. Williams its appreciation for their untiring efforts. He has made a good pastor this year and he and Mrs. Williams have won a warm place in our hearts. We hope the conference will return them to us for another year.

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Rehobeth, Creswell Charge, Rev. Forest Wagoner, Pastor.—We are looking forward to the coming annual conference with great interest; how I wish a party from Rehobeth church could attend like they did when Rev. Mr. Hethcox was with us. That now is impossible, time has made many changes. But the few that remain of those of long ago are not situated to attend the conference. But one thing I do know, all are anxious to have our pastor, Rev. Forest Wagoner, return. I think all denominations like him. He has such congenial manners; he serves with so much joy in everything he does. He brought Bro. W. F. Ashburn up in this community. How glad all were to see him; hope he can always come and see us when he comes down. He is a reminder of our Edenton work and the happy days of long ago.

Our Sunday school officers have been elected for the following year. Brother J. B. White is still our faithful superintendent. He is always at his post of duty. Our church has some bad leaks in the roof; he is to patch them as soon as the money can be raised to buy material. We have nearly enough in hand to do this.

REPORTER.

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Albemarle, Rev. C. G. Isley, Pastor.—It has been some time since we have reported, but we have not been idle.

Sunday, October 30, was a red letter day in our church, with most every member being present. The roll was called and each member responded to his name. We were pleased with our morning offering which amounted to $186. At the close of the service we were glad to receive in our church one of our Sunday school girls, Miss Adelaine Jones, which makes us a total of 25 new members this year. We were also glad to have Rev. M. C. Henderson and family to worship with us at this service.

Our men have organized a Brotherhood club with 50 members. Although they have had only three meetings, they seemed to be very much interested in their work. They were very fortunate to have for their speaker at the last meeting our president of the annual conference, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, who spoke on the subject, "My Church." His address was enjoyed by all that were present.

We held our fourth quarterly conference on October 18. The reports were encouraging. Our pastor made a splendid report, showing that the work has prospered, and the church is in the best shape since the building of the new church. Our delegate, Mr. D. J. Hatley, was unanimously instructed to bring back our pastor, Rev. C. G. Isley. We sincerely hope that conference will see fit to send him back to us.

Our church was delighted to have the ministers of the Western Pastors' Federation to meet with us on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October.

Recently we have had two weddings in our church—that of Miss Edna Hatley and Windsor Hathcock, and Miss Mary Gaddy and John Herlocker. We wish for them a long and happy life.

Our church was grieved over the death of one of its members. Mr. Lester Hinson, also the death of Mr. Samuel R. Hutchin, who was formerly a member of this church. We extend our deepest sympathy to both bereaved families.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Smart, Mrs. Attie B. Gaddy, Mrs. C. L. Hatley, and Mr. C. W. Hatley spent Sunday with Mr. C. L. Hatley, who is a patient at Oteen hospital The condition of Mr. Hatley is very grave at this time.

Mr .and Mrs. John R. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gantt, Margaret and Billy Gantt spent Saturday in Boone, with Miss Dona Gantt, who is a student at A. S. T. C. While there they attended the Appalachian and Western North Carolina football game.

MRS. COLON MAULDIN, Reporter.

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Cedar Falls, Richland Charge, M. C. Henderson, Pastor.—Our work is moving on about as usual; fair attendance at Sunday school and church services, but still room for improvement. Our pastor is with us twice a month with helpful messages. All officers for the coming year have been elected. Most of them are the same as last year.

I think I can speak for my church and say we never had a pastor our people liked any better; if we seek to see not so much the preacher but the God he labors for, we would get more blessing out of going to church. If Brother Henderson should not be returned to us for another year, we hope that conference will send us a man that will push us forward, and that Rev. Mr. Henderson will receive a great reward for the good work he is doing. REPORTER.

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Community Church, Thomasville, J. Clyde Auman, Pastor.—Community church held its annual church meeting on Friday night, October 28. This meeting is held for the purpose of electing officers for the new year and to review the past year's accomplishments.

The pastor reported 107 sermons preached, aside from special meetings in which he has assisted quite a few, during this year. He has made 553 calls to date; made five addresses, and officiated in four marriages. The church membership has been increased by 28, bringing the present membership to 212. Pulpit equipment added this year consists of communion service, hymn board, and a table in memory of Mr. Chas. F. Finch. The parsonage has recently been supplied with a new bed mattress and springs. There has also been quite a bit of work done on the parsonage, such as painting, etc. The church building has been painted and new floors put down in the basement.

Mr. Auman presented the following recommendations which were unanimously accepted: (1) That the amount of $25.00 be provided for bulletins for the new year; (2) cooperate with the Children's Home for a good Thanksgiving offering; (3) a committee be appointed to revise the church register; (4)that a new church register be purchased as soon as possible; (5) on the fourth Sunday of November, some recognition be given to the 15th anniversary of this church; and (6) that we go on record as supporting the idea of appreciation year and try to raise our apportionment by April 30.

Mrs. J. R. Sechrist, president of the Women's Auxiliary, reported quite a number of the auxiliary obligations have been paid, and that all budgets would be paid in full. The ladies have been on hand regularly for meetings and are doing a good work.

Mr. J. W. Boyles, chairman of the board of stewards, reported that all conference claims will be paid in full by the end of the conference year, and expressed appreciation for the hearty cooperation of all members.

A special committee was appointed to work on plans for a Thanksgiving offering for the Children's Home. There was a committee appointed to plan a program for the 15th anniversary.

There was a unanimous vote of thanks and appreciation for the good work done by our retiring Sunday school superintendent, Mr. C. L. Berrier. Everyone is aware of the efforts that he has put forth, and we are sure that he has been an inspiration to all of us to do our part with a will.

At the October meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary those present, the number being about 35, voted unanimously for the return of Rev. Auman and his family. We find this is the sentiment of the church as a whole and we do hope that the conference will see fit to send him back to us. We are sure he is doing a good work.

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Class Leaders: H. C. Nicholson, Mrs. T. G. Perry and Mrs. W. S. Myers. Board of Stewards: J. W. Boyles, E. C. Brandon, Jr., Mrs. J. R. Sechrist, Mrs. A. C. Bartley, G. L. McAdams, John Perry, G. M. Hobbs, J W. Elliot, Virgil Ward, Johnny Jones, Glenn Finch, Harry Brown Finch, Tom Griffin, C. R. Reed and Mrs. Tom Einstein. Board of Trustees: Alfred Finch, J. W. Boyles, Harry Brown Finch, C. R. Reed and Alvak Boyles.

Church Secretary: John R. Perry.

Church Treasurer: Mrs. C. R. Reed.

S. S. Superintendent: J. W. Boyles, G. M. Hobbs, assistant.

S. S. Secretary and Treasurer: Chester Myers.

Auxiliary President: Mrs. J. R. Sechrist.

Board of Christian Education: Rev. J. C. Auman, J. W. Boyles, G. M. Hobbs, C. L. Berrier, Mrs. J. R. Secrist, Miss Isabel Boyles, Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, Alfred Finch, Mrs. Johnny Jones, Mrs. C. R. Reed and Jesse L. Finch.

Choir Director: Mrs. C. F. Finch.

Pianists: Mrs. A. C. Bartley, Miss Alice Ruth Myers, Miss Isabel Boyles, Mrs. Johnny Jones, Mrs. A. M. White.

Music Committee: Mrs. C. F. Finch, Mrs. E. C. Brandon, Jr., Mrs. A. C. Bartley, Mrs. Robert Myers

Pulpit Committee: Mrs. J. E. Clodfelter, C. L. Berrier, Mrs. W. S. Myers.

Church Reporter: Mrs. Tom Einstein, Miss Virginia Boyles, assistant.

Boy Scouts: Troop Comm. C. R. Reed, E. C Brandon, Harry Brown Finch, Tom Einstein.

Ushers: Howard Green, E. C. Brandon, Chester Meyers, C. L. Berrier, Bob Crawford, Wiley Taylor, Harry Brown Finch, Mell McAdams, G. M. Hobbs, Fred Perdue, Lester Myers.

The fourth quarterly conference is called to meet Wednesday night, November 2 and the newly elected officers are urged to attend in addition to the regular members.

On Wednesday night of last week Mrs. J. R. Sechrist entertained her class of girls with a Halloween party and on Thursday night the Christian Endeavor had an enjoyable social at the home of Miss Nell Meyers.

MRS. HOWARD GREEN, Reporter.

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Union Grove Church, Rev. Joseph Coble, Pastor.—Since I am a new reporter for this church, I hardly know what to report. I might say that we observed Rally Day October 30. "The Trial of Everyman's Church" was presented successfully. The whole program of the day was well given. After Rally Day service the pastor called a membership meeting and the purpose of this meeting was to reorganize the church and Sunday school officers. We are praying that each official elected will do his or her best for the Master's work.

The annual conference will be soon, and I hope each church can hand in a good report for the year.

May all of us start counting our blessings because it isn't long until Thanksgiving. You may say, "What have I got to be thankful for? Surely I don't have as much as I should have." But aren't you thankful for your health, your home, and your friends? There are many things to be thankful for if we will only stop to think. So, as Thanksgiving draws closer, let us all give thanks to God for all the many blessings we have received, and especialy for Jesus Christ, who died for us.

In how many things should we give thanks? "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thess. 5:18.

FLORA MAE WOOTEN, Reporter.

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Kernersville-South Winston Charge, Oct. 31.—Our last revival meeting for the year was conducted at Sandy Ridge church from October 9 to 18, with Rev. Fred R. Love, pastor of Pleasant Grove church, doing all the preaching except one sermon by Rev. R. O. Knuckles, of the Baptist church of that community. The visible results were not what we prayed for and expected, but we felt that much good was done by the gospel preaching during the meeting. There were two professions but no accessions to the church.

The fourth quarterly conference will be held at the Kernersville church Saturday afternoon of this week, convening at two o'clock. Dr. Pritchard, the president, will be with us and preside over the conference. We hope to have a good attendance of the officials and members of the different churches.

Final services for the present conference year will be at Ai church at 10 a. m., at Pine Grove church at 11 a. m., and at Kernersville church at 7:30 p. m. next Sunday.

The past year has seemed short to this pastor. We have been busy getting acquainted with the members and finding their homes, which is always the duty of a pastor during his first year on a charge. A total of 415 visits have been made, and yet we have not found all of the members.

Since this is the last report this pastor will make before the annual conference meets, we desire to express our sincere appreciation to the members and friends of Kernersville-South Winston charge for all the kindness shown, for every courtesy extended, and for every gift made. The gifts have been numerous all through the year, and the cooperation in general has geen splendid. A barmonious spirit has prevailed at all the churches during the year, for which we are grateful.

Now, for Calvary Church and the annual conference, and may God's blessings be upon every session.

C. B. WAY, Pastor.

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Harmony Church, Yarborough Charge, T. H. Vickery, Pastor, Oct. 30.—Our pastor filled his regular appointment last Sunday and brought us a very inspiring message. We had a nice crowd out, but it was rather a sad time, it being his last appointment.

We feel like much good has been accomplished this year. Everyone seems to be eager to do all they can to help and further God's work.

We have had a wonderful time today; we had a nice crowd from Fairview, Liberty Hill, Yarborough's Chapel to be here for our Rally Day program.

Dr. Johnson had charge and had a real nice program, and dinner was served on the grounds. I speak for all when I say we enjoyed every bit and extend an invitation for all to come back at any time they can

This will be my last report to the Herald, but wish to say I have enjoyed sending in these reports, although sometimes I have felt they were rather poor ones. As I turn this over to our new reporter, Eleanor Knight, I am sure she will be a good reporter.

SARA SIMPSON, Reporter.

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Bess Chapel: W. L. Harkey, Pastor.—We can hardly realize that another conference year is drawing to a close. Our thoughts are daily turning to the Annual Conference. We hope to come together with encouraging reports, and all claims paid in full.

The fourth quarterly conference met in Bess Chapel church Sunday afternoon (Oct. 30). Each church was well represented. All reports were good. The conference voted unanimously for the return of our pastor for another year. Mr. A. A. Beam, is our delegate to Annual Conference.

We have enjoyed having Rev. Mr. Harkey for our pastor this year. His messages have been inspiring, encouraging and very helpful. We trust the conference will be able to return him to us. Also we have enjoyed having Mrs. Harkey and the children worship with us and visit in our homes.

Our District Rally was held Sunday at Kistler's Union church, Cleveland charge. The program was fine. The attendance from each of our churches was splendid.

Our Women's Work is moving along nicely with increasing interest. Our Girl's Mission Band has just completed a Baby Show, from which they raised one hundred-nine dollars. How is that for thirteen little girls? Friday night the Auxiliary gave a "Southern Chicken Pie Supper." After all was over we had forty shiny dollars.

We are making plans for the Thanksgiving offering for the home. We are planning a central meeting for the district. But we will tell you more about that later.

With very best wishes.

MRS. B .L. HEAVNER.

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Concord Saxapahaw Charge, Rev. E. A. Bingham, Pastor.—Conference is almost around the corner and we have yet right much work to do financially but are working toward the good of being on the honor roll.

Were glad to have visitors with us Sunday morning for Sunday school. Attendance has increased which we are very grateful for. The Sunday school plans to have a party and play near Thanksgiving to help pay more on the local church debt.

The chicken supper the Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored a few weeks ago realized $26.40 which was paid on this debt.

The last quarterly conference was held here Saturday. The conference voted to call Pastor Bingham and family back with us for another year for which we are very glad as we feel this year has been very prosperous in the Lord's service..

We are sorry to report Mrs. T. H. Moore is sick again.

We have only one more preaching service before conference. New officers will be elected and installed at that service.

BESSIE CABLE, Reporter.

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North Davidson Charge, W. H. Neese, Pastor, Oct. 31.—Today was a very busy but we feel a very profitable day at Bethesda and Mt. Pleasant churches. At both churches the fall think offering service was observed. This writer does not mean in any way to take the place of the reporter at the above churches but she does want to call attention of the Herald readers to some interesting facts. At Bethesda at the 11 o'clock hour the women of the Auxiliary presented the pageant "The Lighted Highway." The service was very impressive and the offering was $10.83. At 7 p. m. the Mt. Pleasant ladies presented the same pageant. A large audience was present, the program was impressive and the offering was $8. We were glad to have the Junior Choir from Pleasant Grove present to sing during the program, we were also glad to have Rev. F. R. Love and family present. Mr. Love led the closing prayer.

Tonight completed our fall offering services. Right here I want to thank the Auxilieries and Ladies' Aid Societies for their splendid cooperation. Someone has said that "comparisons are odious" perhaps they are but I'm going to do a little comparing just to show you folks that the women's work on this charge has not been standing still. We are rounding out our third year's work with these good women and during that time have helped to put across 24 thank offering programs. I am sorry I do not have the figures at hand for the first year's offerings but do have for the last two and here they are for the charge: 1937 Spring T. O., $14.30; 1938 Spring T. O., $36.35; 1937 Fall T. O., $17.82; Thank offering for 1937 was $32.12, the 1938 Fall T. O., $34.43, in other words the offering for 1938 was $70.78. Haven't we made a little improvement?

There are some of the finest folks on this work that can be found anywhere and it has been a pleasure to work with them and it is the earnest prayer of this writer that much more good may be accomplished by them in the future. Sometime ago the Bethesda people painted their church and today I was told that the Women's Auxiliary and Young Girls' class contributed a little over $92 on the painting. I think they are to be commended for it. The Parsonage family was delighted to have as dinner guests last Friday Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard of High Point. It is always a pleasure to have these good people visit in our home.

Today when we went to our car to leave Bethesda church we found that someone had already been there and left a bag of flour. You see they don't want us to go hungry. This spirit of sharing with the Parsonage family is appreciated more than words can express. So we just say "thank you" to each one on the charge that has in any way helped to lighten our load and may our Heavenly Father abundantly bless you all.

MRS. W. H. NEESE.

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Concord, Rev. E. O. Peeler, Pastor, Oct. 31.—We were very happy on the fourth Sunday to welcome into our church family Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Waddell and Mr. and Mrs. James Rimer. We were happy to have many visitors worship with us. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nash from the M. E. church at Kannapolis and several others.

On the fourth Sunday we heard the report from the nominating committee for our officers for next year. Then our pastor gave us a beautiful message. Yesterday morning our new officers were installed in a beautiful way. Mr. Peeler printed programs and used as a responsive reading, each officer responding. It was very beautiful and inspiring.

On Sunday night we had our thank-offering service, with our president, Mrs. Peeler, in charge of the program. Mrs. Fred Sides is our thank-offering secretary. The program was as follows: Prayer by Mrs. Fred Sides. Song by our junior and primary children, and they really are good singers, with Mrs. Ross Little their leader. Mrs. Fannie Cochran gave us the history of the thank-offering of the M. P. church. Miss Neta Blackwelder gave us the story of the hymn, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah." Mrs. J. L. Sides told us why we should give a thank-offering. Mrs. Esther Litaker gave us the hymn story of "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Miss Virginia Burris told us what our gift in the thank-offering will acomplish. Mrs. Esther Litaker gave us the hymn story of "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," and Mr. Peeler told us about giving for gratitude. The offering was received first from the Sunday school classes, some member of each class going to the front with the offering, and then the congregation was given an opportunity to give their offering. We were pleased with our offering, which amounted to $20.

Sunday morning the chairman of the board of stewards told us we were some behind with our budget, and we are so glad that every cent was raised and our pastor and delegate can go to conference with a good record.

We have had two very good years with Mr. and Mrs. Peeler for our leaders, and we hope to have many more years with them. Our quarterly conference was finished Sunday after preaching, and our delegate was instructed to bring Mr. Peeler back to us. We just hope that the Lord will direct the conference to send them back to us. Mr. and Mrs. Peeler have been sick with the flu, but we were so glad that they were able to be with us Sunday. We are so sorry that little Carol Sides is sick at this time; he has an infection from an abscessed tooth, and was taken to a Charlotte hospital today to be under the care of a doctor there for a few days. Sorry to hear of the illness of Miss Anthnell Sides. Our hearts are sad with these folks that have sickness, but we know that we must have some bitter mixed in with our sweets. Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mrs. D. D. Nash when death called her sister to her reward, Miss Pattee Steel.

We appreciate so much the work Mr. Brutus Cartrett gave us on the church yard, also the cotton seed the Southern Oil Co. gave us for the yard.

Another one of our girls has married—Miss Alma Verble married Mr. Osteen. He is in school in Asheville.

BERTHA EARNHARDT, Reporter.

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Pleasant Grove.—We are coming to the close of another conference year. So swiftly has it passed, until one would hardly recognize the end so near. We have not done so many things that would be termed outstanding, but have done our hardest to keep steady at our task.

Special days have been observed with the exception of one, Children's Day, but an offering was taken to help in raising the World Service budget. The Sunday school, under the splendid leadership of our superintendent, Clyde Payne, has been well attended the whole year, and the offerings have been good. The offering each second Sunday goes to the Children's Home, which is a needy cause, the amount being $15.00.

Our revival was held at the usual time, with Dr. F. W. Paschal of Burlington doing the preaching, and Rev. Wayne Curtis leading the singing. Dr. Paschal is a good gospel preacher. His messages were safe, sound, and scriptural. No one hearing such preaching could go away from the services without feeling the need of a deeper consecration to Christ. Brother Curtis always proves his ability as a song leader in leading the congregation into a worshipful attitude for each service. Our church has been greatly benefited by their work, and the results of the meeting is still visible.

The organizations of our church are working faithfully to complete the year's work in an acceptable way. The Auxiliary, Ladies' Aid, and Brotherhood are all splendid organizations, and have each done their part in raising the $1,000 for the improvement of our church. This includes a new roof, painting outside, and renovating our auditorium. With the exception of the Fellowship Crusade all budgets will be met in full.

There has been some sickness in our community recently, but most of them are back in services again except Mrs. Stewart Payne. We are praying for a speedy recovery for her, and looking forward to having her back with us soon.

We wish to thank the people of this church for the splendid cooperation they have given us in our various efforts to push forward. Through this cooperation we have been able to accomplish much during these past three years, for which we are all very thankful. We solicit the prayers of all the Herald readers that God may continue to use us for His glory.

FRED R. LOVE, Pastor.

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Alamance Circuit.—We were delighted to have the District Rally meet with Bethel church last Sunday afternoon. The only speaker was the president of our conference, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, D.D., who delivered a very inspiring message, stressing the importance of supporting the church. Almost every church in the district was represented. Reports from the different treasurers were encouraging.

Brother O. N. Hornaday who recently celebrated his 90th birthday and Brother John M. Cable who is in his 90th year, are regular in their attendance at Rock Creek for the preaching services. All through the years these good men have been loyal supporters of Rock Creek church. Their faithfulness should be an inspiration to many.

The pastor is grateful to his friend, Brother "Bob" Foust, for a splendid cash donation, to Brother Geo. Bishop for meal ground at his own mill, to Brother Eugene Mann for one gallon of fine home made sorghum, and to Brother Herbert Foust and wife for fruit.

We are sorry to report that the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Fugreay has infantile paralysis. Mrs. Lonnie McPherson is kept from church because of sickness. Miss Jewel Stafford has been suffering for several weeks with rheumatism. We hope they will soon be better.

Our final services before conference will be held next Sunday at Sapling Ridge and Center. During the four year pastorate we have received into the churches 122 members as follows: Bethel 58, Rock Creek 28, Sapling Ridge 19, and Center 17.

H. L. ISLEY.

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Mt. Hermon, Mt. Hermon Charge, Rev. J. R. Anderson, Pastor, Oct. 31. — The fifth Sunday morning our conference President Dr. J. E. Prichard and his wife came to our church in time to join classes for Sunday school. The mother's class was honored to have Mrs. Prichard and the men's class Dr. Prichard.

At 11 o'clock Dr. Prichard brought a very interesting and helpful message on; "The Price of Discipline"—using as a text Mark 16:24. Then Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. To be Christians we must bring ourselves in harmony with God's plan. Some of the crosses are found in the local church and pay large dividends. They are: back a Sunday school class, pray in public, shake hands and welcome strangers, visit the sick, etc. Our Lord bore His cross and bore it well.

We were glad to have members from Friendship and Belmont worship with us on this occasion.

The pastor, steward and others met to revise the church roll in the afternoon.

The fourth quarterly conference will convene in Mt. Hermon church Saturday night, November 5.

Officers will be elected and installed the first Sunday night, after which the pastor will preach the last sermon of this conference year.

Mrs. Mary Ann Neese who fell and broke her hip some time ago, is improving and hopes to be able to walk soon, at present she can walk with help. Mrs. Neese is perhaps our oldest member, she was 90 at her last birthday.

Mrs. Geo. W. Wood is in Durham at Dr. McPherson's hospital. We trust she will soon be able to return home.

Mrs. Cicero Stockard suffered a stroke of paralysis seven weeks ago and is confined to her bed. She is quite cheerful and enjoys reading the M. P. Herald. She has read our church organ since the first issue was printed, about 40 years ago.

REPORTER.

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First Church, Charlotte, Rev. T. E. Strickland, Pastor.—Things are happening so fast around the Charlotte church the reporter doesn't have time to write a report to the Herald.

Just one more Sunday until conference and the close of a very successful year. Much progress has been made here through great conflict and many souls saved. This has been a very outstanding year in our church, and one to be remembered. We have progressed through great difficulty and are still on the upward road. Only through prayer and deep consecration can these handicaps be overcome.

The young people of our church are very faithful and they too have accomplished great things. The association of our C. E. society with the Mecklenburg county union and also the association of our society and its members with the state union at Queens Chicora College last summer brought out the new president of the Mecklenburg county union from our own society, Mr. Grady Tadlock. Congratulations, Mr. Tadlock. Our support is back of you for a success in your work for the coming year. At the C. E. Rally held Sunday afternoon, October 16, at the Paw Creek Presbyterian church, our society won the banner for having the best attendance. From this report you can see that we have a very live, active young people's group.

The beginning of a new year and the question of forms for our church bulletins arose. The Young People's society and the Young Men's Bible class then decided to buy a mimeograph machine. This was done and the machine will be used by all organizations of the church at any time.

The first Sunday in November has been chosen as home-coming Sunday. All former members, pastors, and their families are cordially invited to attend. We expect to have an all-day program beginning with the regular Sunday school hour, the 11 o'clock hour, lunch on the grounds, and reassemble at 2 o'clock for the afternoon session. At this time the young people will have charge of the service. We also will have a visiting speaker. The assembly will adjourn at 4 o'clock for a period of relaxation and rest, to return at 6:30 o'clock for the regular C. E. hour. The evening service we will have a visiting speaker from High Point College.

This will close our conference year with great success, and we are looking forward to continued success in the coming year.

HELEN McCALL, Reporter.

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Midway, Haw River Circuit, Dr. C. W. Bates, Pastor.—The fourth quarterly conference was held at this place the 20th of this month, with our president, Dr. J. E. Pritchard, in the chair. All the churches were represented except one. All reports were good and especially was our pastor's report good, showing that he had not been idle during the year. Our delegate to the annual conference is Mrs. Sallie Turner. Last Sunday night our pastor was with us for the last service this conference year. At the close of the service we found that Midway was out on pastor's salary and all conference claims. Did you ever see a smiling congregation? You should have peeped in on us.

Last third Sunday we had Huber Dixon with us; he made a good talk on "Ye must be born again." His talk was enjoyed, and we hope he can be with us again.

Our Sunday school is increasing in number and interest. Superintendent R. P. Butler's report at conference was 110 on roll, with an average attendance of 75 for the year.

Last night the senior and junior classes were entertained by their teachers. There were about 35 present, and all seemed to have a good time. Miss Ruth Butler and Miss Helen Wilson were at home for the week-end. Mrs. Clyde Turner of Greensboro is visiting in the home of J. W. Bartee. A good number of our people attended the dedication of Sharon church last Sunday.

MRS. G. W. APPLE, Reporter.

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Kistler's Union, Cleveland Charge, T. G. Madison, Pastor, Nov. 1.—The conference year is soon to come to a close. We have had a successful year. We hope in the few remaining days to fully meet all claims and be on the honor roll when the annual conference meets. Our delegate is Mr. J. L. White of Oak Grove church. Our last quarterly conference voted for the return of our pastor, Rev. T. G. Madison, for another year, if he is willing to come back to us. I hope the conference will see fit to send him back.

The 14th district rally was held at this church on Sunday, October 30, with good attendance. We were favored with a sermon on "Temperance" at the morning hour, by Rev. Cain, the pastor of one of the neighboring Baptist churches; and the afternoon service was by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Knob Creek church of Fallston charge. We greatly enjoyed these people being with us on that day, and extend to all a hearty welcome to our church at all times.

On the third Sunday in October our pastor brought us a great message, using as his subjejct "The Stage of Life." Each and every one of us is a character on the stage of life; and how careful we should be, to be the character before the world, the audience, that God would have us to be.

At this time a nominating committee was appointed to select officers for another year. On next Sunday the officers for the church will be elected and installed. I have asked for a new reporter for next year. If my wishes are granted, I am sure we will have more and better reports.

We trust that every church in our conference will close with a successful year.

REPORTER.

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Orange Charge, Rev. C. P. Morris, Pastor, Nov. 1.—Sunday was a busy day for us. We enjoyed the visit of Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Dixon and a group of 16 children from our Children's Home, who gave a program at Efland at 11 o'clock and at Chestnut Ridge at 7. The programs were sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliaries of the respective churches, and given as their annual fall thank-offering service. The young girl sang beautifully, and Dr. Dixon made a stirring appeal for missions, resulting in offerings of $23 and $20. Plans for the Thanksgiving offering for the Children's Home were discussed, and we trust a good offering will be forthcoming.

Orange charge was represented at the third district rally by Mr. W. A. Davies, Mr. C. H. Jones, Mr. Kennett McAdams, the pastor, and his wife. The rally was held at Bethel church on Alamance charge, Sunday afternoon. Dr. J. E. Pritchard was the speaker. Reports were read from most all the churches in the district. All the pastors were present and a church almost full of the laity. Rev. T. F. McCulloch was the surprise visitor. Four young ladies from Center church, Alamance charge, rendered a beautiful selection. Rev. E. A. Bingham, chairman of the district, presided.

The fourth quarterly conference was held at Union Grove church the third Sunday afternoon in October. The church was well filled, all the churches being represented, and most of the church officials were present. Good reports were heard from all churches. Hebron reported pastor's salay paid in full, and most of the conference claims. Since then Hebron has paid all claims in full and has a balance in the treasury to begin next year on; hats off to Hebron! Efland reported Fellowship Crusade paid in full, and the other churches reported near their goal. Hebron now reports Fellowship Crusade paid in full, and all the churches will be on the honor roll by the time of conference. The entire amount of the World Service has been paid. Most of the churches reported part of the annual conference apportionment still due, but we are expecting these to be paid before the annual conference meets.

This has been a delightful year for my wife and I on our new work. We have received splendid cooperation and support in our undertakings. We were handicapped the bigger part of the year by being in school. Revival meetings consumed most of the summer. It has taken considerable time to learn the people and where they live, and we have been unable to get into all of the homes. But in those homes which we have been permitted to visit, we have found genuine Southern, Orange county, Methodist hospitality. We are anxious to visit the remainder of the homes. We are appreciative of the many favors and gifts we have received during the year.

Perhaps a few things of a special nature deserve to be mentioned. Christian Endeavor societies have been organized at Hebron, Efland, and Chestnut Ridge. Vacation church schools were put on at Efland and Hebron. Home-coming days were observed in all the churches. The following outstanding speakers have appeared in the pulpits: Dr. J. E. Pritchard, Dr. R. M. Andrews, Dr. A. G. Dixon, D. J. D. Williams, Dr. C. W. Bates, Rev H. Freo Surratt, Rev. R. C. Stubbins, Rev. R. A. Hunter, Rev. J. D. Morris, Rev. J. W. Braxtön, Rev. A. M. Smith, Rev. Wal-ter Gettys, Mr Junichi Nakamura, and Mr. Lewis E. Teague of beloved memory.

Sunday will close the conference year, and on Wednesday, accompanied by our delegate-elect, Mr. Ben F. Wilson, we will journey up to Greensboro for our annual conference. Sunday morning is our appointment at Union Grove. The church register will be revised and church officers for the ensuing year will be elected and installed. There will be a Young People's Rally at Hebron in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. A. M. Smith will be the speaker. The public is invited, and all the young people are urged to attend. Sunday night at 7 o'clock a Rally Day play will be presented at Efland, after which church officers will be elected and installed. All church members are urged to be present Sunday night.

We are looking forward expectantly to coming back to Orange charge to serve next year. I am sure we could find no better people to work with. Our prayer is for a better year next year than the past year has been. Pray for us.

PASTOR.

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Mt. Pleaasnt Church, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Rev. J. W. Braxton, Pastor.—On Saturday night, October 22, the Baraca class entertained their families and members of the Bible classes at a barbecue supper. The barbecue was well prepared and served in the basement of the educational building. We thank you, Baracas, for an evening of good fellowship.

After the supper the Business Girls' circle met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Braxton. A short program was rendered and a business session conducted. The Hallowe'en spirit hovered over us from the soft glow of lighted pumpkins.

The Mission Band held their regular meeting at the home of Ella Mae Linens on October 27 with 20 members present. The devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Trixie Suits. A Hallowe'en program was rendered, after which games and contests were enjoyed by all. Delightful refreshments were served carrying out the Hallowe'en spirit. Several

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of the mothers of the members were present also.

The young ladies' and young men's classes held a Hallowe'en party at the home of Margaret Spoon, Saturday night, October 29. Lighted pumpkins shed a soft glow on the porch and throughout the house. The evening was full of fun, contests and games; the fishing party and apple bobbing contest were enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served from the dining room table, which was carefully decorated to carry out the Hallowe'en spirit. Miss Edith Causey assisted the girls with the games.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held after the Sunday school hour on the fourth Sunday in October. The program was conducted by Mrs. Floyd Amick, who is the Pastor's Aid. Each month one of the secretaries of Woman's Work in our church has charge of the program. Final plans were made for the district meeting for October 30.

Mrs. Mary Patrum is a patient at Piedmont Memorial hospital; we wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Minnie Little is visiting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Braxton.

A meeting of the auxiliaries in District No. 7 was held at Mt. Pleasant church Sunday afternoon, October 30. Speakers for the afternoon were Mrs. C. W. Bates, state chairman of districts, and Mrs. Eugene Lambe, secretary of young people's work. Special music was furnished by Mrs. Floyd Amick and Mrs. Ned Suits; a girls' quarter composed of Katrine Murray, Ione Clapp, Billie Roberson, and Lucille Phillips; and a solo by Dovella Bowman. Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. J. W. Braxton, with Mrs. Carl Clapp singing the prayer hymn.

Good reports were heard from auxiliaries present,—Friendship, Mt. Hermon, Liberty, Siler City, and Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. L. W. Causey, of Pleasant Union church, made a short report, telling us that while they had no active auxiliary they paid their part each year.

Mrs. H. A. Garrett read the secretary's report. The meeting was presided over by the district chairman. Mt. Hermon invited us for the next district meeting. Rev. J. W. Braxton pronounced the benediction.

In my report two weeks ago I announced quarterly meeting for first Sunday morning in November at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. J. C. Causey thinks this a little early in the morning. For his convenience we have changed it for the first Sunday afternoon in November. We wish to thank all who furnished flowers for the church and vestibule Sunday. They were many and beautiful.

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IN HONOR OF THE DEAD

James Hinkle

On September 21 James W. Hinkle, member of the First Methodist Protestant church of High Point, passed away. James, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hinkle, of this city, was only 25 years of age. A few years ago he underwent a long and serious illness but apparently had recovered therefrom. He was a young man of talent, becoming increasingly serious toward life, and did splendid work as a student in the University of North Carolina last year. He was taken seriously ill about two weeks before his death.

This death was of more than usual sadness because James leaves his mother, to whom he was very much devoted, alone since his father died several years ago. We are always touched with more than an ordinary amount of sorrow when a promising young person in the prime of life is taken away. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the bereaved mother and to his very wide circle of friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the home, September 22, by Rev. H. N. Bowne and the pastor of the deceased.

J. C. MADISON.

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Mrs. W. T. Collins

Hettie M. Braswell, daughter of James C. Braswell and his wife, Mary Ann Williams, was born March 26, 1877, in Union County, North Carolina. She professed faith in Christ and joined Friendship Methodist Protestant church, near Polkton, when she was 12 years old. Later becoming a charter of Pee Dee church, which is now known to our Conference as the Rockingham M. P. church.

She was married to W. Thomas Collins, March 21, 1897. To this union came one son and one daughter, the son dying in infancy. During the pastorate of Rev. R. A. Hunter, 1922, she transferred her membership to the First church, Winston-Salem, remaining a loyal member of our church until her death.

Mrs. Collins spent all of her church life in the Methodist Protestant church, and gave to it her very best in service and influence. During her residence in Rockingham, she was counted as one of the most active and most influential members of our church there. After coming to First church she continued to do everything she could for the advancement of the Kingdom in the programs of her church. On May 8, 1928, she suffered a stroke of paralysis that disabled her for active service. She continued to keep abreast of church activities and gave her moral support and her prayers to the program of the church. It was indeed a great blessing to visit with her during those days, for one came away strengthened and encouraged.

On February 27 of this year another stroke caused her to be confined to her bed. Without murmur or complaint she awaited the end which she knew was not far. On Saturday, May 7, 1938, she fell asleep to awaken on the morning of the resurrection. Mourning her absence, but not her sleeping, are her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Mimms, Raleigh; three brothers, M. D., L. F., and N. B. Braswell, of this city, and a sister, Mrs. J. R. Cherry, Rockingham.

Rev. J. D. Williams, D.D., and the writer conducted the funeral at Union Ridge M. P. church, Winston-Salem, on Mother's day, and her body laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the resurrection.

J. L. TROLLINGER, Pastor.

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"Now," said mother to Frank, "if they pass the cake a second time, you must say, 'No, thanks, I've had plenty,' and don't you forget it."

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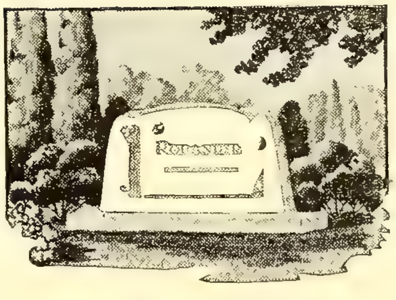

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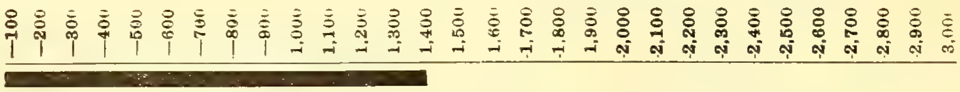

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Well, about the time I was saying, "That man has struck three times in succession," I looked at the bottom of the line from Asheboro and found that Mrs. J. S. Lewis sent in this list. So, Doctor, you have had good help. Anyway, we give you credit for encouraging the victory and the good lady for doing her part of the work to put you on the victory line all the way through. As the barbers say, "NEXT!" The difference is this: The barber says next so as to fix you up outside and get his pay. We say next so as to fix folks up on the inside and keep the good work going. That gives us 16 who are out on subscription quota, and 35 on subsidy. Wouldn't it be fine if all who have paid the latter would come up on their subscriptions next week, or before conference! That would give us 19 more out than at present. "The time is short!" Do your best, brethren, to bring up a fine list to annual conference.

For subsidy: Fine for you, Brother Anderson, in bringing your charge out on this. And hurrah for my neighbor Shelton here at St. Paul. Fine! And here is my good friend Bates out with Haw River charge: they are all smiling over this. And Randolph, through their faithful Pastor Reynolds, "thou art not far from the" bold-faced figures that denote another honor roll figure.

We are grateful for the interest taken and for the faithfulness that has been shown in so many ways, and there is only one more issue, this one, before conference will be "just around the corner" and then the work is wound up for another year.

Sitting and wondering one day if this was worth while—I mean this corner, and the way I have tried to work it,—and then when I thought of the many kind letters received expressing appreciation for the work done here, and then to have so many say they had really read my corner, I am hoping that it is not in vain after all. But say, come on with your subscriptions and subsidy!

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